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Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

July 4, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Happy Fourth of July!

For many of us, this is a day when we remember weaving red, white and blue crepe through the spokes of our bicycle wheels, or standing along a parade route waving little American flags — planning the evening around Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.

As I recall, there were years when even our relatively modest fireworks display in Madison was, nevertheless, choreographed to Arthur Fiedler's pre-announced set list. Because while few people would choose fireworks on t.v. over the real thing, the fact was, **nobody** could hope to compete against Arthur Fiedler.



I remember that so fondly now.

In fact, Fourth of July always makes me worried that we haven't brought up the girls with the requisite awareness of John Phillips Sousa that is their birthright and their burden as Americans.

(Fortunately, there is still time.)

Whatever you're remembering today, and wherever it may find you, I hope your day is filled with joy and some of the pleasures of summer.

Within that, I'd also invite you to find a moment for prayer or reflection.

The theologian Walter Wink reminds us that prayer opens up a space for God to work without violating our capacity for choice or our own responsibility to seek wisdom.

To me, on a day that is so much about freedom but also community, that's an invitation to find a moment to remember our blessings, and to give thanks for the sacrifice and witness of so many to make and keep "a more perfect union" — and to ask what might be required of us now.

That's a project that can never be finished.

But opening up space for God to work, especially in and through us, is fundamental to that (and any) project.

Within the many simple joys of this day, it's important to find joy in the challenge of this larger work.

May it be work that gives us a deeper knowledge of our ourselves, our neighbors, and most of all, of God.

See you in church,

Max

Max's Sermon this week is based on Scripture from:
Mark 6:1-6; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

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

**There will be no Bible Study tonight but Prayer
Group will meet at 11:00 tomorrow morning
in the Parlor as usual.**

July
Music
at
2CC!

1 Patriotic Hymns With Alexander
8 Ellie Strathdee
15 Yasmeen Audi
22 Hillary Schranze
29 K.C. Morse



Ellie Strathdee has been a member of 2CC since birth, and grew up singing in our youth choir. She is passionate about dance and music and loves to share her talents with others. Ellie looks forward to graduating this December from Rollins College with a major in communications and a minor in dance.

GREENWICH
Mom's Group

July 10, 2018
9:00—11:00 a.m.

Moms and kids come together to play!

Indoor play in air conditioned room
and outdoor playground too!

All ages welcome.

RSVP with child's name and age
to Jessica@2cc.org



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[RSVP by clicking here](#)



If you have moved, changed phone numbers or would like to add your email (highly encouraged) to our newest directory, please submit the changes to the church office in writing, or email Gloria@2cc.org no later than Monday, July 30. Thank you!

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Be a Good Neighbor



July is Pasta Month!

Please consider donating pasta, Mac-N-Cheese, spaghetti sauce, side dish noodles and canned tomatoes. All donations are brought to Neighbor to Neighbor and are greatly appreciated.

Leaving you with a giggle...

