

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

May 3, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Spring seems to have stalled again this week, hasn't it?

Yet life continues. My Facebook feed is full of college decisions, prom photos, and people smiling after running a 5K — so, indeed, it must be May. It must be.

There's a saying in the Talmud that I've always appreciated: "We do not see the world as it is. We see the world as we are."

If that's true, then these little reminders that life is going on — that it is May, even if it doesn't much feel like it to us — seem even more important, and perhaps even strangely comforting.

I, for one, know that I can be sort of impossible, sometimes.

Even as a kid, I was always horrified whenever I'd vent to someone about how something was JUST TERRIBLE...only to find that I'd managed to convince them. What I wanted was for them to talk me down.

At one point when I was in high school, my father got on the phone with me to explain that I couldn't talk to my mother about my geometry class, anymore.

"She wakes me up in the middle of the night to discuss it," he explained. "She literally stays up all night worrying."

"Why?" I said, surprised. "***I don't.***"

He paused. "Well...exactly."

Because of course I didn't: ***I had passed it all over to her.***

This is why it's so important that we have the little reminders that, actually, the world is not "as we are".

Whether the world is better or worse than we happen to be doing depends a lot on our circumstances, even just day to day. But the lesson remains important, either way.

There is so much more going on than we try to see, most of the time.

I've also come to believe that trying to see more clearly is a fundamentally spiritual exercise.

Seeing isn't all that hard to do, provided you're willing to look. But the will comes from deep within us, from a place beneath where fear and hope, desire and love, temptation and abundance all contend for our attention.

It is the place where God stands, like a parent standing hushed beside a small child, pointing to the heavens and whispering "look..."

The world is not as we are. It is far more wondrous than we can even take in, alive with color,

life, and light. It's May.

See you in church,

Max

**Max's Sermon this week is based on Scripture from:
John 21:1-19**

**If you would like to hear past Sermons you can find them on our website:
2cc.org**

Coffee Hour - there is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour." We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up via email pam@2cc.org.



In June, we will recognize graduates from all high schools, colleges and universities, as well as professional schools, diplomas, bachelors, masters, doctorates and certificates of course completion. We want to recognize and thank God for those who have put the effort into their education.

Please email Gloria at gloria@2cc.org with the name of the graduate and with the information concerning any future educational or professional plans that graduate might have, no later than Wednesday, June 5.

Upcoming Events

Greenwich Moms' Group

**Moms' Group
Tuesday at
9:30 a.m.
May 7
June 4**

**Moms' Night
Thursday at
7:00 p.m.
May 16
June 13**

Contact Jessica@2cc.org for more information

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)

**Second Congregational Church
Women's Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, May 14
11:30 a.m.**

**\$40
RSVP TO GLORIA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE:
GLORIA@2CC.ORG**

GREENWICH WATER CLUB

[Email Gloria to RSVP](mailto:GLORIA@2CC.ORG)

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
TENT WEEKEND**

JUNE 7-9, 2019

Stay tuned for more details...

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Fun fact: the #2CCGreenwich church bell in the steeple was given to us on Easter 100 years ago!



Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) & be sure to tag us in any of your #2CCGreenwich photos!

Coming this Summer...

join us!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
2CC GAME DAY AFTER CHURCH

Mets vs. Tigers
Sunday, May 26th
Gametime is at 1:10

We'll meet at the church at 1145am and carpool to the game.

RSVP
Cost is \$65/ticket
Pay via cash, check, or card swipe at the church.
You can give your payment to Rev. Shawn or put it in his church mailbox.



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GREENWICH, CT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



June 24-28

Ages 4-5th Grade
9:00 a.m. - noon daily

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SIGNUP PLEASE VISIT 2CC.ORG OR EMAIL: VBSCAMP@2CC.ORG

[Click here to RSVP to the Ballgame](#)

[Email Jessica for more information](#)



Performing Arts Camp 2019

JULY 8-12

Act I: 9:00-12:00 **Grades 1-4**

Movement for Kids, Group Singing, Beginning Improv, Two Small Group Lessons (per student), and Special Guests

Act II: 1:00-4:00 **Grades 5-12**

Improv Warm-Ups and Games, Musicals, Dance, Singing, Private Voice Lessons (15 minutes each, two per student). Audition Prep, Musical Theatre Show of the Day, and Special Guests

Finale: End-of-the-Week Showcase for Act I & II

Cost: \$300.00 for the week per student (Discounts For Siblings, Scholarships Available). All classes/activities take place at Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

For more information please visit 2cc.org

[Email Alexander for more information](mailto:Alexander@2cc.org)