



Dear Friends of Second Church,

Warm congratulations to Jenny Byxbee for a terrific “Back to School” edition of Vacation Bible School on Monday! And special thanks to Barbara Zapp and all those who assisted our middle schoolers as they prepared this month’s Pacific House meal!

It is always so wonderful to see kids combing around our church hallways as they get to know the many spaces where something interesting is happening.

When I was a kid, church was sort of musty and was, decidedly, a far more serious proposition.

There were rooms we weren’t allowed in without our parents, which didn’t matter because exploring the building on our own wasn’t permitted, either. Wherever you went, grown-up rules were in effect.

A year or so after my ordination, I went back to my childhood church one Sunday, and when someone politely said, “Gosh, it must be strange to be back in *this* room!” (I think it was the Church Parlor) I didn’t have the heart to say I’d never actually been in it before.

I have many warm memories of that community just the same, and particularly of its sanctuary, which (unlike the other spaces) was simple, uncomplicated, and quite welcoming of children.

A kid who *wanted* to stay for the sermon (ahem) was made to feel like this was the most natural thing in the world, even as most of their peers filed out.

Joys and Concerns made an even deeper impression on me, as I listened — and eventually, learned to pray — while adults I

September 28, 2022



If you can't make it in person, join us via

didn't know spoke honestly about their lives in a way I had encountered only in my own parents.

The idea that, in church, this was *allowed* was astonishing to me. It was also how I learned to recognize the subtle ways in which such heartfelt expression is so often discouraged elsewhere — and that, if so, then nobody was more hampered by grown-up rules than were the grown-ups, themselves.

I still think that.

As the children were moving through our building on Monday, I found myself so grateful to be in a place where they had a little more freedom than I remember having at church when I was their age.

But even more than that, I hope they find the deeper freedom of being themselves without apology, and of learning to bring that before God, both in joy and in concern.

May all of us.

See you in church,

Max

[Livestream for our 10:30 a.m.](#)
Sunday service.

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

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Great Is Their Faithfulness

Our Chancel Choir is Returning!

**The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 25,
11:45-12:30 in the Chapel**

**On Sunday, October 9th,
we will be singing during the 10:30 service.**

Come and join us!

**Email Alexander for more
information**

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.

Questions?
Email:
Heidi@2cc.org

Join us in
Brush Hall



Email Heidi for more
information

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.

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

Join us for Middle School Youth Group!

For those ready for the next step after Children's Chapel, join us for this pilot program weekly through October 30th*

[Register here](#)

Questions? Email Jenny@2cc.org

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

Last Sunday the Youth helped prepare meals for Pacific House...





*Calling all those with little
Ghouls & Goblins...*

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SIP & SWAP

**Sunday, October 2
from 4 - 6 p.m.**

Second Congregational Church

Leave the kids at home while you costume swap, enjoy sweet treats & fall beverages. Clever costume theme ideas & hacks for having a successful Halloween without spending a fortune. Bring a friend!

RSVP to Jenny@2cc.org

Email Jenny@2cc.org for details

Save the Date – Women’s Fellowship Trip to tour Lyndhurst Museum in Irvington, NY – October 11, more details will be available next week.



All are welcome to join the
2CC Out to Lunch Bunch!

Wednesday, October 12 at 12:00 p.m.

VILLA ITALIA RESTAURANT AND BAR
26 MILL RIVER STREET in Stamford (next to the Hampton Inn)

RSVP: by Monday, October 10 to Leah Marmon
LMARMON4@AOL.COM OR (203) 622-6913

There will be separate checks & free parking is available in the parking garage

Please RSVP for the Lunch Bunch no later than October 10

[Click here to email Leah Marmon](#)

Mangia Italiano!

2CC Fall Potluck Dinner

OCTOBER 16, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.PM

At the home of Cynthia Chang and Brian Scanlan
277 Old Church Road, Greenwich, CT 06830

Grazie

PLEASE RSVP TO: PAM@2CC.ORG

Email Pam to
RSVP

Bring something to the
Potluck!

ACT II IS POPPING UP!

Pop up Sale:

Thursday, October 20 through
Sunday, October 23

Sale Times TBD

Fletcher Hall



Christmas is coming!

If anyone has Christmas decorations or any Christmas item you may no longer use and would like to donate it for our tag sale on October 20-23, we would very much appreciate it.

You may call Pat Knight to make arrangements for drop off 203.661.6418



[Click here to register for the Halloween Haunt](#)

[Email Jenny](#)

Back to School VBS was a blast!
See below for more information about our next VBS in November...





Join us for our next VBS on Tuesday, November 8
(details & registration below)...



Paint the World with Kindness VBS

You are God's Masterpiece!

**Tuesday November 8
9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**

K-5th Grade

*Pre-K also welcome but must be
accompanied by a guardian*

**Music, movement, games, crafts and
special guest "Acting Out with Ms. Karen"!**

Early drop off and lunch bunch
available upon request.

\$25 per child, scholarships available.

More information: Jenny@2cc.org



**Register for Paint the World with Kindness
VBS**



Email Jenny for more
information

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