



November 8, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Last Sunday, we talked about Thanksgiving as something of an unofficial season in the church year. Left unsaid was a recognition that one single day — or even a four day weekend — are not nearly long enough to mark the season.

Getting into a thankful frame of mind is an invitation to remember and to do, and it takes time. At least, it should.

As the church also begins its annual stewardship campaign in the next few days, I also hope it's clear how grateful we are for your engagement and participation in every aspect of our life together.

This last year has given us a lot to remember and to lift up with thanks — and has pointed toward a number of things we'd love to do (and hope to do!) in the year ahead.

I hope you feel the same way.

You'll be receiving a letter and a pledge card in the mail and hearing a bit more in church this Sunday, but I also wanted to let you know about three videos we've recorded to tell you more about what's happening in our own words.

The first two are conversations I had, the first with Alexander about Sunday Worship, and the second with Jenny about care and connection — particularly with children and families. The links to both videos are below.

The third video is a snapshot of our church finances with Steve Scroggins and Jon LaBerge, which we would be happy to make available if you're interested. Feel free to **email me** or **Gloria** for that.

With that said, please always remember that ***your presence and involvement are the greatest gifts you can offer our community.***

Seeing you there on Sunday, engaged in the work of prayer and praise, asking big questions, and finding ways to serve our neighbors are what define us as people who seek to follow Jesus. These contributions are beyond price and a source of great joy.

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I pray that all that God is doing in your life will comfort and sustain you, particularly as you prepare for the blessing and challenge of a new year.

Please know how thankful we are that you're part of our church.

See you Sunday!

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.

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is underway!  
Check out these informative videos from Max, Jenny and Alexander...



[Click here to donate to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign](#)

# Happy THANKSGIVING

Join us after worship for a  
Friends-giving Brunch  
during coffee hour

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side  
dish, appetizer or dessert to share

Time crunch, there is no shame in  
canned cranberry....



Be sure to let us know what you are bringing to our  
Friends-giving Brunch & Recipe Swap:

## **Friends-giving Brunch Meal Train & Recipe Swap**

*2CC will make copies of your recipe to hand out during coffee hour*

### **Chancel Choir Fall Schedule**

Rehearsals at 11:45 a.m.  
in the Chapel:  
November 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**

6th to 12th Grade  
**FIRE PIT &  
S'MORES**

COME AS  
YOU ARE,  
STAY AS  
LONG AS  
YOU'D LIKE!

139 E. PUTNAM AVE GREENWICH  
BRING A FRIEND | OPEN & AFFIRMING

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
NOV 12 @ 7PM**

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL**

**PARENT  
SOCIAL**  
*With Cider and Sides*




[KHALEIGHL@FCCOG.ORG](mailto:KHALEIGHL@FCCOG.ORG) | WEATHER PLAN MOVE INSIDE

Email Khaleigh for more  
information

Check out upcoming events for Youth on our website

**Mark your calendars...**




***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!**

# Teddy Bear Story Hour



with Jenny at Coffee For Good  
Saturday mornings  
at 8:00 a.m.

Roll out of bed & join us in your PJ's...

November 11

December 9

Special Guest on  
December 9: Mrs. Claus



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

# FALL YOGA

OCT 6 - NOV 17

9:15-10:00 A.M.



with Jill Ernst

\$60 for 7 weeks, or \$15 drop in fee  
Scholarships available

Child care available upon request

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



Join us in the Chapel  
at 2CC!



Email Jenny for more  
information

## Christmas is coming...

# Decorate a Gingerbread House at 2CC!

## Saturday, December 2

### 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Registration required  
\$35 per house

Limited spaces available

## 2CC.org

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

Children under age 12 need to be  
accompanied by an adult



Click here to reserve a Gingerbread  
House

Click here to pay for your Gingerbread House

## Christmas Piano Serenade

*Alexander Constantine, pianist  
featuring Jeff Pearson and Nicco Mazziotto*

Sunday, December 3, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Second Congregational Church  
139 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich

## Christmas Eve at 2cc...

### Christmas Eve Worship:

- Regular Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Family at 3:30 p.m.  
(outdoor pageant with live animals)
- Festival at 6:30 p.m.
- Candlelight at 11:15 p.m.

**Christmas Day:** Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

**We Voted YES to VBS!**







## An Invitation from the Red Cross...

Please see below to participate in the upcoming ***Greenwich Battle of the Badges!*** This year is very special since we are honoring Chief Jim Heavey donating his **100<sup>th</sup> pint of blood** and dedicating **50 years** of volunteer service to the Red Cross! Truly amazing!! (Thank you, Chief! You're a rock star!)

Please see the attached flyer and mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** to give blood at this momentous event. Even if you're not able to donate blood that day, we would love to see all of you there to show your support. This is truly an event you won't want to miss!

There will also be a Greenwich Battle of the Badges Wrap Around where people can sign up to donate blood in honor of Chief Heavey if they're not able to attend or give blood on that day. Please see the link below.

### [Donate Blood with ARC | Red Cross Blood Services](#)

We all know the importance of donating one pint of blood which can save up to three lives! With both of these drives taking place in honor of Chief Heavey, I also hope that you will share the attached flyers, and the above link with your friends, family, and colleagues. We would love to reach 100 pints of blood donations between the two drives! So please spread the word!

What a great way to honor Chief Heavey by helping to save lives!

# Battle of the Badges

Donate Blood In Honor of  
Chief Jim Heavey's 100<sup>th</sup> Blood Donation  
& years of dedicated service to the  
American Red Cross



## Greenwich Police, Fire and EMS



11 Bruce Place  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**8:00 am to 1:45 pm**

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Use Sponsor Code: **GREENPOLICE**



American Red Cross



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## Help Save Lives with Police, Fire and EMS First Responders

Mark your calendar to help save lives with the American Red Cross! We are on a mission to help patients in need by hosting a BloodLink and your support is needed to make it a success! Join us at a local blood drive to support blood donations in our community and across the nation. Hospital patients are counting on us!



Forward this email or share your **BloodLink**, encouraging your network to support your BloodLink.



Members of your network will schedule and complete a blood donation.



Feel great knowing that you, your friends, family and colleagues have helped patients in need.

Share your custom BloodLink in personalized social media posts, articles, newsletters and emails.

Your BloodLink:  
<https://rcblood.org/3Qc4zGw>

We hope to see you soon!

*The American Red Cross*

If you recently donated blood or have an appointment scheduled, thank you on behalf of the patients whose lives you may have touched.

At age 16-17 depending on state, individuals in generally good health who meet weight and height requirements may become eligible to donate blood. Please review our [eligibility requirements](#) as some states require parental consent. When donating, bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of ID.

Blood drive locations and hours are subject to change. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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