



## Worship with us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

July 9, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I hope this newsletter finds you just back from a lovely day at the beach, or in the garden, or just off the tennis court — wherever it is you make the most of your summer days.

For me, the real magic has always been in the summer evening, zipping past houses on my bike and seeing the t.v. inside throwing shadows on the wall, venturing out for ice cream at the DQ, going for a quick dip before bed.

The early morning is pretty good, too, getting the dogs outside before the pavement becomes a furnace and having the streets to ourselves.

There is a particular kind of peace in summer darkness that I have always loved.

It's funny that life seems to teach us to long for the summer rather than for the peace, but there you have it.

Meanwhile, the church remains active and joyful, with much going on worth celebrating.

Khaleigh departs for the UCC General Synod in Kansas City tomorrow, an event that is always a festive (if restless) family reunion. As someone who genuinely likes speeches, even I can get “speeched out” at Synod after a while, which tells you something. Fortunately, they make sure that the vendor area with the enormous UCC bookstore is just steps away from the main ballroom. It's a wonder I have any money at all.

But there again, the magic is in the evenings, when the pace slows down, and there's less business to attend to and more time to catch up.

At one Synod, in Baltimore, I even managed to work in a visit to the Aquarium 45 minutes before closing on its one open weeknight, and it was just me and the enormous tanks, holding examples of remarkable beauty few would ever get to see, otherwise.

And again: it was so remarkably peaceful.

May these days — or nights — offer you a sense of Creation's beauty and God's peace, here, there, and everywhere.

Traveling mercies for Khaleigh, and see you in church,

Max

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.

## Children's Chapel Update...

Starting Sunday, June 15 to Labor Day weekend, all 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 boundless energy in mind.

For more information please feel free to contact me anytime at [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

## Mark your calendars...

2CC Ladies Summer Book Swap  
at Coffee For Good  
Monday, July 14  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Catch up with friends  
(or make new ones) in a relaxed  
and friendly atmosphere. Bring a  
gently used book (or a few) that  
you are ready to part with and  
swap it for something  
new to you.

More Info: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

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## Pacific House Update...

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Due to the **hot, hot** weather, we changed to a lighter menu. We served BBQ oven chicken, potato salad with green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and brownies for dessert.

Kudos to Paula and Annette who braved the hot church kitchen to cook 110 pieces of chicken and boil 21 lbs. of potatoes. Our desserts were supplied by Liz Perry, Gail Covney and Lisa Wilson. The clients loved getting a cookie plus a brownie—so we'll try to continue that dessert combination.

Our Monday serving team was Bob (also faithful van driver), John, Mary Alice, Diane and our newcomer, Michael, who enjoyed his first experience.

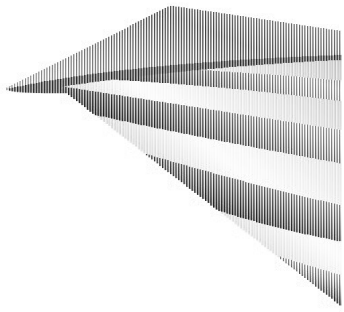
Thank you for your interest and work in this ministry of food, care and concern for the homeless.

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## Fun on Sunday...

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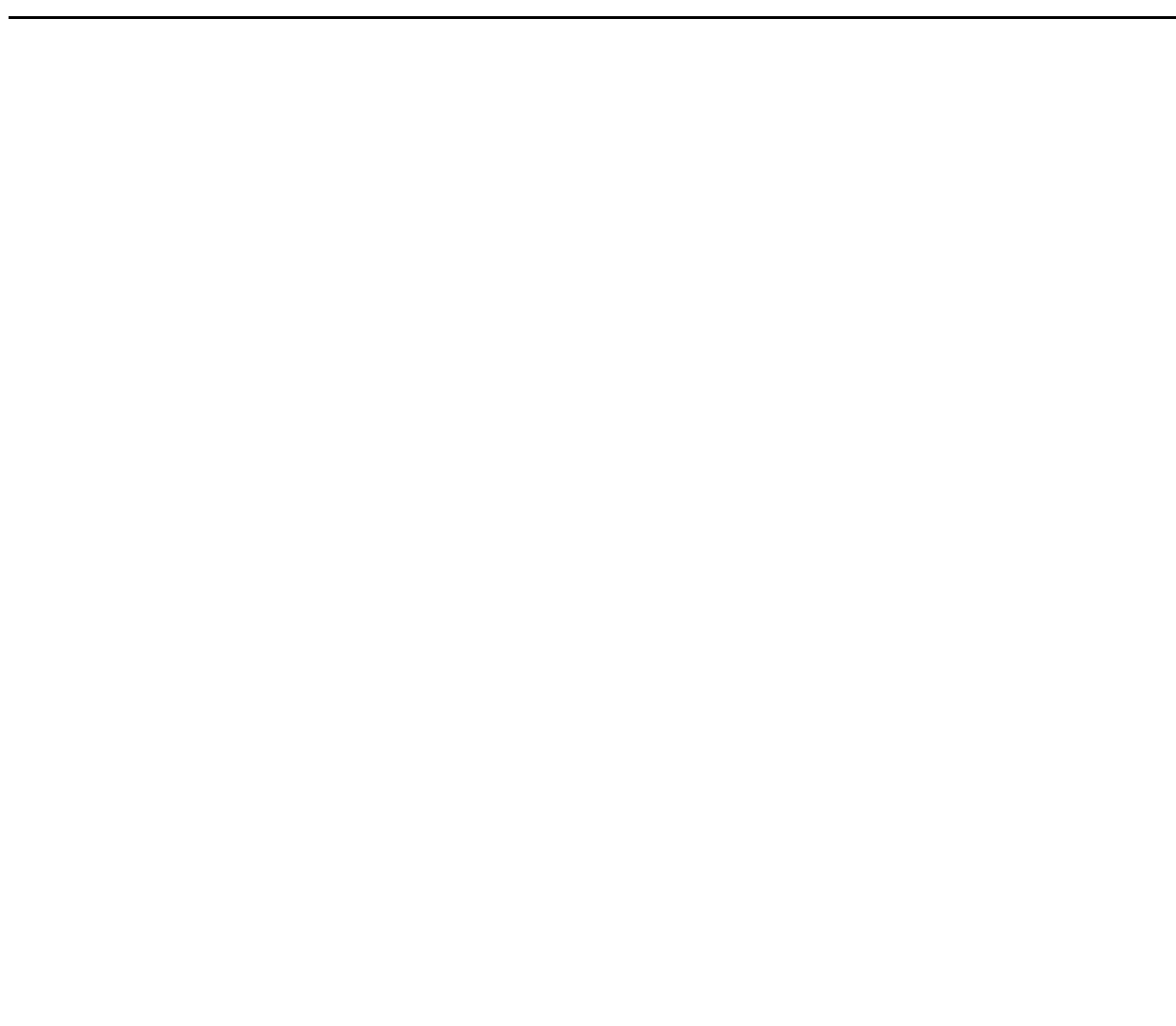
We hope that everyone  
had a **GREAT 4th of  
July!**



