



August 10, 2022

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I received a notice on my social media account yesterday afternoon that the final concert for this year's Interlochen Music Camp would be streamed later in the evening. I was very fortunate to have attended this prestigious camp one summer as a junior in high school. I had heard so much about Interlochen, and after applying and raising the \$1500.00 to attend (my mother continues to remind me that we could have flown the whole family to Greece for that amount of money), I was officially declared an Interlochen Music Camp camper!

Interlochen was one of the most life-changing experiences of my young life. Everywhere you went on campus there was something connected to the arts, including an ice cream shop named "Melody Freeze!"

There were daily classes being offered, lectures, concerts, recitals, and guest artist performances. It was a young artist's dream come true.

It was a safe and accepting environment. No one rolled their eyes because you preferred Rachmaninoff over the Rolling Stones. Each camper was encouraged to set their own goals while being challenged to achieve their best through the inspiring talents of their teachers and peers.

Was it competitive? Of course, it was. And we had our share of divas. But the advantages of being surrounded by these insanely talented high schoolers was a gift to each of us. I didn't consider myself a member of the "insanely talented" category, but during the course of the summer, my eyes, ears and heart were opened to a host of new practice methods and repertoire which strengthened my discipline and skill level. I was learning from the best of the best while enjoying the talents of the future Casales, Van Cliburns and Renée Flemings-student prodigies from around the world.

Needless to say, I went back to my rural provincial town as a changed artist. My family was not quite in tune with the "new and improved me," and they were quick to point out that it was my turn to clean out the garage that weekend. Sigh. Back to reality.

As I sat and watched last night's stream, I anxiously awaited the concluding selection, *Lés Preludes*, by Franz Liszt. I was flooded with memories as I watched each of the instrumentalists, singers and dancers assemble on stage for this traditional encore that signaled the conclusion of camp. I knew the heartache that faced each of those students as they would begin to say goodbye to their fellow campers following this final concert (my goodbyes back then left me an emotional wreck).

Thank you for allowing me to share a snapshot of this unforgettable year. And now, I need to go and practice.

Alexander



Worship with us this Summer!

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Service will be available via Livestream

If you can't make it in person, [click here](#) to join us via Livestream for our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.

Through Labor Day the church office hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Standing In The Need Of Prayer

Jerusalem

Joining Alexander this Sunday will be violinist Jeff Pearson.

Children's Chapel & Nursery Care

Children's Chapel and Nursery Care is on the Move!

As we enter into our new school year, our nursery care and Children's Chapel is getting some new space! With our growing congregation of little ones, we welcome them to our "new" nursery room located by the church office. Additionally, we are gearing up for a robust Children's Chapel this fall with some fun surprises in store.... One being Back to School VBS on Sept 26. Save the date, registration & more information below...

For August, (if you haven't already) we encourage you to sign up as a 2CC dasher for our mission dash. Details are below...

Registration not required to participate in Children's Chapel on Sundays. We will be taking Children's Chapel outside on Sunday so sunscreen and sneakers encouraged.

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

Children's Chapel and Nursery Care will be closed August 28 and Labor Day weekend.



On August 14, in Children's Chapel, we will be having a send off to our beloved nursery worker Bailey Petrizzi who is heading off to Quinnipiac University to study nursing.

In addition to working with us at 2cc, Bailey is a volunteer EMT. As a special goodbye, the children will be offering a teddy bear-and lovey clinic. All children are welcome to bring any loviess, bears or dolls for some bandaging & TLC from an EMT.

There also may be some special cupcakes too...

Want to Dash?



Join our 2cc dasher team and Global Ministries for a 5K for climate justice!

"God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

Children, families and congregants of all ages and stages are encouraged to walk, roll, run, jog, or spiritually sprint wherever you are! You may choose to do the 5K with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet. Funding helps support Creation care efforts to cope with the negative impacts of climate change by protecting and nurturing

the natural world, preserving resources, and seeking to ensure food security.

Official registrants may do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022. We will also have special time designated during Children's Chapel in August for fun obstacle courses, and outside walking scavenger hunts to help meet the goal, raise awareness, and show that everyone has the capacity to make a difference.

To register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-1123885?raceId=121787>

Thank you to everyone that joined us Friday Night at the Meat & Greet!





Mark your Calendars...

ACT II IS POPPING UP!

