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## Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

*Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith*

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May 2, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

On Friday evening at 7 p.m., our guests from Uganda will offer their farewell concert here at the church — I hope you'll come and bring a friend or two.



It will also mark the final evening when our host families will be with their students, and some are considering a quick exit from the concert so they can take them to see the Mianus Pow-wow, which will be in full swing.

As a former exchange student, myself, I've thought about our guests a lot over the last few days, and about what it's like to live in a place only briefly.

Recalling my own experience, I remember my host family taking me on a quick tour of the small French city where "we" lived — the main square, the cathedral, the river running through the center of town.

It's one of those things I remember happening, but wouldn't say I remember, as such. As it turned out, that tour was less an "introduction" to those sites and more or less my one and only visit to most of them, even though I lived in that city for a full school year.

My own map of that city would highlight different places, entirely. The public garden. The really cheap galette place near school. The movie theater.

It makes me wonder what our friends from Uganda will say about this place. Will New York City, which they visited for a day, be a wonderful encounter they cherish always? A busy, bewildering dream? Or a place less on their maps than Greenwich, or the many schools where they have visited and met other kids over the last couple of weeks?

When someone asks them about their visit in the years ahead, will they talk about the Mianus Pow-wow? Chicken Joe's? The awesome lady who took a few of them to see "Black Panther"?

I hope part of what they remember is the warm hospitality they received, as well as our deep gratitude for their creativity and heart.

In a place where there is so much to see, it can be hard to feel seen. I hope they felt seen.

And I hope they saw the beauty of this place, and not merely its splendor.

Many of us arrived here in Greenwich only as adults, and were perhaps a little awed by that splendor, ourselves. But what keeps us here is the beauty of this place — and particularly the beautiful hearts of so many of the people with whom we share it.

I hope our guests saw hearts like those. And I hope I remember to notice them, too, and never to take them for granted.

See you on Friday!

Max

If you would like to hear past Sermons you can  
find them on our website: [2cc.org](http://2cc.org)



UGANDAN TROUPE FAREWELL CONCERT  
FRIDAY, MAY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

[Click here](#) to see the Ugandan Troupe during our  
10:30 service last Sunday

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*There will be **no Bible Study tonight** but be sure to join  
Max for Prayer Group tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.*

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# May Music

May 6 Chancel Choir

May 13 Cherubs, Novices, Chancel Choir

May 20 Choir Recognition Sunday  
(Middle, Upper School)

May 27 Guest Soloist



## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:

Please email [Stacey Brown](#) with a date that you are available to help out. Thank you!

## Mark your calendars....

The poster features a central white rectangular area with a background of colorful paint splatters in shades of pink, purple, blue, orange, and green. The text is centered within this area. At the top, the group name is enclosed in a black oval. The event title is in a large, elegant script font. The date is in a bold, sans-serif font. The time and socialization details are in a smaller sans-serif font. The instructor's name and a note about fun are in an italicized sans-serif font. The RSVP information is in a bold sans-serif font. At the bottom of the white area, there is a horizontal line.

GREENWICH  
*Mom's Group*

*Painting Night!*

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Bring a friend & socialize starting at  
7:00 & we will paint from 7:30-9:00

*Kathy Chatteraj of Future Picassos will lead our group  
& we will paint together (all while having LOTS of fun)!*

**RSVP to [Jessica@2cc.org](mailto:Jessica@2cc.org),  
spaces are limited!**

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[Click here for reservations or more information](#)



## 2CC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LUNCHEON

*Friday, May 11, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.*

The Belle Haven Club

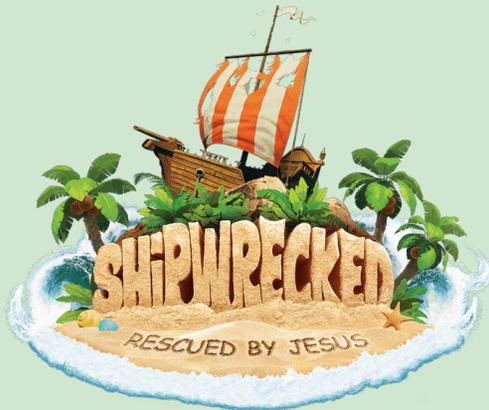
Cost is \$35

Please RSVP to Gloria in the church office.  
Your check is your reservation.

[Click here to Email Gloria for your reservation](#)

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## VBS is June 25-29, reserve your space today!



Join us for an amazing week of  
Vacation Bible School!

[Click here](#) to download the  
registration form online or  
email [Jessica@2cc.org](mailto:Jessica@2cc.org) for  
more information.

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**Are you following us on  
social media? No?  
You're missing out on a  
lot of inspiration & fun!**

If you take pictures during  
the service(s) or on church



grounds at any of our events please be sure to share the love on social media by tagging @2ccGreenwich on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)

*Our first Greenwich Mom's Group get together was a huge success!*

## Leaving you with a giggle...

