



October 25, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

One year early in my teaching career, a ninth grader came to school dressed as me for Halloween.

There are times when life seems to hold up a mirror to us, and for me that was one of those times: khakis, sweater vest, button down shirt with sleeves rolled up, tweed jacket — instant Mr. Grant. So much so that nobody asked him who he was...they all just knew.

It was a big hit, although, truth be told, not so much with me (not that I ever let on).

I was still young enough, myself, to be embarrassed about how easily I could be caricatured.

As those things go, of course, having someone go as me for Halloween was also very funny and very sweet. However, that did not occur to me until much later, when I ran across a picture of us from that day (“twinsies!”).

And by “later,” I mean **ten years** later. (That kid was now in law school.)

It was at that point that I actually laughed.

Theologian Kevin Hector has written about the importance of laughter in the life of faith, saying “laughter can play a role in transforming our experience of the world, insofar as it...enables us to take the world with the seriousness that it deserves—no more, no less.”

His point is that laughter puts things, including even some of the hardest and most seemingly unalterable of things, into perspective, reminding us both that only God is ultimate, and that, in God, all things are possible.

With that in mind, the characters we seek to portray in the world each day, presenting them as our true selves, may prove quite convincing, both to the world and to ourselves. Yet the truth is much more wonderful and utterly worth seeking.

Laughter reminds us to go in search of that truth.

On Halloween, our young people try on versions of who they are and who they aren't, what delights and what scares them. It is a time for seeking.

The laughter it provides strikes me as very sacred, indeed.

See you in church,

Max

Find us this Fall...

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

2CC.org

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.

## Chancel Choir Fall Schedule

Rehearsals at 11:45 a.m.  
in the Chapel:  
November 5 & 12  
December 10 & 17

Chancel Choir in Worship  
November 19  
December 24

No previous experience is necessary.  
Attend rehearsals/services when you are  
in town and able to join us.  
All you need is a love for singing!  
The choir is open to those who are high  
school age and older.

Email Alexander with any  
questions



## 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



Mark your calendars...

# 2CC HALLOWEEN HAUNT



OCTOBER 29

11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

MUSIC, CRAFTS, AND SPECIAL GUESTS:  
THE GEMS SPOOKY AMBULANCE

**\$15 PER CHILD**

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)


PROCEEDS BENEFIT GREENWICH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

REGISTER ONLINE AT [2CC.ORG](http://2CC.ORG)

Our children are ready for some fun at the Halloween Haunt this Sunday!



Click here to Register for the Halloween  
Haunt




***Please join us in the Chapel at 2CC  
for health, wellness and Tai-Chi  
with Dr. Jing Jiang***

***November 11  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.***

***All ages and stages welcome!***

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

**Email Jenny for more information about Tai-Chi**



**Join the 2CC Women's Fellowship for an outing  
at the "new" Bruce Museum  
Tuesday, November 14  
10:00 a.m.**

Meet at the Cohen Education Entrance at the top of the building

*There will be a docent tour for the first 14 people who sign up.*

*The two current exhibitions are Robert Motherwell and Connecticut Modern Art (1930-1960)*

There is no cost for the Museum entrance.

Lunch can be purchased at the Museum Cafe with food by Aux Delices

To sign up contact Leah Marmon @ [LMarmon4@aol.com](mailto:LMarmon4@aol.com)  
or (203)622-6913 by Thursday, November 8

**Email Leah to save your spot!**

**Fall Yoga with Jill Ernst continues through November 17  
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**

\$15 drop in fee  
(Scholarships available)



Childcare upon request

Email Jenny for more  
information

**Save your spot for VBS!**



Lunch Bunch (11:30-12:30) Available upon request

**Games, special guests, crafts, and more!**

**\$25 per child, scholarships available**

**Second Congregational Church, 139 E. Putnam Avenue in Greenwich**

**Details and Registration at [2CC.org](http://2CC.org)**

Click here to Register for  
VBS

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