



Join us for Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.

June 5, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

What I remember so fondly about summer from when I was younger was how I got to be in charge of my time.

Even when I was young, I preferred doing my own thing, and my parents, who trusted me, were largely content to let me do it, as long as it didn't involve sitting in front of the television during the daytime.

(That particular "thou shalt not" was the eleventh commandment as far as they were concerned.)

But relatively free as I was during all twelve months of the year, there was something special about June, July, and August.

I did a lot more reading and a lot less math.

Best of all, at my grandmother's house, I could pretty much come and go as I pleased.

There was no homework to report to in the morning, and when you got home, there were neither tests to study for nor projects coming due.

For years, during the first two weeks of summer vacation, I was still mentally back in school, and I would half wake up each morning with my brain already going about what I had on my plate for the next few days.

Is this a quiz week or an essay week for history? When is the thing on the anatomy of teeth? What was the *passé simple* again?

Then I'd wake up, and for a moment I wouldn't know where I was...until I suddenly remembered that it was summer.

Who knew what might happen that day?

Whatever that turned out to be, at bedtime, it never felt like the day had been wasted.

As we get older, we begin to forget just how magical it is to go where you want when you want.

We know the burden of structuring our own time, and even long for the days when someone took it upon themselves to order us around, telling us what to do next and checking to make sure we'd written it down.

God bless the people who trouble themselves with developing good habits in us.

And...God bless the time and space to take those habits off road for a while, and to understand their place in a larger frame, where everything isn't school.

What a blessing to go to bed, feeling like the day had not been wasted.

Mark Twain once said, "I never let schooling get in the way of my education," and we know what he meant.

Summer offered a solid curriculum for that.

As it arrives again, I hope I can still make the most of its many possibilities, and I hope you do, too.

May its graces and lessons bring us wisdom, joy, and visions of God's tremendous love.

See you under the Tent this weekend!

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.

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 5.

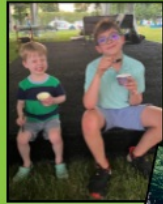
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TENT WEEKEND 2024

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich



Friday, June 7:
Food & Fellowship
5:30 p.m.
Pizza, Bounce house
& Mad Science Show!



Details at
2cc.org

Sunday, June 9:
Worship & BBQ
10:30 a.m.



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.



Teddy Bear Story Hour

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

AT 8:00 A.M.



Coffee for Good

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Another Great weekend at 2CC!

The GEMS Babysitting class was full capacity & everyone had a wonderful time during Children's Chapel outside on Sunday...



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Greenwich Interfaith Blood Drive

Saturday, June 15, 2024

8:00 am – 1:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church
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