



## Join us for Worship Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

October 9, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I'm writing as another hurricane, this one seemingly even larger and graver than Helene, approaches the coast of Florida.

Pat Knight was able to reach the Akels last night and can confirm that they are well away from any potential harm. We will keep reaching out to other beloved members and former members to check on them (and of course, please do pass along any contact you might make with them in the meantime).

But it is hard to watch and wait.

You may have seen the widely replayed clip of South Florida weatherman, John Morales, choking up on air as he described how quickly Hurricane Milton has gained strength. "I apologize," he finally said. "This is just horrific."

Maybe it's only such a reaction (from people who know what they're looking at far better than the rest of us do) that can truly underscore the seriousness of the situation to those intent on riding it out, as usual.

For many, all the Doppler radar images in the world can't communicate nearly as well as one momentary sob from a seasoned pro who is not especially prone to emotion, and certainly not on air.

If that's what breaks through the dangerous self-confidence and bravado of a last few stragglers, I'm all for it.

I'm also enough of a Yankee to know that dry eyes and a steady voice, even when under duress, should not be mistaken for a lack of strong feelings.

Most of the people I grew up with conveyed more through a quiet handshake than any well-intentioned bear-hugger could ever hope to show.

The display could be subtle, but much like the momentary emotion of John Morales the weatherman, what came through was the humanity.

And the humanity could bowl you over.

It could make you feel more seen than you knew what to make of.

Our current moment is a more vocal one, by and large. (I'll never concede that it is actually more expressive.)

But I know that, however we act out of the depth of feeling that we have for one another, we bring healing and repair. Whenever we show one another that we see each other, particularly in distress, we respond to storms of all kinds with calm and quiet light.

As our neighbors and friends in Florida wait with worry for the storm about to make landfall, may they feel the strength of our love and loyalty, knowing we will be there for them as God is forever with all his children.

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.



The damage assessment from Hurricanes Helene and Milton through Florida and of the mountain South is only just beginning, but it is already clear that many communities will be rebuilding for weeks or even longer.

The United Church of Christ has a long tradition of disaster relief and support.

In most instances, we arrive after the initial work of rescue and basic repair has concluded, and a community's focus turns to its future.

Accordingly, while other (excellent) organizations work to ure.

Accordingly, while other (excellent) organizations work to be "first on the scene," we are known for being one of the ***last to leave***.

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# 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.

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)

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## Join our Elementary & Youth Choirs!

*Rehearsals are each Wednesday*

Elementary Choir (Grade K-4)  
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Youth Choir (Grade 5 & Older)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Email Brigid for more information about our Choir Programs](#)

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# Join us for Chancel Choir this Fall

Our chancel choir will be gearing up soon for another season of singing during our 10:30 services. If you are considering joining us this year, please consider the following:

- You are not required to sing each month.
- We rehearse after the 10:30 service for 45 minutes.
- You don't have to sing like Pavarotti, just a desire to sing!
- Singing with the choir is a fun, social experience.
- You can try us out before you commit!
- No auditions, just show up and we'll sign you up!



## **October**

13 Choir Rehearsal  
20 Choir Rehearsal  
27 10:00 Rehearsal,  
10:30 Service

## **November**

10 Choir Rehearsal  
17 Choir Rehearsal  
24 10:00 Rehearsal,  
10:30 Thanksgiving Service

## **December**

8 Choir Rehearsal  
15 Choir Rehearsal  
22 Choir Rehearsal  
24 5:30 Rehearsal, 6:30  
Christmas Eve Service

Email: [Alexander@2cc.org](mailto:Alexander@2cc.org) for more information

## Regional Youth Ministry...



Click here to learn more  
about Regional Youth  
Ministry

## Mark your calendars...

# Fall back into Yoga with Miranda!



Friday Mornings  
October 18 - November 22  
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Miranda is a Kaia Yoga instructor. Her classes are fun, creative & designed to allow each of us to connect with our presence.



\$20 per class  
Drop-ins welcome  
Scholarships available  
For more information contact  
[Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

Second Congregational Church - 139 E. Putnam Avenue  
Enter the door closest to the Church Office

# Mom's Night In!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25  
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Decadent S'mores,  
Festive bites, and Fall  
Beverages.

Hosted by Karen Wieman and  
Jenny Byxbee

Comfy clothes and a lawn chair  
encouraged. RSVP to  
[Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for address.

Need a sitter? Feel free to let us  
know, we have some leads!



RSVP to Jenny for S'mores!

# HALLOWEEN HAUNT



Sunday October 27

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Second Congregational Church  
Mead Lawn next to Coffee for Good  
Music, Crafts, and Special Guests!



The GEMS "Spooky Ambulance" will be there too!



Costumes Encouraged  
For more information  
contact: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)



*We are hosting our Halloween Haunt on Sunday, October 27!  
Any and all candy donations to help make the day extra sweet for the children  
would be appreciated. In the chance there are leftovers, we will be sending out  
"Candy for the Troops" with the non-profit, Soldiers Angels. A collection bin will be  
left outside the nurse room starting Sunday, October 13.  
Thank you so very much for any donations you might be able to make!*

**Looking ahead to November...**

# We are all on God's Team!

*vacation bible school*

**Tuesday, November 5**

**School is OUT but VBS is ON!**

**9:00-11:30 a.m.**

**\$25 per Child**

**8:00-9:00 a.m. breakfast bunch option  
(scholarships available)**

Seek his will in all  
you do, and he will  
show you which  
path to take  
**Proverbs 3:6**



Use QR code to register



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VBS](#)

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**Sunday was busy, busy!**

Some of our 2CC Ladies took part in the walk for the YWCA on Sunday morning & more shenanigans during Childrens Chapel!



## Around Town...

**THE UNDIES PROJECT**  
PRESENTS  
**THE MAGIC OF GIVING**  
WITH

**GARY FERRAR**

**MC KIM BERNS**

**OCTOBER 19TH**  
7-10PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STAMFORD**  
1101 BEDFORD ST.  
STAMFORD, CT

FOR TICKETS  
[HTTPS://MAGICOFGIVING.GIVESMART.COM](https://magicofgiving.givesmart.com)

The Undies Project is thrilled to announce its upcoming fundraiser event, "The Magic of Giving," set to take place on Saturday, October 19th, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Fish Church, aka First Presbyterian Church, located at 1101 Bedford Street in Stamford.

This enchanting evening will feature the incredible talents of magician, mentalist and comedian Gary Ferrar, promising a night of awe-inspiring entertainment and wonder. Charismatic Kim Berns will be the emcee for the night. Guests will also enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts by renowned Aux Délices, ensuring a delightful culinary experience. Attendees will also enjoy complimentary beer & wine throughout the evening.

In addition to the mesmerizing magic and gourmet food, the event will include a silent auction with exciting items up for bid. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting our 55 partner agencies by providing them with new underwear for those in need, promoting dignity and self-esteem.

The Undies Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing new underwear to men, women, and children in need, improving their lives by providing a necessity that is overlooked.

[Click here for Magic of Giving Tickets](#)



**HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL  
30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

HEALING HEARTS GLOBALLY • OCTOBER 26, 2024 • 6:30PM  
RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB • RIVERSIDE, CT

[Click here to learn more about Heart Care International](#)

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Carve out a  
new tradition.

**Give Blood!**



**American  
Red Cross**



*There is a severe blood shortage in our  
community for all of us! Donate now!*

## **Interfaith Blood Drive**

*Sign Up for:*

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**8:00 am – 1:30 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](http://redcrossblood.org) Use Code FPCG  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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