

August 18, 2022

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I ended up going to college much closer to home than I'd gone to high school, and it was a place my family already knew well, so my Departure For College lacked a certain amount of fanfare.

I could almost see my great grandfather's old apartment from my dorm room.

It also meant that the weeks before I left didn't have a lot of soon-to-be-rare experiences of "time together" with my parents, or even much by way of "getting ready." When it came to dorm rooms, I was already a pro. Plus, anything I somehow forgot and realized I'd need could be dropped off the next time my parents went to go see my grandmother, who was half an hour away.

So when moving in day arrived, we were all pretty cool customers.

Other families seemed to recognize the moment as a far more significant milestone and to be all in their feelings. They wept by the car. Counselors were on hand to lead people gently back to their room.

At the time, I was glad that wasn't me.

And I know that wouldn't have been us, even if I'd been going to college far, far away.

But that said, I wish we'd found a way to make a bit more of it than we did.

Familiar as the place was, it was still a new chapter for me and for our family — something that each of us, in our own way, had worked hard to make possible.

What I'd **do with it** was a subtle pressure we didn't name—but it was also a point of curiosity and love we didn't lift up.

That's too bad.

In more recent years, that Departure For College has turned out to be less of a definitive launch into adulthood than it used to be. What we used to imagine as a straightforward trajectory — even if it could feel like being shot out of a cannon — is something we now see as more of a winding path.

I hope we don't forego the chance to name the milestones when they appear. The longer the journey, the more important to name to passing, and to bless one another for all that lies ahead.

For all our 2CC families who are in a season of transition, all our love.

Don't lose any opportunity to name your love and hope in one another. And give thanks for the days.

See you in church,

Max

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



*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

Because He Lives

Soon And Very Soon

*Joining Alexander this Sunday will be Jessica, Austin and Nicco!*

## Children's Chapel & Nursery Care

Sunday, August 21 in Children's Chapel, we complete our final Mission Dash activity with a service project, Paper Cranes for Peace. If you and your family can't join us, no worries, please click the link below to participate at a time that suits your summer schedule:

[https://www.globalministries.org/resource/fold\\_paper\\_cranes\\_for\\_peace/](https://www.globalministries.org/resource/fold_paper_cranes_for_peace/)

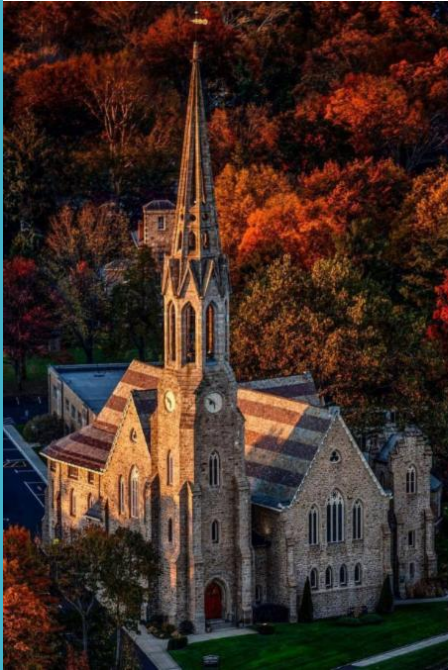
Children's Chapel and Nursery Care will be closed on August 28 & September 4 for classroom clean up and to set up for our school year ministry. Family worship will be in the Chapel. All ages and stages welcome!

Children's Chapel and Nursery Care to re-open tent weekend, September 11.

To register for the 2022-23 school year: [Click here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities: Sunday Music Leaders for Children's Chapel and Youth Ministry Leaders for our pre-teens and teens needed.  
Reach out to [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for more information.

## Save the Date(s)...



**HOMECOMING  
WEEKEND  
2022**

**SEPTEMBER  
9, 10 & 11**

**2CC.ORG**

## Mark your Calendars...



# ACT II IS POPPING UP!

## Donation Drop Off:

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

## 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](http://2CC.ORG)  
OR EMAIL: [JENNY@2CC.ORG](mailto: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](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

## Around Town...

**On August 24th and 25th 5:30pm - 9:00 pm, volunteers are invited to help the YMCA to host "Running Start"**

"Running Start" is a back-to school program that serves children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the Greenwich Public Schools who have been identified as having financial need. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and the YMCA to get involved and connect with our community.

To sign up, email [amymcgra@gmail.com](mailto:amymcgra@gmail.com) or [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)  
by Monday, Aug 23

[Click here to learn more about "Running Start"](#)

## 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.

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