



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

June 4, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Friday night and again on Sunday morning under the tent!

We also hope you'll consider bringing either a side dish (A-G) or a salad (H-Zappavigna) to share for the picnic after church — if you do, please bring it in a disposable container and with serving utensils you are willing to leave behind. (The sides are often the best part of the picnic, so please do help with the fun by contributing a dish!)

In Liz's family, there is a wonderful tradition of annotating recipes with the date and occasion for which they were made.

This means that their cookbooks and notebooks and the odd little shoebox thing I've never understood are, to the initiated, not only "idea files" for dishes of one kind or another; even more importantly, they are the bearers of memory and family history.

There's the Easter lamb recipe we made in 2012 — and 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 — ok, yes, we've made it every Easter since then...and yet, each year is dutifully included in the roll call, as it should be.

Last month, we had a dinner that, it turns out, was what we'd made to celebrate Grace's first birthday (which is also the one when the smeared frosting on the birthday cake made it look like the face of angry clown. This scared her and made her cry. For what it's worth, we all decided we were on her side.)

When later generations look back at these recipes and the holidays and birthdays they celebrated, will they look at each other and say, "I wonder what 'Tent Weekend' was...?"

I hope they'll know for themselves.

But even more than that, whether by Tent Weekends or other events, I hope that the world will have found its way back to the small gestures of neighborliness and a common life, practiced in gatherings like ours, which it seems like we're too scattered and over-committed to hold in the way we once did.

Did we “hold” them, or is it more accurate to say that, really, they held us? Held us a little closer together, I mean.

I believe they did just that.

One of the great revelations of my life was realizing that the very things that make some people think of church as corny and passe are often the most counter-cultural and potentially revolutionary of our practices — the ways in which we slow down in the face of a world so intent on speeding up, or gather with strangers when the world would have us isolate and stick (distantly) with our own kind.

Along those lines, food can be “fuel for the body,” perfectly fine to grab and eat in the car on the way to flag football or a meeting, but it can also be an expression of love, a meal with a story, a way of sharing.

Letting it be those things is a choice. Those choices come to be a life. Those lives come to be a world.

More and more, I realize that this is the world I dream of and pray for.

So, this weekend offers us the chance to practice world-making, dish by dish, and side by side.

I hope to see you there.

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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.

Congratulations to Karen and Greg Wieman on the birth of their daughter, Vivian. Vivian is the sister of big brother Conrad James “CJ”.



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.

Tent Weekend is here!

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



Email khaleigh@2cc.org for more information about Regional Youth Ministry event on Saturday night

Second Congregational
Church of Greenwich

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 (side dish A-G or a salad H-Z)
for 6-8 people that does not need reheating in a disposable dish/pan 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.

Retirement Announcement...



Our beloved teddy bear, “prayer-bear” a steadfast friend who has shared in countless joys and concerns, offered endless hugs, and even bravely served as a launching pad for imaginative adventures, has requested a well-deserved retirement. Although it is hard to imagine our nursery room without our original prayer bear, after much thought and prayer, it has become clear that our furry companion is in need of some gentle stitches and respite.

Prayer bear has agreed to stay on during the transition and training of a new prayer bear. With that, our children have requested search and call process for a new, large, and extra cozy bear to keep them company during our chapel time. Bear’s colleague Jenny has also put in a special request for durability, ensuring our new friend can withstand all the love and enthusiasm our little ones have to offer.

To help us with our search for a new cuddly companion, we are inviting you to contribute to the “Prayer Bear Fund” during tent weekend. Donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted and will enter you into a raffle to win one of Alli Hawes’ famous pies.

Another busy weekend at 2CC...



Around Town...

All are invited to the Greenwich Reform Synagogue for a free performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a one-act play adapted by Wendy Kesselman, presented by the Broken Glass Theatre



Broken Glass Theater Company Presents:
The Diary of Anne Frank
The One-Act Version adapted by Wendy Kesselman



Free admission.
Donations are appreciated!

Greenwich Reform Synagogue: 92 Orchard Street, Cos Cob, CT
Saturday, June 14th at 7:00 P.M.
Reception to follow

Company, on Saturday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated!

[Click here to RSVP for Anne Frank Event](#)

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