

## Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

*Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith*

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June 27, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

This week, Vacation Bible School is in full swing, while Rev. Shawn is preparing to drive some of our older kids to DC for several days of learning about homelessness with “Reach Beyond Mission,” a wonderful Christian service organization we have gotten to know over several years.

I know that church is more than a school, but as a former teacher, I worry far more about the danger of a church becoming **less** than one—about the temptation to consider learning and spiritual growth as anything less than the center of everything we do. That can happen.

To me, faith should be dynamic and creative, splashy with emotional color, like the exuberant hallways of an elementary school lined with student art, and celebrating some of the craziness of an outdoor recess.

***When was the last time that church made you feel free the way that recess did?***

For churches to live up to their mission, we need to be asking that question a lot more often.

Vacation Bible School is so wonderful because it models that kind of exuberant, learning faith. For our high schoolers, experiences like “Reach Beyond Mission” are a reminder that there is a powerful spiritual education to be engaged in learning to look honestly at things, even the world’s most complicated problems. It is no accident that teenagers often bristle at having to go to Sunday church but jump at the chance to go out in mission — the one can so easily feel like dull routine, while the other is so obviously an adventure that it scarcely needs explaining.

The Gospels describe the calling of the disciples in terms that make it clear they were being called to a kind of spiritual adventure, first and foremost. The faith of Jesus was a profoundly exuberant faith. Shouldn’t faith **in** Jesus be the same?

This week on campus, in particular, it is so easy to see that in action. For me, that makes it one of our holiest seasons. May we learn to live into it and up to it, whatever age we are.

See you in church,



**Max's Sermon this week is based on Scripture from:  
Luke 9:51-62**

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

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## *Second Congregational Church*

*Saturday 5.00 p.m.*

*Sunday 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](mailto:pam@2cc.org).

**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

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