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

April 17, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Best wishes to all those Greenwich families on Spring Break this week!

Some are off on wonderful family adventures, while others are staying close to home.

Truth be told, my own family never did much during my Spring Break — it was sort of "one vacation too many" for my parents to work with, especially since they both had careers.

It was a rare year when either got to use all their allotted vacation time, and if they were going to burn some, then by George, it would be Christmas. Every few years, we went somewhere warm for a few days.

For them, the summer visit at my grandmother's was more a matter of filial duty than a chance to relax, since that visit usually meant a week of fixing stuff around her house, washing the living room curtains, and any other tasks she'd been filing away since Easter.

(You can see why they left so much time on the table.)

But as The Kid, and with no place else to be, that usually meant that Spring Break was more about the chance to stay up late or, during the day, to wander up to Brooklyn Heights Cinema and see the matinee with someone else stuck in town.

I can vouch that the original screen version of "Death on the Nile" did not warrant repeat viewing...but view it repeatedly I did, just the same.

I can further vouch that the Academy Awards were about movies I'd never heard of ("What's 'Reds' about?") starring actors who looked like my grandmother's friends ("David Niven?! *Who's he?*), but watch the show to the bitter end I did.

And yet, I actually remember those vacations quite fondly. It was just so nice not to be rushing somewhere — to be unstructured, with the days and the evenings belonging to me. That was a wonderful gift for a child — in a funny way, a rehearsal of adulthood, but without the endless tethers an adult needs to secure our particular version of freedom.

It was a little closer to sabbath than many of my later vacations were able to reach.

So—blessings to all enjoying a break this week.

May we all find our way to Sabbath rest.

See you in church,



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.

#### 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

#### Mark your calendars...



## 2CC Out to Lunch Bunch Wednesday, April 24 12:00 p.m.

#### Villa Italia Restaurant & Bar

26 Mill River Street in Stamford (Next to the Hampton Inn)

There will be separate checks. Free parking in the lot as you pull into the circle or across the street on Mill River.

Please RSVP to Leah Marmon by March 19:

Lmarmon4@aol.com or (203) 622-6913

**Email Leah to RSVP for Lunch** 

# Spring Yoga with Jill Ernst

Second Congregational Church

Friday mornings:

April 26-May 17

9:15-10:00 a.m.

All ages & stages are welcome!

6 weeks for \$60 or drop in fee of \$20 per class

Scholarships available and childcare upon request





Email Jenny@2cc.org for more information

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, MAY 25 & JUNE 22

AT 8:00 A.M.



Coffee for Good 48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

# Coffee & Connection

Saturday, April 27 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Women of all ages and stages please join Chaplains Kate Noonan and Jenny Byxbee for a morning of TLC, centering techniques, and thoughtful conversation inspired by scripture and rooted in love.



For more information or to rsvp: Jenny@2cc.org.

Childcare available upon advanced request.

#### Looking ahead to May...



Click here to register for Music Together



## 2CC Ladies Night...

## Wine, Spirits & Cheese

Join us for some wine, spirits, cheese, and a chance to spend time together!

Thursday May 23 6:30-8:00 p.m.

A beverage or appetizer to share is welcomed!

Hosted by Karen Wieman and Lisa Wilson

Please RSVP to Jenny@2CC.org
by May 21 for location of event

**Email Jenny to RSVP for Ladies Night** 

#### **April Ladies Night...**

A big thank you to Jennifer and Krista, our co-hosts for Ladies Night last week! Save the date, May 23, when 2CC Ladies Night returns, co-hosted by Lisa Wilson and Karen Wieman. Details coming soon!



#### **Looking Ahead to June...**

2CC is partnering with GEMS for a babysitting course on June 1, just in time for summer!





Register for Babysitting Class

**Around Town...** 



#### Join us! Stand Against Racism

eliminating racism empowering women **ywca** 

Friday, April 26, 2024 | 12:00–1:00 pm Greenwich Town Hall

> Join friends, family and neighbors in taking a stand against all forms of racism in Greenwich The event is free and open to everyone!

> > 'Building Bridges Toward Equity'

#### Remarks by:

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- YWCA Greenwich President and CEO, Mary Lee Kiernan
- Director of the Center for Equity & Justice Program at YWCA Greenwich, Simone Quartey
- Jane Bagley Lehman Director of the Center for Public Purpose at Greenwich Academy, Connie Blunden
- Presentation of the Gender and Racial Justice Scholarships with School Superintendent, Dr. E. Ann Carabillo

Register at www.ywcagreenwich.org/standagainstracism

For more information, contact Rennie Peterkin at 203-869-6501, ext 106





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