



March 27, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I don't know if you're aware of the Hallmark Channel, the people who make those Christmas movies where the tough-as-nails-executive-on-her-way-up gets dispatched to some small Vermont town in order to buy out the last local Christmas tree farm, only to fall in love with the farmer and his dog, ditch her stilettos, get a warm hat with a pom pom, save the tree farm, and live a small town life, instead.

Well, good news.

They've discovered Easter.

One of their new offerings is called "Easter Under Wraps" — and it's really pushing the envelope.

It's about a woman who goes undercover to figure out what's hurting sales at her family's chocolate conglomerate...only to fall in love with the Head Chocolatier of a smaller rival company.

You can look this up.

I don't know if I'll be getting to it this year, myself — if you do, I'd love a review. (And it's ok to like it. I bet I will when I see it.)

However, I will say that it misses something important about Easter, and by that, I don't just mean the whole part about Jesus and the resurrection. (Although I'm getting to that.)

More basically, it shoehorns Easter into yet another performance of the same old rom-com plot—it's just like Christmas, except it's spring, with the holidays providing a generic sort of setting rather than much by way of a theme.

In that, it misses just how ***disruptive*** the story of Easter is and always has been.

Easter is not just a happy ending — it's like a low-budget Halloween movie that suddenly becomes an epic...or even a musical.

It is puzzling and glorious and determined to show us the world in an entirely new light — the light of the one at its center — and also to invite us to join the story rather than just passively take it in.

There's nothing "same old" about it, or about any life that seeks to put Easter at the center.

It means that simple explanations and cozy plots will never quite do, anymore. Life is just too interesting and precious for shallow treatment — and so are our neighbors, our enemies, and while we're at it, Creation.

As we gather to tell the story once again, may it shake us up, shake us awake, and shake the foundations of a world so hungry for truth and so desperate for healing.

Happy Easter.

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.

Holy Week is here...

Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, March 28
Tenebrae Service
at 7:00 p.m.**

*Second Congregational Church
139 E. Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT*

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Holy Week Prayer Vigil Following the Maundy Thursday evening service. Our overnight prayer vigil will begin, and will continue until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29. A feature of Holy Week at 2CC for the last 22 years, the vigil offers a powerful experience for private prayer in the Sanctuary, which is illuminated by a single light, focused from the base of the cross. Some come with a plan for their prayers, some read Scripture or find other devotional reading and go where it takes them, and some simply sit and “listen for God” in the silence. Most find that the hour passes quickly, and that Easter is more powerful as a result. Join us!

Please email Pam@2cc.org for any remaining spots available.



Good Friday

Friday, March 29
7:30 p.m.

Combined Worship at First
Congregational Church in
Old Greenwich

2CC.org for more information



He will Rise!

Easter Morning:

Sunrise Service: 6:39

Festival Service: 10:30

 SECOND
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CHURCH OF GREENWICH

139 E. Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT

Join us in Children's Chapel
Easter Sunday: March 31st



We will have special guest
baby animals from the
Stamford Nature Center
during Children's Chapel

Meet the Easter Bunny on
the lawn at 12:00 p.m. for
our epic egg hunt!

BYOB
(Bring your own Basket)

Email: jenny@2cc.org for more information

[Click here to Register for Children's
Chapel](#)

[Email Jenny about Easter Sunday](#)

*Donations of plastic eggs and candy for our Easter Egg Hunt are welcome!
Please leave donations in the hallway outside the nursery.*

Mark your calendars...

**Good Friday VBS is full...
please email jenny@2cc.org to get on the waitlist.**



Teddy Bear Story Hour

ROLL OUT OF BED AND JOIN US IN YOUR PJ'S

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 8:00 A.M.



Coffee for Good

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

COFFEE & CONNECTION

Saturday, March 30

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Join us in the chapel.

All hands on deck to sip coffee and stuff 3000 eggs!

Donations of plastic eggs & candy are welcome.

Email Jenny@2cc.org to RSVP



Email Jenny to RSVP for Coffee & Connection

Winter-Spring Yoga continues through April 1

Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel

Cost is \$20/class

Email Jenny with questions about Yoga

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL TOUR TUESDAY, APRIL 9

All interested, take the 9:35 a.m. train from Greenwich to arrive at Grand Central at 10:29 a.m. Our tour will be from 11:00-12:30 and it begins in the main concourse where we will meet our guide.

For those interested in lunch, we will dine at the OysterBar in Grand Central.

Please sign up at the Church office and prepay the tour admission of:

Adult \$35 and Senior \$32.

Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship.

Sign up by April 3

You will be responsible for your transportation and lunch.

Questions: Suzy Starr (203) 400-4024

Three Cheers for our Pacific House Volunteers!

A hearty, home-cooked meal was prepared on Sunday by Barbara Swartz, Annette Grieco, Brenda Felletter and Linda Hartig. Barbara and Linda are seen below conferring over the dessert recipe. Brenda handling the "cauldron of potatoes".

Missing from photo is Annette, who was at the kitchen sink washing dishes.



Below: Bob Willett, Mark Dewing-Hommes and Rob Carr (*missing from photo is Carol Lantanza*).

The meal service was quick and efficient thanks to the teamwork of kitchen crew of Carol and Mark. Meal servers were Bob Willett and Rob Carr. Here are some highlights from Monday night's meal service:

- Rob overheard one of the diners say: "I love these guys!"
- Eartley appeared and began to serenade Carol and Barbara Z at the serving station.
- Barbara S received a message from David—he sends his love and said that the meatloaf was "exquisite".

Good food, good service and God's work was done on Monday night.



The kids had a happy Palm Sunday in Children's Chapel...



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