

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

June 19, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

As we prepare for Vacation Bible School here on campus next week, I'm thinking a lot about how we pass along our values, especially to our children.

The great preacher William Sloane Coffin was well aware of the challenge and was known to proclaim, not without chagrin, that "values are more caught than taught."

And certainly we know that the best Sunday School teachers in the world are fighting with one hand tied behind their backs if what our children see at home — "catch" from their parents — reflects a very different set of priorities.

Two years ago, Rev. Shawn led a confirmation class for grownups, after hearing for years how people dropping their children off for his program would say, "My daughter (or son) doesn't need this program; I do."

Yet when the opportunity emerged, only one parent followed through.

What are the values that our children see alive in us?

Again and again, I'm reminded that it's just as important to ask how we show our kids, not just our conclusions, but some of how we grapple with the questions on our way to those conclusions.

It seems to me that if our children see us as "having all the answers," our engagement with them as moral beings in their own right is destined to last only as long as they agree with those answers. But if they learn to recognize us as people also searching, seeking to determine the right thing and to find the strength to do it, then the idea of being on the journey together is more recognizable as a blessing.

One thing I have always loved about our VBS here at church is how it teaches our children more than just simple answers. It models a way of loving and seeking God that encourages questions, discussion, and ways of noticing that "right and wrong" are always in the room with us, even as a loving God is always in the room with us.

In a few weeks, Jessica and I will share with you some more details about this year's camp and some of the choices it posed for us as Christian leaders and parents.

But for now, I hope you'll join me in giving thanks for children attending VBS, the caring adults who will be volunteering to see it all go smoothly, and the Spirit of Wisdom that hovers over it, training our young people to be people of conscience and heart, deeply rooted in the love of God.

See you in church,

Max

Max's Sermon this week is
based on Scripture from:
Luke 8:26-39

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

Join us this
Summer!

Service Times:
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.



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.

Upcoming Events

Greenwich Moms' Group

Moms' Night
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

June 20

Please RSVP to Jessica@2cc.org

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)

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& tag us in any of your
#2CCGreenwich photos!

Last chance to signup for VBS!

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: VBSCampe@2cc.org

[Email Jessica for more information](#)

Performing Arts Camp is coming up!



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](#)