



Join us for Worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

June 20 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I hope you are finding good ways to beat the heat!

With the longest day of the year coming tomorrow, the days are — by astronomical definition — full of light. (I guess the heat is a freebie.)

As you lean into the season, I hope you feel your own inner light shining brightly.

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 this summer...

Now through August 25, children are encouraged to meet in the nursery from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for a very special summer worship experience for infants to school age children entering grade 5. This is in alignment with our Summer worship schedule.

Children's Chapel this summer will include worshipping outside, special guests, crafts, games, scripture lessons, prayer, and worship services designed with young hearts and wiggly bodies in mind.

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](#)



During the summer, Neighbor to Neighbor provides weekly additional food supplies to families with school-aged children who would otherwise rely on the free and reduced lunch program at school.

Please consider donating to their Summer Supplement food drive. Every donation directly supports families in need.

Starting June 23rd, a collection bin will be placed outside the 2CC nursery room door. Most needed items include canned meat, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and shelf-stable milk.

Mark Your Calendars...



COPING WITH CHANGE

Saturday, June 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Waterman Chapel at Second Congregational Church

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Saturday Morning Seminar entitled, "Coping with Change." Designed and moderated by the Rev. Dr. Lynne Kramer, the three-hour workshop will examine the challenges posed by change — physical, emotional, familial, occupational, financial and societal — and the many ways that faith enables us to reimagine and rebuild our lives.

This seminar is open to men and women of all ages. Join us!

Childcare available - Email: Pam@2cc.org to RSVP

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2CC LADIES NIGHT
**SUMMER
SOIRÉE**

WINE, CHEESE, AND SUMMER CHEER

19 July | 6:00-7:30 pm

Lite bites or sweet treats welcome

Hosted by
Kathy Singleton

RSVP to Jenny@2cc.org for address

Email Jenny to RSVP

Mission Trip Recap


Mission Trip: June 7th-9th, 2024

Khaleigh Laicher

In December 2023, our youth expressed a desire to “go on a short mission trip learning about urban poverty” (in slightly different words). I immediately recalled an organization I had heard of: Incredible Days. Incredible Days is a UCC mission organization that arranges mission trips to greater New England. They arrange where a group stays, volunteers, the curriculum, and all meals.

For this trip, we visited Providence, Rhode Island! On Friday, we all met at 2CC to load up our stuff in the maroon church van! Before getting on the road, we joined Tent Weekend to eat pizza and watch the talent show with everyone. After a 2½ hour drive, lots of fidget toys, a pile of candy, and glow sticks — an already bonded group arrived at the Iron’s Homestead in Scituate, RI. Seven students representing the First & Second Congregational Churches of Greenwich from 6th-9th grade participated.

That first night, we established our group covenant and played Apples To Apples before getting a good night’s rest. We had breakfast at the Homestead Saturday morning and




packed our lunches to take to Providence. We first met at Mathewson United Methodist Church, where we met Pastor Kevin. He gave us a tour of his church and the facilities they transformed in their traditional building. Their fellowship hall is now a day center for homeless individuals to find shelter. In their basement, they host a free clothing closet where our youth sorted and discarded unusable clothing so that anyone in need can come and shop — with dignity. Other youth served meals and hand-packed lunches to later be handed out. As a group, we set up the fellowship hall for a ‘Friendship Breakfast’ where they serve over 300+ hot meals on a Saturday morning. We then had a quick game of Ninja to wind down before going into Kennedy Plaza with the 120 lunches we packed.

We walked a few blocks to the local bus stop to hand out sandwiches, fruit, and other lunch goodies. I was in awe of our youth and their confidence in approaching strangers and simply asking if they would like lunch to eat. We then returned to Mathewson Street to debrief with Pastor Kevin before heading out to eat our own lunch. We went to the other side of town to eat at the downtown Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. With our bagged lunch and a view of the state capitol building, we got ready for our next endeavor! We met Catherine and Pastor Linda inside the Diocese’s building, who told us about Church Beyond Walls. CBW is a worshipping congregation and a high-hands-on church community for those in need. We packed a number of snack bags to bring to the worship service and walked the wagon across town with our Incredible Day’s guide, Jesse. We attended and participated in the service and then actually served people!

One particularly meaningful aspect of this ministry is that the communion table was stripped of its tablecloth and became the table from which a free hot lunch was provided. The youth served Indian food, hot coffee, lemonade, and gave out the snack bags they had built. After all were served, we gathered again with Pastor Linda at the Diocesan headquarters. We shared about our experiences with those and prayed for those we met. After a long and full day, we all returned to Iron’s Homestead. Feeling particularly blessed, we ate a big dinner and had a lovely campfire. We discussed our day, trip, and takeaway (we also made some delicious s’mores!).

Sunday morning, we woke up to a special breakfast and had some free time to explore the Homestead. We played more card games and laughed till our sides hurt. We also completed another similar set of ‘comfort care bags’ (with handwritten notes) to be handed out by the next Incredible Day’s mission group. What a full-circle moment of ministry with our wider Church! We then cleaned our spaces, packed the van, and had our closing worship circle. What started as a joke turned into a group the ‘creation of holy water’ with the blessing of “Who did?” “GOD DID!”. Oh, the beautiful things that happen when serving alongside our youth in ministry. These youth are wise beyond their year and are so incredibly funny. They simply want to be kids, are curious about their wider world, and know how privileged they are. We are in good hands with them on the front lines of how we understand living out our faith.







Teddy Bear Story Hour is taking the rest of the summer off but keep posted for new dates in the fall!

Around Town...

YOUNG WOMEN'S INITIATIVE (YW-I)



ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP

- Join us and be part of a diverse and inclusive community committed to making a difference!
- Engaging sessions on advocacy, self-esteem, legislative advocacy, and leveraging your voice
- Interactive breakout sessions and networking opportunities

**SAT, AUGUST 10,
2024**

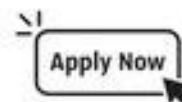
10AM-4PM

**YWCA Greenwich
259 E. Putnam Ave, Greenwich
06830**

FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Executive Director, The Campaign School at Yale, Patti Russo
- Vice President of Government & Public Relations at CCADV, Liza Andrews
- Community Partnership Liaison for the State of Connecticut's Paid Family, Nicole Sanclemente
- Women elected officials and more!

**Deadline
July 20th, 2024**



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- You must be between ages 16 and 20.
- We welcome people who identify as women and are passionate about civic engagement and equity.
- We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and we strongly encourage young women of color to apply

**Each participant selected to attend the workshop will receive an award of \$150
Lunch & Refreshments will be provided**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ☎ +203 - 869 - 6501 X 104 🌐 WWW.YWCAGREENWICH.ORG

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