



January 31, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Once again, we're looking forward to welcoming all members to the church Annual Meeting at 11:45 on Sunday — please join us with open hearts and discerning minds as we offer a snapshot on the state of the church and ask you to study and ultimately bless the budget for 2024.

For those homebound or out of pocket because of travel, **we will also have a Zoom link available** so you can attend the meeting virtually — including the ability to vote remotely and ask questions/voice support/raise concerns. We just ask for a margin of grace as we attempt this hybrid format for the first time — we have dutifully practiced, we promise — but we remain learners as we seek to broaden access to the business of the church. Despite our best efforts, cameras and microphones and shared screens may glitch, although we pray they won't.

Also, in order to maintain strong cyber-security, we will not publish the link here (in a quasi-public space), so if you'd like to attend via Zoom, simply email Pam in the church office ([pam@2cc.org](mailto:pam@2cc.org)), and we will be sure to send you the link via email later this week. **(We need you to tell us by noon on Friday, February 2.)**

Finally, in the news last week, you may have seen pictures of the catastrophic roof collapse at what was the First Congregational Church of New London, a congregation even older than our own, but like us, housed in a historic stone structure with a slate roof in a prominent location.

It's unclear if the “founding congregation” was still active in that specific place, but as you will have seen if you caught the news item, there was another congregation resident there, and while they'd come in more recently, they loved the old church very much and were delighted to be part of a promising next chapter. Likewise, while the broader community may not have worshiped there, they viewed the building with great affection and no small amount of gratitude, both for its beauty and for its ongoing work at making the city a better place to live for everybody.

Rest assured, we keep a close eye on the church roof, among many other things.

But it is always the people of a church who make it come alive.

It may not always seem as if our church, or any other, should really lay claim to the old language of its people as “gathered by God.”

That can sound pretty prideful, particularly because in the daily comings and goings, Christianity can sometimes feel like a life to which we **aspire** more than one we can unhesitatingly claim to be living. (“Can't you all see how **Christian** we are?!”)

To me, that's too severe and sets the bar higher for ourselves than God seems to.

God rejoices at our faithfulness in the trying. God sees great possibilities in our encountering one another and learning to work together. God is patient and willing to take the long view, and eager to see the holiness in small moments along the way.

We are so grateful for our building and for the faithful folks who left it as a legacy of their own time as the gathered community here.

...And **our** call is to understand God's hope for us in our own moment—to invite new inspiration into our life together and see what God would have **us** build—so that anyone who needs it will know just where to come.

See you in church,

Max

All welcome, since 1705...

*Second Congregational Church of Greenwich*

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

[2cc.org](http://2cc.org)

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

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

## 2024 Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4

*Meeting will take place immediately  
following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Chapel*

## 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 and Choir 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](#)



Roll out of bed and join us in your PJs for

**TEDDY BEAR STORY HOUR  
WITH JENNY**

— at —

**COFFEE FOR GOOD**



Saturdays from 8 to 9am

Jan 27, Feb 24 & March 30, 2024  
48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

Join Jenny at Teddy Bear Story  
Hour on Saturday, February 24  
& March 30 at 8:00 a.m.

[Email Jenny for more  
information](#)

**Mark your calendars...**

Join us for...

**MARDI GRAS SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 11  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

In preparation for Lenten season, please join us for a pancake  
Mardi Gras party following worship in Fletcher Hall.  
Music, Fellowship, and Pancakes with all the fixin's!

All are welcome, rsvps appreciated:

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

**RSVP for Mardi Gras  
Sunday**

# Ash Wednesday

**February 14**

**Ashes to Go from 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

**Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

**Communion will be offered during worship**



## Mindful Monday Winter Yoga with Jill Ernst


**Second Congregational Church  
BYOM (Bring Your Own Mat)**

**Monday mornings:  
January 8 - February 12  
9:15 a.m.**

*6 weeks for \$60 or drop in fee of \$20 per class  
Scholarships available and childcare upon request*

**Email [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for more information**





**Coffee & Connection  
Continues...**

**Saturday, Feb 24  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

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Women of all ages and stages please join  
Chaplains Kate Noonan and Jenny Byxbee  
for a morning of TLC, centering  
techniques, and thoughtful conversation  
inspired by scripture and rooted in love.

For more information or to rsvp:  
[Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org).

*Childcare available upon advanced request.*

**Email Jenny to RSVP**

**It was a busy weekend!**





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