

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

August 29, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Homecoming Weekend is just a week away, and we're excited for a weekend with many terrific opportunities for fellowship and celebration!

It also marks the kick-off of our 2018-2019 program year, and in the coming days, families with youngsters in our programs will receive information about Youth Choir rehearsals, the Christian Education schedule (with some amazing new plans!), and other goings on.

Along those lines, if you haven't received information about Women's Fellowship's programs for the coming year, please let us know — we're eager to fill you in.

Men of the congregation: please circle October 12th on your calendars for our first Men's Fellowship Dinner of the new season.

It's also not too early to mark your calendars for our congregation's next trip to Israel, which is scheduled for late June 2019.

The staff has been hard at work and is very excited about what's in store....

That said, if I'm honest, I often find myself **most** excited by the return of cherished, but familiar elements of our life together here on the hill. The return of the 8:30 service, and of worship in the Sanctuary. The days in October when the leaves turn on the Japanese Maple in front of the Parsonage. Lighting the fire-pit in the labyrinth. The Sundays of Advent, with the greens placed so lovingly.

In recent years, our small Christmas Day service has been remarkable — a true expression of the joy of the day, with country mandolin and Alexander sounding like a piano player in an old Western movie.

Sometimes we forget how blessed we are just to do the things we do, and to have the things we already have.

What's amazing is just how much they can still teach us, and help us become even closer to God and God's vision for our lives.

We look forward to seeing you next week at Homecoming. Blessings and prayers for all those starting back at school in the coming days. And blessings on our beloved 2CC.

See you in church,



Lisbeth Lloyd has been a valued contributor to our church staff for twelve years, serving as Music Educator and Youth Choir Director. This fall, both the church and Lisbeth will be moving in new directions. Lisbeth will continue to teach, give vocal coaching, and offer masterclasses in the New York-Connecticut area. She is also pursuing new projects, including a one-woman show. We thank her for all her years of distinguished service and wish her all the best in these new endeavors.

We are also delighted to announce that Heidi Haskins will join the church staff as our Youth Choir Director, continuing to work closely with Music Director Alexander Constantine and to develop many exciting new opportunities for young people to sing at Second Church. Heidi is a faculty member at Greenwich Academy, a long-time section leader and soloist in the Second Church Chancel Choir, and a wonderful vocal performer.

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

The Scripture selection for Max's Sermon this week is from: James 1:17-27



To sign up for Coffee Hour please email: Pam@2cc.org with a date that you are willing to help out, thank you!

Homecoming Weekend: September 7-9

Cocktails with Constantine

Friday, September 7
5:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Cottage

Wine & light hors d'oeuvres

RSVP to alexander@2cc.org



[RSVP to Alexander by clicking here](#)

Outdoor Family Worship, Picnic & Movie Night
Saturday, September 8, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m.
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**I CAN ONLY
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Starring:

J. Michael Finley
Madeline Carroll
Trace Adkins
Priscilla Shirer
with Cloris Leachman
and Dennis Quaid

The Song You Know. The Story You Don't.

This **FREE** family-friendly event includes popcorn and drinks for everyone. Bring a blanket & a friend. Rain or shine.

This emotionally gripping movie directed by the Erwin Brothers and starring Dennis Quaid, chronicles Christian rock star Bart Millard's true-life father-son journey of redemption and the power of forgiveness that inspired him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine".

Don't miss the Movie Night Gift Basket drawing valued at over \$100!

More details at 2cc.org

Welcome Home!

Join us on Sunday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. for our Annual Homecoming Service Under the Tent

(we only have one service on this day)

Bring family and friends for Worship featuring a Bluegrass Band followed by fun, fellowship and activities for all ages. We will have a bounce house, sand art, games & fun stuff for kids!

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the picnic will immediately follow. Second Church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and dessert.

According to last name please bring the following:

A-L: Salad

M-Z: Vegetable Dishes

We look forward to seeing you at this annual outdoor service and picnic!

[Click here for more Homecoming Weekend Information](#)

September Music

September 2	Maya Chatteraj
September 9	Astrograss Bluegrass Band (Tent Sunday)
September 16	Marva Hicks, gospel singer
September 23	All Choir Sunday
September 30	Soloist

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