



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

May 14, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

At this year's Women's Fellowship May Luncheon, Jenny Byxbee came early and then had to leave for a meeting; I had a long meeting that stretched well past noon and got there late; the upshot was that we each attended and each worried that, somehow, the other had forgotten the right date.

The good news is that each of us enjoyed our time immensely, as always.

Many thanks to Kathy Singleton and Christine Sun as they conclude their service as co-Presidents, and warm congratulations to Suzy Starr, whose service as President of Women's Fellowship now begins.

Once a central part of almost every American church, organizations of church women (often known as Women's Fellowship, Women's Auxiliary, Women's Committee, or even the Mary and Martha Society) flourished for a century or more in a world where the church "fathers" served on its formal Council or Vestry (worrying about buildings and money) and church "mothers" did much of the ministry and program (i.e., everything else).

As that particular division of labor has faded (for all the right reasons), many churches have decided to conclude the ministries their sub-organizations of and for church women.

I get it, and yet it's a shame.

Of course, I'm delighted that fiduciary expertise has broadened, as has interest in ministry and programs, such that these are not as gendered as they once were.

But working together closely for years and becoming a part of one another's lives, meeting by meeting, event by event, shift by shift, is a beautiful way to develop Christian friendship, and the power of such friendships really shines through whenever our own Women's Fellowship meets, as I'm proud to say it still does.

It's funny to suggest it, but sometimes I wonder if we really know how to be good friends, anymore — by which I mean, how to share lives and enter relationships that go deeper than just having fun with someone else for

however long they're close by and provided it's still easy to make plans.

The real power of a friendship is over the long haul, which is the only way to cultivate relationships that can be both warm-hearted and clear-eyed, and yet without some of the particular baggage of family and romantic attachments.

Friendships like that flourished at churches for so long, and were fundamental to the fabric of what it meant to be part of a community, and to work together in the cause of love of neighbor.

Because of those bonds, it made sense that the ladies who greeted newcomers, remembered birthdays, and dressed the church for Christmas (among much else) were of course the ones who quietly slipped out to host the reception for your mother's memorial service or remembered her birthday years later and called to check on you.

I hate to imagine losing the art of such friendship and the many gifts it offered everyone.

We are blessed to have it here at 2CC.

As a new Women's Fellowship board begins its service, we already have a lot to thank them for.

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.

Children's Chapel at 2CC

Infant and toddler nursery care is open 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are also welcome with their parents in the sanctuary. 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. in the Sanctuary. Those who wish, may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m. For more information, please contact Jenny@2cc.org. Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)

A Note from the Church Office...



On Tent Sunday, we will recognize graduates from all high schools, colleges and universities, as well as professional schools, diplomas, bachelors, masters, doctorates and certificates of course completion. We want to recognize and thank God for those who have put the effort into their education. Please email Pam@2cc.org with the name of the graduate and with the information concerning any future educational or professional plans that graduate might have, no later than Wednesday, June 4.

Mark your calendars...

Get ready to refresh your wardrobe at our Sip & Swap on May 16!

Bring your gently used clothing, from infant sizes all the way up to adult wear, and discover some new-to-you treasures. It's a fantastic way to declutter and find some stylish additions without spending a dime! We do ask that the clothes be in good condition, give as you would want to receive.

What doesn't find a new home during the swap will be thoughtfully donated to the Sharing Shelf in Port Chester, ensuring your contributions continue to do good in our community.

All are welcome to join in the fun! Lite bites and bubbly will be provided. To get the location, RSVP to Jenny@2cc.org and for her to get a head count for sipping...

We can't wait to see you there!

[Click here to signup to bring something for Sip & Swap](#)

Tent Weekend will be here soon!

Join us for a Night
under the Tent!

Friday, June 6

Featuring food
from the
New Haven Pizza
Truck

Special Guest, Mr. Bungles & bounce
houses for the kids!

All are welcome, invite a friend!

Event is free - but donations
greatly appreciated...

Details at 2CC.org

Beer & Wine
starting at
5:00 p.m.

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

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Tent Sunday

June 8

**Worship at 10:30 a.m.
featuring a Jazz Band.**

All-Church BBQ immediately
following while the band plays on...

Bounce Houses for the kids &
Ice Cream treats for all!

Details at 2CC.org



Sunday Potluck BBQ: please bring a salad or side dish for 6-8 people that does not need reheating in a disposable dish/pan (aluminum, etc.) and, if possible, plastic serving utensils.

The 2CC ice cream cart will also be there, so we request that you do not bring a dessert.

Around Town...

Come Join Us!



Town of Greenwich Proclamation
Monday, May 19, 2025
3:00PM - 3:30PM

Greenwich Town Hall
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06830



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