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November 8, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Last Sunday, we talked about Thanksgiving as something of an unofficial season in the church year. Left unsaid was a recognition that one single day — or even a four day weekend — are not nearly long enough to mark the season.

Getting into a thankful frame of mind is an invitation to remember and to do, and it takes time. At least, it should.

As the church also begins its annual stewardship campaign in the next few days, I also hope it's clear how grateful we are for your engagement and participation in every aspect of our life together.

This last year has given us a lot to remember and to lift up with thanks — and has pointed toward a number of things we'd love to do (and hope to do!) in the year ahead.

I hope you feel the same way.

You'll be receiving a letter and a pledge card in the mail and hearing a bit more in church this Sunday, but I also wanted to let you know about three videos we've recorded to tell you more about what's happening in our own words.

The first two are conversations I had, the first with Alexander about Sunday Worship, and the second with Jenny about care and connection — particularly with children and families. The links to both videos are below.

The third video is a snapshot of our church finances with Steve Scroggins and Jon LaBerge, which we would be happy to make available if you're interested. Feel free to **email me** or **Gloria** for that.

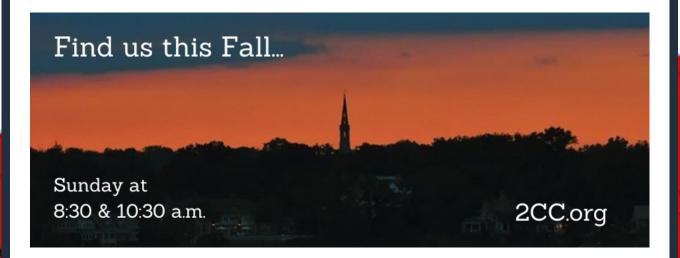
With that said, please always remember that your presence and involvement are the greatest gifts you can offer our community.

Seeing you there on Sunday, engaged in the work of prayer and praise, asking big questions, and finding ways to serve our neighbors are what define us as people who seek to follow Jesus. These contributions are beyond price and a source of great joy.

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I pray that all that God is doing in your life will comfort and sustain you, particularly as you prepare for the blessing and challenge of a new year.

Please know how thankful we are that you're part of our church.





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.

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is underway! Check out these informative videos from Max, Jenny and Alexander...





Click here to donate to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign



Be sure to let us know what you are bringing to our Friends-giving Brunch & Recipe Swap:

Friends-giving Brunch Meal Train & Recipe Swap

2CC will make copies of your recipe to hand out during coffee hour

Chancel Choir Fall Schedule

Rehearsals at 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel: November 12 December 10 & 17

Chancel Choir in Worship November 19 December 24

No previous experience is necessary.
Attend rehearsals/services when you are in town and able to join us.
All you need is a love for singing!
The choir is open to those who are high school age and older.

Email Alexander with any questions

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.

Click here to register for Children's Chapel



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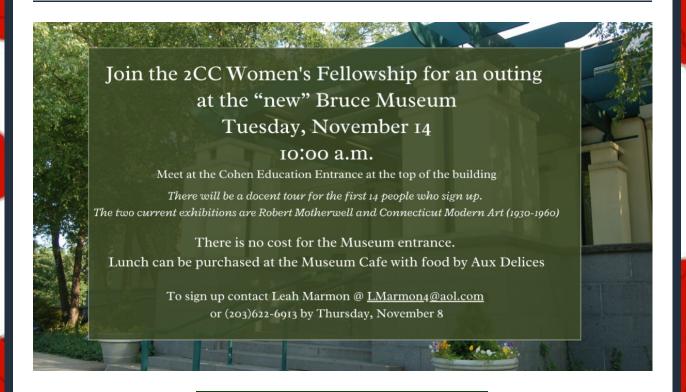
Email Khaleigh for more information

Check out upcoming events for Youth on our website

Mark your calendars...



Email Jenny for more information about Tai-Chi



Email Leah to save your spot!









Email Jenny for more information

Christmas is coming...



Click here to reserve a Gingerbread House

Click here to pay for your Gingerbread House



Christmas Eve Worship: Regular Worship at 10:30 a.m. Family at 3:30 p.m. (outdoor pageant with live animals) Festival at 6:30 p.m. Candlelight at 11:15 p.m.

Details at 2CC.org

Christmas Day: Worship at 10:30 a.m.











An Invitation from the Red Cross...

Please see below to participate in the upcoming *Greenwich Battle of the Badges!* This year is very special since we are honoring Chief Jim Heavey donating his **100th pint of blood** and dedicating **50 years** of volunteer service to the Red Cross! Truly amazing!! (Thank you, Chief! You're a rock star!)

Please see the attached flyer and mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **December 2nd** to give blood at this momentous event. Even if you're not able to donate blood that day, we would love to see all of you there to show your support. This is truly an event you won't want to miss!

There will also be a Greenwich Battle of the Badges Wrap Around where people can sign up to donate blood in honor of Chief Heavey if they're not able to attend or give blood on that day. Please see the link below.

Donate Blood with ARC | Red Cross Blood Services

We all know the importance of donating one pint of blood which can save up to three lives! With both of these drives taking place in honor of Chief Heavey, I also hope that you will share the attached flyers, and the above link with your friends, family, and colleagues. We would love to reach 100 pints of blood donations between the two drives! So please spread the word!

What a great way to honor Chief Heavey by helping to save lives!

Battle of the Badges

Donate Blood In Honor of
Chief Jim Heavey's 100th Blood Donation
& years of dedicated service to the
American Red Cross



Greenwich Police, Fire and EMS







11 Bruce Place Greenwich, CT 06830

Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:00 am to 1:45 pm

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



American Red Cross



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Help Save Lives with Police, Fire and EMS First Responders

Mark your calendar to help save lives with the American Red Cross! We are on a mission to help patients in need by hosting a BloodLink and your support is needed to make it a success! Join us at a local blood drive to support blood donations in our community and across the nation.

Hospital patients are counting on us!



Forward this email or share your BloodLink, encouraging your network to support your BloodLink.



Members of your network will schedule and complete a blood donation.



Peel great knowing that you, your friends, family and colleagues have helped patients in need.

Share your custom BloodLink in personalized social media posts, articles, newsletters and emails.

Your BloodLink: https://rcblood.org/3Qc4zGw

We hope to see you soon!

The American Red Cross

If you recently donated blood or have an appointment scheduled, thank you on behalf of the patients, whose lives you may have touched.

At age 15-17 depending on state, individuals in generally good health who meet weight and height requirements may become eligible to donate blood. Please review our <u>eligible to elected to not entered to prove the province of the province</u>

Blood drive totations and hours are subject to change. Visit <u>ResConsolitions and</u> or call \$ 400 RED GROSS (\$400-710-2767)

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