



All welcome, since 1705...

*Second Congregational Church of Greenwich*

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

2cc.org

January 13, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Next Monday is Martin Luther King Day, which many recognize by participating in acts of community service, a form of remembrance that the King family indicated Dr. King would have strongly preferred.

It is a civic holiday and, as such, gathers a wide range of people into action for and conversation about their communities, which seems more important than ever.

(If you're looking for thoughtful conversation, I highly recommend the Greenwich YWCA, which always does excellent programming around MLK Day.)

But as a Christian, for me the day has also brought up something else ***how relatively removed "love of neighbor" has become from much Christian Worship.***

Don't get me wrong: I know that our prayers, especially Joys and Concerns, and the moments for outreach and mission all connect deeply with our commitment to our neighbors.

We are loving people, and that love shows time and time again.

Truth be told, I'm not particularly talking about **our** church.

Yet I wonder if love of neighbor isn't in danger of becoming a largely passive thing in many places—a cause to which we Christians rally only occasionally and briefly, rather than a way that faith directs us to to live in the world, which is to say, permanently.

What about the "love" part of that call?

Love of neighbor is different than other kinds of loving—it's not about "attraction" or an irresistible pull, in the same way. It's not the kind of love we "fall into."

Love of neighbor isn't even about proximity — which is to say, it's not only about the person "next door," but is also about learning to see our own neighborhood as a much bigger place than we otherwise might.

It's about deciding to act upon a call to **expand** our vision and committing to the work that expansion requires.

I wonder how churches might find ways to bring that back **into** Sunday Worship, recognizing that while Sunday equips us for service, so often it is service that equips us for Sunday, giving words like forgiveness, redemption, transformation, and grace whatever practical meaning they are likely to have for us.

On this weekend when we think about love of neighbor, I hope that we give some thought to how much we have yet to learn, and how much our neighbors are poised to teach us.

See you in church,

*Max*

Sermons are always  
available online:  
[2CCSermons](#)

If you can't make it in person, join  
us via [Livestream for our 10:30  
a.m.](#) Sunday service.

### Hymns for this Sunday...

Join us in the singing of our hymns this Sunday which can be found  
by [clicking here](#).

#### Hymns for this Sunday

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Lead On, O King Eternal

#### Chancel Choir Schedule

Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, January 15, 2023  
11:45-12:30 Brush Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, January 22, 2023  
11:45-12:30 Brush Hall

#### Elementary & Youth Choir each Wednesday

Elementary Choir  
(Ages K-4)  
4:15-5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir

Sing at 10:30 Service  
Sunday, January 29, 2023  
Rehearsal: 9:45 Sanctuary

[Email Alexander](#)

(Grade 5 & Up)  
6:00-6:45 p.m.

Brush Hall

[Email Heidi](#)

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### **Children's Chapel at 2CC!**

Nursery care for infants to age 4 starts at 10:15 a.m. Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room. Children ages kindergarten and up are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Those who wish may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.  
[Click here](#) to register for Children's Chapel this Sunday

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*Mark your calendars...*

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MLK VBS registration is open & details are below...



# YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURE VBS

**Monday, January 16**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Games, Treasure Hunt, crafts  
and special guests!*

## **K-5th Grade**

*Pre-K also welcome but must be accompanied by a guardian*

Breakfast bunch 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. available upon request.

\$25 per child, scholarships available.

More information: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)



Deadline to guarantee a spot is January 13

**Register for VBS**

## **Women's Fellowship February meeting**

*(please note change of date & time)*

**Wednesday, February 15**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

*We will have a speaker on the topic of Identity Theft.*

**ALL church members and guests welcome**

Keep an eye out, more details on the Women's Fellowship February meeting will be in the newsletter next week!



# HAITIAN ART & HANDCRAFT SALE



Greenwich, CT • Feb. 10, 11, 12

## Haitian Art & Handcraft sale returns to 2CC!

Opening Reception: Friday, February 10  
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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*Around Town...*

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### Save the Date

2CC Mom's Group night out will be the sip and swap at the  
Cos Cob Library. All are welcome!



# SIP & SWAP

THE FRIENDS OF THE COS COB LIBRARY  
are having a...

FREE BOOK SWAP & WINE PARTY

Back by popular demand! Enjoy wine & cheese  
while swapping books with friends and  
neighbors. You might just discover your next  
favorite read!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 7:30 PM**

COS COB LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

5 SINAWOY ROAD, COS COB

RSVP to [friendscoscobllibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendscoscobllibrary@gmail.com)



## Just a few simple rules...

Bring no more than 5 gently used books to swap. Place them on the swap table  
and start browsing! You may take away as many books as you bring. You can  
even leave a review on the book for another reader to discover.

(Please do not drop any books at the Library prior to the swap.)

[Email to RSVP](#)



*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught  
in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of  
destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*

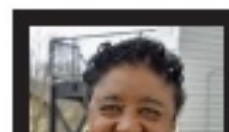
*-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

Honoring the Legacy: The Coretta Scott &  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Conversation

## Climate Justice in Connecticut

**February 1, 2023**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Hybrid





Register at:  
[www.ywcagrn.org/csmlk2023](http://www.ywcagrn.org/csmlk2023)

**Event is FREE and  
open to the public**

For more information, contact  
Rennie Pertkin at 203-869-6501 x. 106  
or [r.peterkin@ywcagreenwich.org](mailto:r.peterkin@ywcagreenwich.org)

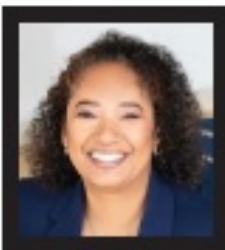
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**Guest Moderator**  
**Denise Savageau**  
Environmental Consultant and  
Former Conservation Director  
Town of Greenwich



**Sharon Lewis**  
Executive Director of the Connecticut  
Coalition on Environmental  
and Economic Justice



**Brenda Watson**  
Executive Director  
Operation Fuel



**Ashley Stewart**  
Manager of Community Engagement  
Connecticut Green Bank

### Event Description:

Climate change is dramatically impacting the resources that we all depend on and value, such as water, energy, air, agriculture and ecosystems. Communities of color and other marginalized groups often have the highest exposure and the fewest resources to respond to the impacts of climate change. Our panel will explore these climate challenges in Connecticut today, the disparate impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities, and offer solutions for a more equitable and just response to climate change in Connecticut.

### Community Partners



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