



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

July 31, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

We're packing a car for a quick few days out of town, and the packing feels like a summer ritual all by itself.

We've long been out of the years when we had to schlep a playpen everywhere... and the daughter who did not care if we packed her clothes (but wanted a trunk-full of stuffed animals because she couldn't bear thinking that the ones left behind would feel bad) will now willingly take clothes with her, and even pack them, herself. We don't pack bikes, anymore — last summer, we figured we could rent them, then didn't...and now I bet we won't even bother with the question. We will pack cards rather than board games, even though last year, an unexpected drop in by a relative brought us dangerously close to a lesson in how to play bridge (I nearly feigned a nosebleed).

Just in case, we will pack every phone charger we have in the house, even the ones from phones long deactivated and perpetually lying in state on the top of the dresser, like Lenin used to lie in state at the Kremlin.

By the power of all that is holy, I will remember to pack my own pillows.

And we will pack sunscreen. All of it. In fact, all the sunscreen in the entire world. It's coming with us to New Jersey if you're looking for some.

Such is this particular task of summer.

I don't usually think of it as a part of our year as a family, and certainly wouldn't say that it rises to the level of trick or treating on Maher Avenue, getting the Christmas tree on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, New Years' Eve dinner with our dear friends, or Easter dinner at 1 p.m.

And yet, it has found a place in our family's busy schedules, and, oddly enough, in my heart.

However it is you find things to be thankful for and ways to capture the passing of time, may it be a blessing and offer you an affirmation of life.

Do visit us in New Jersey if you need some sunscreen.

See you in...a week,

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 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](mailto: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.

A collection bin is 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...**

# 2CC Ladies Night Summer Soirée

Friday, August 16

6:00- 7:30 p.m.

*Hosted by Brenda Felletter*

*Feel free to bring a book to swap or a bite to share*

*RSVP to [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for address*



**RSVP for Ladies Night**

## Around Town...

### **Running Start Program at the YMCA**

*Helping Local Children Start The School Year With Confidence*

Running Start is a program aimed at providing local school children with the opportunity to go **back-to-school clothes shopping**, empowering them to the start the new school year with confidence. This program is directly aligned with our commitment to nurture the potential of every child and teen.

As a volunteer, you will serve as “personal shopping assistants” for the program participants. It would be great to have members of the our local non-profits and community agencies participate; It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with families in a fun way to build and deepen connections.

Volunteering to help bring a local child back to school shopping is one of the best ways you can support our Running Start program. By volunteering your time, you can be an essential part of this transformative experience and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Click here to learn more or volunteer for Running Start  
2024



*River House Presents*

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Free Entry



**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM  
THE MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM**

AUGUST 30TH 2024  
125 River Road Extension Cos Cob CT 06807

Please join us for a free indoor family  
viewing of Wonka.  
Email : [info@theriverhouse.org](mailto:info@theriverhouse.org) to register.

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