



Worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

October 15, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

This Sunday, we will be welcoming back Rev. Shawn and Ashley Garan to 2CC, who are returning to Greenwich to receive an award from the Special Education Legal Fund (based here on campus), in recognition of their tremendous community work on behalf of autism awareness.

The award is well deserved, indeed.

The Garans were a gift to our church community in many ways: Shawn is one of the most creative and experimental pastors I know, and he brought a terrific spirit of openness to his work. We were always learning because he was always learning.

But as is so often the case, their deepest gift to us was not any particular program, but was more about their presence and tremendous warmth.

This was especially powerful for our church because they offered it so generously, even as they managed two, then three small children, one of them neurodiverse and needing more active minding.

A pastor's family life always unfolds in public, to some extent. The Garans' willingness to share the joys and challenges of theirs, and to be open about figuring things out (as we all try to do) brought something really lovely to our church during their years here.

It was no surprise that all kinds of members sought out Shawn when they found themselves particularly challenged with trying to figure things out—whatever such things might be.

Moreover, the ups and downs of applying for and receiving needed town services for Little Max was a window into the complexity of an all-too-imperfect system. Navigating much of that fell to Ashley, who showed not only tremendous grace under pressure (remember when his school just permanently closed with more or less no notice?), but also a powerful voice, not only for her own child, but for many more. That nice, somewhat shy pastor's wife turned out to be tough as nails, even as the "nice" part never wavered.

What a gift it is to know them and remember that there are such people in the

world.

I hope that you'll be sure to join us Sunday in order to say hello.

See you in church,

Max

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.

Children's Chapel Updates

Infant and toddler nursery care is available from 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are welcome to stay with their parents during Worship. Families are encouraged to join in the worship experience as makes sense for each individual child. Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room.

Children ages kindergarten to 5th grade are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. Those who wish, may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

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

For more information please feel free to email Jenny@2cc.org

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)



Building Faith, Lego by Lego this Sunday, October 19, in Children's Chapel.

Get ready for a special Children's Chapel this Sunday, October 19, where we welcome back Beth from Byram Shubert Library as our special guest.

Beth will be guiding us through a fun and creative project: Building Our Faith, Brick by Brick with LEGOs! It's a wonderful opportunity to use our imaginations and hands to explore how we build a strong spiritual life.

This special event is inspired by the scripture: *"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."* – **1 Corinthians 3:11**

We can't wait to see the amazing foundations and faith structures we build together!

Regional Youth Ministry Update...

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**DECEMBER
12-14, 2025**

Y LEARNING TRIP

R (mini mission-trip-like weekend!)

\$200 WITH MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

WHERE ARE WE GOING & WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Youth are invited to **48 hours** in Providence, RI learning about our local unhoused neighbors & putting our faith in action by serving others!

**6TH -
12TH
GR.**

**FRI
12TH**

**LEAVE FOR RHODE
ISLAND & ARRIVAL**

Seekonk Congregational Church in Seekonk, MA

**SERVICE WORK &
FUN IN PROVIDENCE**

Working with the Incredible Days organization!

**SAT
13TH**

**SUN
14TH**

**CLOSING CIRCLE &
HEAD HOME**

Pick-up and Drop-off at 2CC Greenwich

REGIONAL
YOUTH
MINISTRY



MORE INFO:

KHALEIGHL@FCCOG.ORG

Learn more by visiting the RYM website

Mark your calendars...



TEDDY BEAR STORY TIME
WITH JENNY

at

COFFEE FOR GOOD



Saturdays from 8 to 9am
October 25, November 22, & December 20, 2025
48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

School is OUT but VBS is ON!

Harvesting Seeds of Faith...

Fall Fun VBS

Tuesday, November 4
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

K-5th Grade
Pre-K welcome with an adult.
\$25 per child, scholarships available.
Games, Art, Music, Legos,
and so much more!



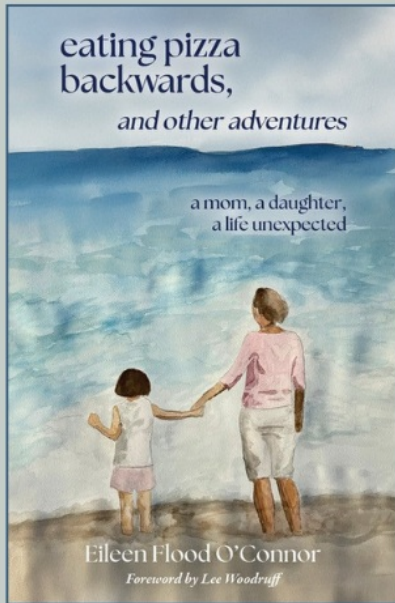
Details at 2CC.org

Register for VBS

VBS Payment

**Questions? Email
Jenny**

2CC Moms' Group Book Discussion



Second Congregational Church Moms' Group invites you to a night with the author of *Eating Pizza Backwards*, Eileen Flood O'Connor.

Thursday November 6

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Coffee For Good

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Eileen will share stories and wisdom from her book, sparking a conversation about parenting. Her book is a wonderful collection of essays about love, loss and doing life differently.

Event is FREE. Copies of *Eating Pizza Backwards* are available for purchase at Coffee for Good. Eileen is generously donating 100% of sales to Coffee for Good.

RSVP's are encouraged: Jenny@2cc.org

October is off to a great start...

Another busy Sunday...





Women's Fellowship packed Hygiene Kits on Tuesday morning...



Neighbor
to
Neighbor



HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE

Donate a costume to a trick-or-treater! Sizes 0-12 new and gently used Halloween costumes and accessories for children.

Now until Saturday, October 18th.



Please drop off donations at NtN during pantry hours.

Mon-Fri : 8:00 am - 1:00 pm | Sat: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

248 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich CT 06830

For more information, please contact (203) 622-9208 ext. 113 or skeshwani@ntngreenwich.org



FFRICKS

featuring
Adrian Barnett-Dunn
Bernhard Spelth
Pierre Lapointe
Brook Spelth
with
Lawrence Burton
Anton Webern: Langs
W.A. Mozart: String Q
Franz Schubert: "Deu
String Quartet No. 14 in

Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. It could be a next-door neighbor, your best friend, or a family member. You can help make sure Greenwich and other Connecticut hospitals have the blood patients need. **Give blood with the Red Cross at the Interfaith Blood Drive on Saturday, November 1, 8:00 am to 1:15 pm, First Presbyterian Church** (1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich).

Get a chance at a \$5K prize when you come to give blood. PLUS, all who come to donate get a \$10 e-gift card. Sign up at: rcblood.org/donate using code FPCG, use the QR code, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



**American
Red Cross**



Interfaith Blood Drive

**Saturday, November 1, 2025
8:00 am – 1:15 pm**

First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

**Sponsored by Congregation Shir Ami, First Baptist,
First United Methodist, Second Congregational, and First Presbyterian
Churches**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Use Code FPCG
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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