Donation Drop Off:

Wednesday, August 17 & Wednesday, September 21
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pop up Sale:

Thursday, October 20
Friday, October 21
Saturday, October 22
Sunday, October 23

Sale Times TBD

Fletcher Hall

SEPTEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

9-11

HOMECOMING
WEEKEND AT 2CC

BACK TO SCHOOL VBS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

(SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR ROSH HASHANAH)

9:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M.

IN THIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KIDS WILL LEARN ABOUT HOW WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN NO MATTER WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE MAY COME FROM, OR WHAT WE BELIEVE.

Second Congregational Church
139 E. Putnam Avenue in Greenwich

Cost is \$25 per child (scholarships available)



Ages are K-5th Grade
Those in 6-12th Grade
invited to be
counselors



DETAILS AT 2CC.ORG
OR EMAIL: JENNY@2CC.ORG

**"We are all God's Children"
At Second Congregational Church of Greenwich**

On September 26 we are kicking off the school year with a Back to School Vacation Bible School at 2CC. Through music, craft, service, movement, special guests and resources from Global Ministries, have fun and understand how we are *All God's Children* no matter who we are, where we may come from, or what we believe.

"For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." Romans 1:11-12

[Click here to register](#)

Cost is \$25 per child (scholarships available).

Early drop off and lunch bunch available upon request.

For more information contact Jenny@2cc.org

Around Town...



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SELF DEFENSE CLASS

FOR TEENS & ADULTS
AGES 15 & UP



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 13, 2022**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

YWCA GREENWICH
259 E PUTNAM AVE,
GREENWICH, CT 06830

TO REGISTER, GO TO:
www.ywcagr.org/selfdefenseclass

Learn Techniques
of Self Defense &
Feel Confident

FREE CLASS

YWCA Greenwich is proud to partner with Modern Self-Defense Center for a women's empowerment training class to help them protect themselves against physical violence. Participants will learn techniques and strategies to disable the threat and escape to safety. Cisgender and transgender women, as well as non-binary people, ages 15 and older are invited to attend.

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Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[Click here to register](#)

Greenwich YMCA to Host Free Teen Night on August 12

On Friday, August 12, 2022, the Greenwich YMCA will host a free teen night for middle school and high school students in collaboration with several community partners.

This event is the third in a series of events motivated by the community's commitment to create opportunities for positive engagement for Greenwich middle and high school students. Approximately 75 youth attended previous events hosted by Arch Street Teen Center and Greenwich United Way. The YMCA anticipates up to 100 youth participants on Friday.

In addition to offering robust summer programs for youth, YMCA directors, Ricky Perez, Lauren Chiappetta, and Charles Gibbons have planned an evening of activity that includes open swim, a three-on-three basketball tournament, a membership raffle, games, prizes, music, and pizza. Youth development professionals, life guards, and community volunteers will assist in facilitating activities and ensuring the safety of program participants.

Raffle prizes include:

- 3-Month Family Membership and 3-Month Youth Membership to the YMCA of Greenwich
- \$20 Amazon Gift Cards
- YMCA Swag

The event is co-sponsored by Kids-In-Crisis, Greenwich Alliance for Education, Greenwich Department of Human Services, Greenwich Youth Services Bureau, Family Centers, the Greenwich Police Department, Community Centers, Inc, United Way of Greenwich, Arch Street Teen Center, and Greenwich Together.

Inspired by this collaboration, YMCA CEO, Matthew Skaarup said, "This partnership complements the Y's mission to bring and strengthen the community through programs and services that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body. Greenwich families benefit when we come together to support them."

Teen Night will take place at YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, Friday August 12, 2022.

Participants should bring close-toed shoes, bathing suit, towel, and water bottle.

Registration in advance is required, and parents are required to complete waivers for youth participation in this free event.

Follow the QR code below to register today.



Lend a hand (if you can)...

FORMULA DONATION
FOYER OF MEAD HOUSE
48 MAPLE AVENUE, GREENWICH, CT

Do you have extra sealed, unexpired baby and/or toddler formula?
Please help your neighbors by donating!

Donated formula must be unopened, unexpired, and with an intact, legible label.
Any formula taken from the table is taken at your own risk, and community partners do not take responsibility.

Drop off in crate outside entrance to Coffee for Good!

Please only leave formula.

Sponsored by:
Second Congregational Church
Mothers for Others
Coffee for Good
Pay it Forward - Greenwich



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#2CCGreenwich photos!