

## Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

*Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith*

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July 10, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

As we settle into “full summer” over at the Parsonage, the girls are involved in a million different things, Liz is pivoting between working and serving, as always, as our family’s cruise director, and I am trying to keep a fair number of plates spinning — mostly successfully, and largely happily. The one who seems to be taking time to smell the roses is our dog, Oliver. He has taken to spending most of the day in the backyard. Truth be told — and he would tell you the truth if you asked him, I think — he is busy enough out there. If he appears to be lying down with his paws in the air, it’s because he’s on break, and if you understood, you would not begrudge him these few moments.

There are boundaries to protect, even in this modest expanse of mostly shade, with its handful of slowly growing hydrangeas and, in the distance, the patio table, tucked lengthwise at the far side, near the path to the street. Consequently, though we humans might shush him, even with some exasperation after his latest airborne launch at the back gate in full bark mode, Oliver the dog is quite certain that deep down, we know that it is for our good and that we are, in our way, grateful.

There is also the burying of the bones, subtly between the hydrangeas, such that other dogs, should they visit, would not particularly sniff them out — certainly not right away, which is about as long as they would have before Oliver would expect to escort them elsewhere.

One evening, there was a skunk, who did not take to Oliver’s well-intentioned greeting, with his corgi tail moving back and forth like a windshield wiper in a heavy storm, and no barking to set anyone off. To no avail, although the wooden fence along the Preschool playground received the worst of it — actually, truth be told, all of it. Still, Oliver was not happy about being banished to the kitchen.

And then there is the squirrel. Or was. He seems to have realized that occupancy is limited out in the backyard, and that his first nibbling, then gorging himself on the soft wood of the brand new table was not appreciated. After a rather irresolute attempt at deterrence involving hot sauce along the edges of the table, which someone (ahem) seemed to have read on the Internet, a New Sheriff has been put on The Case — a sheriff who may, at this particular moment, be on break with his paws in the air, but who has shown his willingness to leap into action at a nanosecond’s notice when called upon.

Wherever summer finds you these days, be it at rest, or called to some new vigilance, may the evening light and the gentle breeze remind you of the goodness of this life, and the holiness of all our days.

See you in church,



based on Scripture from:  
Luke 10:25-37

past Sermons you can  
find them on our website:  
[2cc.org](http://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](mailto:pam@2cc.org).



*Sorin Stanciu's Grandmother, Anna Rosu, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. She was 93 and lived in Corcova, Romania. Her love for God and her family was very strong. We extend our condolences and prayers to Sorin, Jessica and their family.*

## VBS was a huge success!!



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