



July 26, 2023

Dear Friends of Second Church,

The repaving of Putnam Avenue is getting me down.

At first, it was ok. Mostly because I never go anywhere.

Then, for awhile it was sort of fun — you could sing “Tiptoe Through the Tulips” as you adjusted and zipped your way around the now-raised manhole covers, or the occasional random drain thing.

But it’s dragged on now.

And now, on top of the manhole cover or the random drain, there's “the doubler,” when the manhole cover and the drain thing are in close enough proximity that you can’t drive between them and have to swerve defensively into oncoming traffic.

That’s dangerous enough.

But if I don’t manage it and try to plow ahead, I have this image of myself sitting there on the ground like in a cartoon, still in my seat, with the steering wheel still in my hand and the whole bottom of my car twenty feet ahead of me.

Someone would honk.

The prospect of all that is not a great way to get me out and exploring the world these days, which is too bad, because that’s what summer is for.

The difference between appropriate caution and irrational worry may be thin at times.

When we’re not sure of which side of the line we’re on, I hope we remember that joy and delight are well worth fighting for, and all the more so when the fight is an internal one, as it so often is.

Don’t cheat yourself of summer.

Learn to navigate the roads.

And let them take you somewhere wonderful.

See you in church,

Max



Worship with us this Summer!

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Service will be available via Livestream

Sermons are always
available online:
[2CCSermons](#)

If you can't make it in person, join us
via [Livestream for our 9:30 a.m.](#)
Sunday service.

Church office summer hours:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Summer Children's Chapel and Nursery Care

Children's Chapel and Nursery Care aligns with our summer worship schedule
Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Children of all ages welcome to attend service for a multi-generational experience in
the Chapel, or to come by the nursery room for some Godly Play!
Children encouraged to come dressed to play and explore the outdoors!

Registration not required but helpful for us to best know and love your child.

[Click here to register for Children's Chapel this
Sunday](#)

Mark your calendars...



Roll out of bed and join us in your PJs for

**TEDDY BEAR STORY HOUR
WITH JENNY**

— *at* —

COFFEE FOR GOOD



Saturdays • July 29, August 26 & September 30

8 to 9 am

48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

**Email Jenny for more
information**

END OF SUMMER GIRLS CIRCLE

2CC in partnership with YWCA Greenwich



*"Girls Circle camp is a place to be yourself and learn about becoming the best girl you can be."
- 2019 Camper*


AUG 28 & 29

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- \$100 registration fee
- Early drop-off and lunch bunch available upon request
- Financial Aid is available for all qualifying applicants

For girls entering grades 6, 7 or 8 in Fall 2023

A two day program where new friendships grow. Girls learn & build self-esteem through games, crafts, workshops with local artists, writers, role models and fun!

 SECOND
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH
139 E. Putnam Avenue

[Details at 2CC.org](https://www.2cc.org)

[Click here to register for Girls Circle](#)

[Email Jenny](#)

Around Town...



GREENWICH LAND TRUST

Field Trip anyone?

Our Minister of Care and Connection, Jenny Byxbee, invites you on a field trip to the Greenwich Land Trust on Thursday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This self-guided tour gives you access to some amazing vegetable and kitchen gardens in Greenwich thanks to a collaboration between [Greenwich Land Trust](#) and [Greenwich Community Gardens](#). Come along for a fantastic day of inspiration-inspiring strolls among abounding veggie gardens!

Can't make it? Contact Jenny@2cc.org for more mixing and mingling opportunities this summer.

**Get your tickets
here**



Save The Date!

Join us Saturday, July 29th, 2023 for the **34th Annual Greenwich Point One Mile Swim!**

WHEN: July 29th at 7:30AM
WHERE: Tod's Point, Greenwich

Proceeds from the event will go toward the YMCA of Greenwich's Swim School Scholarships, helping to provide swim school instruction and critical water safety skills to local children.

- \$50.00 Sign-Up Fee before July 7th
- \$60.00 Sign-Up Fee July 7th-July 29th
- \$20.00 Entry Fee for participants 13-17 years of age
- Deck entries will be accepted until 7:15AM

Commemorative T-Shirts for all participants!

Awards and refreshments will follow the event.

REGISTER TODAY!

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