

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

September 12, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

There are years when the days after Homecoming Weekend are so warm and humid that it seems still too early to return to the Sanctuary for 10:30 Worship.

Happily, the last few days have put most of those worries to rest for 2018.

This Sunday, we return to our familiar schedule, as the 8:30 service resumes in the Chapel, and our 10:30 Festival Worship service resumes in the Sanctuary.

Shawn will be preaching, and we are delighted to welcome back Marva Hicks as our soloist (see below for more details).

Later today, our Youth Choir will begin rehearsing again, and we're looking forward to the squeaking and clapping of little feet in the office corridor...we've missed it!

There is a great deal to tell you about Jessica's plans for Sunday School this year, Shawn's plans for Confirmation, Alexander's for Chancel Choir, and so much else.

But as we re-gather and resume so many of our smaller group ministries for a new season, I'm particularly thinking of the importance of **rehearsal** in the Christian life.

Just as choirs need time to prepare their most ambitious performances, all of us need to practice pondering, engaging, and living out the values of the Gospel — the most ambitious of all performances.

We need to make time for our own spiritual education and growth, or we risk finding ourselves stuck in more or less the same place, like singers who only come to rehearsal every now and again.

Without commitment, our faith can start to sound like bad karaoke — a creaky attempt at singing along to a song we may love, but never actually bothered to learn.

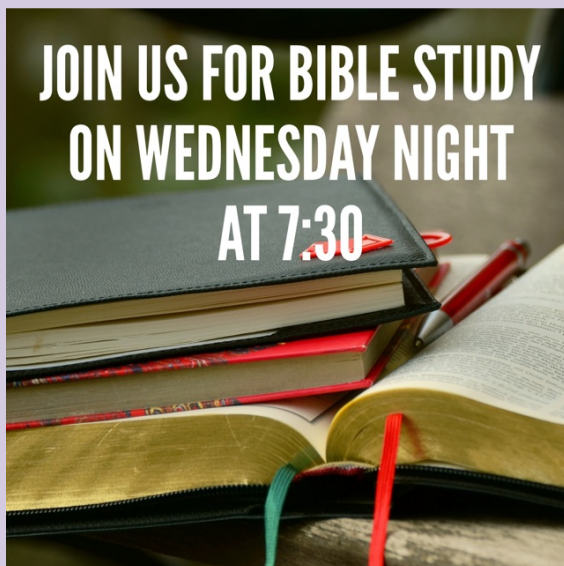
Busy as we are, if we want our faith to grow, we need to take it seriously. Otherwise, it's little more than an occasional sampling of some lovely sounding ideas, and not really a way of life.

As we return to the Sanctuary and so much gets under way again, I hope you'll consider what you need to do in order to live as Christ invites us to live, and to make space for the habits that equip us for the life we find in Him.

See you in church,



The Scripture selection for Shawn's Sermon this week is: Psalm 19



Marva Hicks grew up as a gospel singer in Petersburg, Virginia. After taking a trip to New York, Hicks was attracted to theatre and later took acting classes in Washington, D.C. She recorded several demos, then cut "Looking Over My Shoulder" for Infinity in 1981. Marva also sang in Lena Horne's Broadway show for nearly three years. While in London, Hicks met Stevie Wonder. After meeting him she began touring with Wonder in the mid-'80s as well as doing background vocals on his LP 'Characters' which was nominated for 3 Grammy Awards.



Marva will be singing this Sunday at our 10:30 service!



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



September Music

September 16 Marva Hicks, gospel singer
September 23 All Choir Sunday
September 30 Soloist



Women's Fellowship Outing September 18, 2018

**A road trip to the Hammond Museum.
Meet in the church parking lot
at 9:15 a.m.**

**Admission is \$7, which includes a tour of the
garden. Lunch is separate.**

RSVP to Gloria in the church office

[Click here to RSVP to Gloria](#)

Greenwich Moms' Group

Fall 2018 Events

Moms' Group
9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 11

Tuesday, October 9

Tuesday, November 6

Tuesday, December 4

Moms' Night
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, November 15

Thursday, December 20

Contact Jessica @2cc.org for more information

[Click here to email Jessica for more information](#)



**2CC
MEN'S
DINNER**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
6:30 P.M.

Enjoy fellowship with drinks, a simple dinner, and then we will break into a couple of groups with Max and Shawn leading open conversations

Hosted by Mark Dewing-Hommes
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