



Dear Friends of Second Church,

November 9, 2022

Every day in the Byxbee house we show mercy. At the very minimum, my two busy teenage girls will tell you they hear "Lord have Mercy" from me at least once a day. Usually, I say it when there is a mess in the house, there is a squabble between them, or when the dishes are left out on the counter for the umpteenth time. Those are the moments right before I go from being wonderful mom and turn into Ms. Hannigan from Annie. My girls would argue they show mercy to me when I can't get the printer to work or download an app...

Then there are also those times of distress that happen in any household, mine included, that we as a family, simply just need to halt and show each other compassion. Not focus on being right, not having tunnel vision in getting something done, but simply showing one another love. For us to focus on being in the moment, and ask one another what are we not seeing? God has taught us; "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7.

We are at the cusp of the holiday season. A season that can bring out the best and most challenging of times for each and every one of us, at every age and stage. Compound that with the "new normal" and we are navigating a time that we need, and we will be challenged to be, merciful with one another now more than ever. Families are in need; we have felt that need here in Greenwich too. But the need that weighs most heavy on my heart for this world, I can't Instacart it, I can't ship it, I can't even Venmo this holiday season, for it is LOVE.

As we enter the hustle and bustle in the weeks ahead, look for those encounters of showing mercy, compassion and know that YOU are so loved.

Find us this Fall...

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

2CC.org

Yours in Christ,
Jenny Byxbee
Minister of Care & Connection

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

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

We were fortunate to welcome the Chaplain of the New York Fire Department, Rev. Ann Kansfield, last Sunday. Be sure to check out her sermon on our [website](#) or via our [YouTube channel](#)!



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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Soon And Very Soon

Join us for Music Sunday!

On Sunday, November 13, we will be presenting a music Sunday featuring Allen Louis, Miastasha Gonzalez and also Nicco Mazziotto. In addition, Rachel Schlesinger and Ari Lovett, vocal majors from Suny Purchase College, will be adding their talents as well.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special service.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We need someone to bring in baked goods (we recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items). The church will supply the coffee.

You can sign-up via email: pam@2cc.org

We look forward to seeing you!



Email Pam to help out!

Join our Chancel Choir for the Holidays!

11:45-12:30 in Brush Hall

Here is our schedule through
the end of the year...

November

13 & 20

Sing at the 10:30 service
on November 20
with the Youth and
Elementary Choirs

December

4, 11 & 18

Sing at the 10:30
service on December
11 and at the 6:30
Christmas Eve Service

Come and join us!

Email Alexander with
questions

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHOIR IS BACK!

Elementary
Choir

Ages K-4

4:15-5:00 p.m.

Youth
Choir

Grade 5 & Up

6:00-6:45 p.m.

Join us in Brush Hall

Questions?

Email: Heidi@2cc.org

Email Heidi for more
information

Children's Chapel at 2CC!

Join us for Middle School

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.

We are fully in person and operational.

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Click here](#) to register for Children's Chapel this Sunday

Youth Group!

For those ready for the next step after Children's Chapel, join us for this pilot program weekly through November 20*

[Register here](#)

Questions? Email Jenny@2cc.org

**Plans for December and beyond to be determined based on participation and enthusiasm.*

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Benefitting the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County

November 6-20

Collection bins will be outside the 2CC childcare room

Please bring in the following items:



- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dried Beans
- Rice
- Canned Protein
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Personal Hygiene items
- Gift cards to local grocery stores for produce and perishable items

For more information on how you can help, contact Jenny@2cc.org

Everyone had a GREAT time at our "Paint the World With Kindness" VBS on Election Day - thank you to everyone that joined us!









Mark your calendars...

Before the hustle and bustle
of the holiday season...

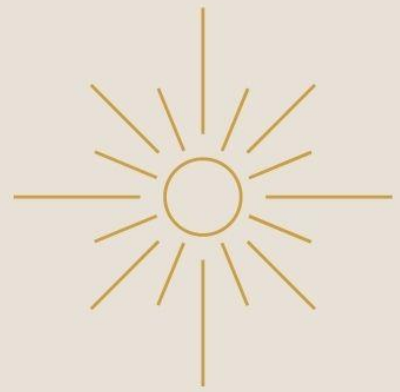
YOGA CLASSES WITH HELENA SVEDIN

FRIDAYS IN NOVEMBER AT 10:00 A.M.

*As we gather together, we will
create a meaningful time for
mindfulness with slow, flow, yoga,
with Helena Svedin, certified
positive psychology coach and
yoga teacher.*

Second Congregational Church
139 E. Putnam Avenue
Greenwich

Suggested donation \$20 per class



**Email Jenny for more
information**

Around Town...

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TURKEY BINGO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 6:00 - 8:00PM

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
FAMILY TIME & FUN FOR ALL!**

Join us at the YMCA of Greenwich and enjoy 10 rounds of Bingo featuring fantastic prizes for all ages!

Each registration includes 10 Bingo cards. For more chances to win, additional Bingo cards may be purchased. Contact Charles Gibbons at cgibbons@gwymca.org for additional info.

REGISTER TODAY!



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Be sure to mark down these important dates for Advent!

Christmas is
Coming...



Join us this Season...

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

Christmas Eve:
3:30, 6:30 & 11:15 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

**BUILD-A-REINDEER
WORKSHOP AT 2CC!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Reservations Required
\$35/each



Email Jenny@2cc.org for more information

Click here to Reserve your
Reindeer

Christmas Piano Serenade

featuring Alexander Constantine

with Jeff Pearson, violin & Nicco Mazziotto, cello

Sunday, December 4
at 5:00 p.m.

Second Congregational Church
139 E. Putnam Avenue in Greenwich

Livestream
available:
2CC.org



Decorate a Gingerbread House at 2CC!

**Saturday,
December 17**

10:00-12:00

Limited spaces available

*Registration required
\$40 per house*

2CC.org

Email Jenny@2cc.org for more information



Click here to reserve your Gingerbread House

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