



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

October 30, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Many thanks to those who have returned their pledges to our Annual Stewardship Fund for 2026. We are so grateful!

If you're still on the fence about participating, I'd encourage you to listen to our last two Worship services, and particularly to the remarks by Rev. Shawn Garan on October 19, and by longtime member Barbara Swartz last week.

(Barbara's remarks begin at 24:18. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5kNTikSo&t=109s>)

Neither is a "pledge speech," by any means, and neither is "easy."

But both of them underscore the importance of learning to be people who care in situations when caring gets hard and good wishes (nothing wrong with those!) are not enough.

And I'm sure you'll agree that the world needs more people who are ready and willing to do that.

With God's help, that's who we're becoming at 2CC.

Pledges are a part of that because they let us set the stage for all the ways in which people gather here and do their "peopling," moving past acting and reacting, and finding themselves stretched, moved, and even transformed by our life together.

So we hope you will joyfully take part in sustaining the Spirit's work on and through us all in this remarkable place.

This Sunday, we welcome back Rev. Holly Adams, who served as our interim pastor just before my family and I arrived in 2012. Holly has since been based largely in Florida, taking on a variety of pastoral roles in and around Vero Beach.

She is a warm and wise pastoral counselor and teacher, and it will be wonderful to have her back.

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.



In Memorium

Longtime church member, Pen James, died on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. We extend our condolences to Pen's wife, Betty, and children, Rob and Julie and family. Funeral services will be held at the church on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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](#)

Mark your calendars...

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!



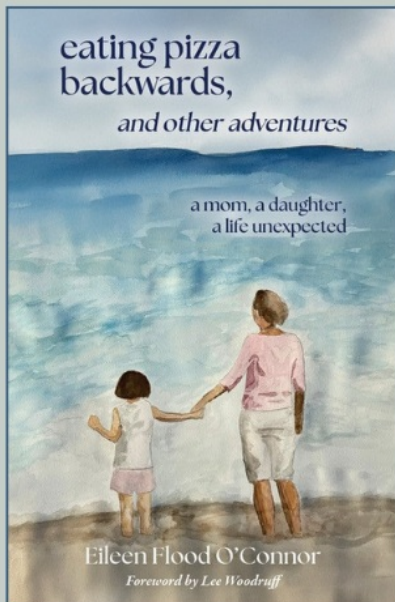
Details at 2CC.org

[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

2CC Women's Fellowship invites you to lunch with Diane, from Diane's Books of Greenwich, who will share her top picks for winter reading

Tuesday, November 11

Book talk with Diane starts
at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch in
Fletcher Hall

\$20 for lunch

RSVP to Pam@2CC.org

Your RSVP is important for planning the food



RSVP to Pam for Diane's Books Lunch

Looking ahead to Thanksgiving...

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Benefitting the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County

November 9-23

Collection bins will be outside the 2CC childcare room

Please bring in the following items:

- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dried Beans
- Rice
- Canned Protein
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Personal Hygiene items
- Gift cards to local grocery stores for produce and perishable items

For more information on how you can help, contact Jenny@2cc.org

Children's Chapel is collecting non-perishable food for local families this Thanksgiving. Your donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact. I encourage you to involve your children directly in the act of giving.

- **Empower Their Giving:** Instead of just purchasing an item for them, see if they'd like to use their own tooth fairy money or earn money through a chore to buy a canned good.
- **Pray and Reflect:** Use this as a time to talk about gratitude and our call to love and serve our neighbors.
- **Connect to Faith:** Share the story of how Jesus fed the 5,000, and discuss how our small offerings can be part of a miracle for someone else.

Hands big and small can make a big difference!

All will be invited with the children to a special **Blessing of the Food** during our **Friendsgiving Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 23**, as we pray over the collection before it is distributed. Thank you for your generosity!

Regional Youth Ministry...



SERVICE

**DECEMBER
12-14, 2025**



LEARNING TRIP

(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

Another busy weekend...

Teddy Bear Story Hour...



Pacific House Update...

Our October meal was topped off with the help of the Sunday School children who decorated 72 cupcakes with enthusiasm and creativity.

Also helping were: Annette and Logan (Potato Team), Gordon, Marie, Barbara S (Meatloaf Team), and Diane (Veggies)

The meal was well received by the Pacific House clients (cheering was heard when the menu was announced). Our table servers, Bob and John, efficiently distributed the meals that were plated by Sylvie and Barbara. Second servings were requested, and there was enough food left for their 8:30 “snack time”.

Thank you for your continued interest and help with this ministry.



Around Town...

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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