







October 25, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

One year early in my teaching career, a ninth grader came to school dressed as me for Halloween.

There are times when life seems to hold up a mirror to us, and for me that was one of those times: khakis, sweater vest, button down shirt with sleeves rolled up, tweed jacket — instant Mr. Grant. So much so that nobody asked him who he was...they all just knew.

It was a big hit, although, truth be told, not so much with me (not that I ever let on).

I was still young enough, myself, to be embarrassed about how easily I could be caricatured.

As those things go, of course, having someone go as me for Halloween was also very funny and very sweet. However, that did not occur to me until much later, when I ran across a picture of us from that day ("twinsies!").

And by "later," I mean ten years later. (That kid was now in law school.)

It was at that point that I actually laughed.

Theologian Kevin Hector has written about the importance of laughter in the life of faith, saying "laughter can play a role in transforming our experience of the world, insofar as it...enables us to take the world with the seriousness that it deserves—no more, no less."

His point is that laughter puts things, including even some of the hardest and most seemingly unalterable of things, into perspective, reminding us both that only God is ultimate, and that, in God, all things are possible.

With that in mind, the characters we seek to portray in the world each day, presenting them as our true selves, may prove quite convincing, both to the world and to ourselves. Yet the truth is much more wonderful and utterly worth seeking.

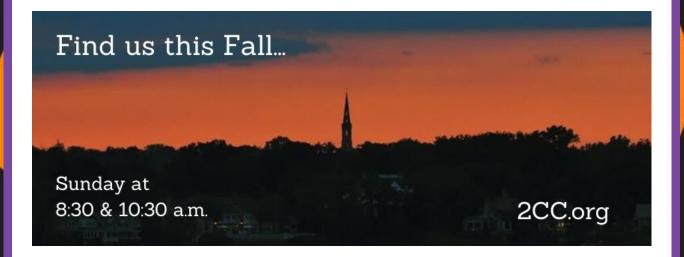
Laughter reminds us to go in search of that truth.

On Halloween, our young people try on versions of who they are and who they aren't, what delights and what scares them. It is a time for seeking.

The laughter it provides strikes me as very sacred, indeed.

See you in church,

Max



Sermons are always available online:

2CCSermons

If you can't make it in person, join us via <u>Livestream for our 10:30</u>
<u>a.m.</u> Sunday service.



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.

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

Email Alexander with any questions

Click here to register for Children's Chapel

## Mark your calendars...

## 2CC HALLOWEEN HAUNT



OCTOBER 29 11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



MUSIC, CRAFTS, AND SPECIAL GUESTS:
THE GEMS SPOOKY AMBULANCE



#15 PER CHILD

(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT GREENWICH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

**REGISTER ONLINE AT 2CC.ORG** 

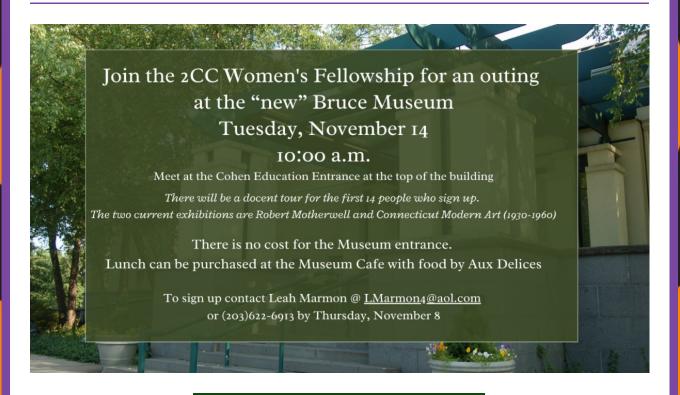
Our children are ready for some fun at the Halloween Haunt this Sunday!



Click here to Register for the Halloween Haunt



Email Jenny for more information about Tai-Chi



**Email Leah to save your spot!** 

Fall Yoga with Jill Ernst continues through November 17 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

\$15 drop in fee (Scholarships available) Childcare upon request

Email Jenny for more information

## Save your spot for VBS!



In God We Trust

Election Day VBS at 2CC!

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch (11:30-12:30) Available upon request

Games, special guests, crafts, and more!

\$25 per child, scholarships available

Second Congregational Church, 139 E. Putnam Avenue in Greenwich

Details and Registration at 2CC.org

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