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## Around Town...

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# CHILDREN'S CLOTHING PILOT

We are accepting clean gently used seasonal children's clothing for youth sizes 0-16.

Donations will be accepted on Wednesdays,  
Thursdays and Saturdays!

\*We are not accepting socks and footwear.



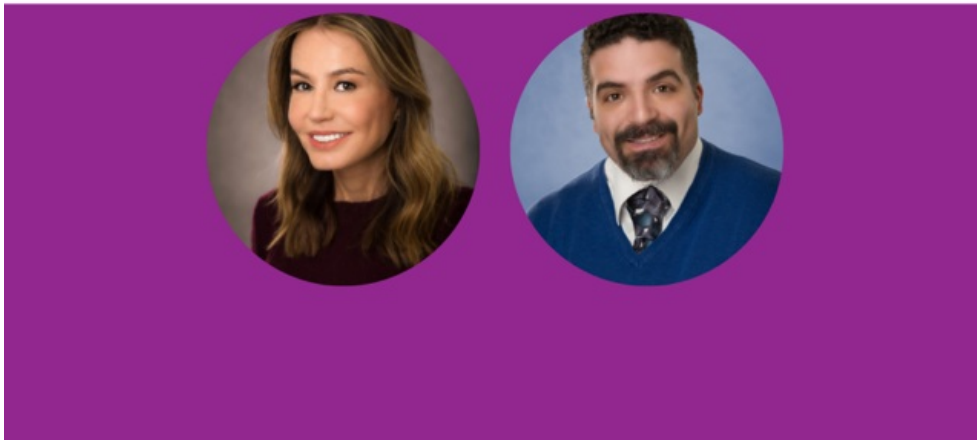
Neighbor to Neighbor is launching a clothing pilot in an effort to introduce gently used seasonal children's clothing back in our Essentials program! We are starting to accept donations on the following days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. We encourage donors in our community to donate on these designated days!

**#FREE for Kids!**

**Join us at the Bruce Museum for our  
Summer Adventure Weekends!**

From now until September 8, children under 18 are FREE on weekends. They can discover, explore, and learn through various exhibitions and fun educational activities every Saturday and Sunday. Bring the whole family and make the most of these summer weekends at the Bruce Museum, 'Where Art Meets Science.' Spread the word and share your weekend photos at the Bruce!

**[Click here for more information about "Summer Weekends"](#)**



## **Empowering Parents - Lecture From Greenwich Psychology Group**

**Thursday, July 24, 2025  
10:45 a.m.**

YMCA of Greenwich, 1st Floor Member Lounge

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Join Dr. Judith Zackson and Daniel DiTieri, LMFT, for an insightful talk on navigating the challenges of parenting from early childhood through young adulthood. This session offers practical, evidence-based strategies for setting healthy boundaries, staying connected while building resilience and independence, in children and teens.

Discover the power of small, intentional moments to create lasting trust, and learn how to balance discipline with compassion to strengthen connection, resilience, and academic success at every stage of development.

**[Click here to learn more about Empowering Parents Event](#)**

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**\$150 Award  
for  
Participation!**

2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



75th Secretary of the State of  
Connecticut  
Stephanie Thomas

# Young Women's Initiative



Join us for an empowering day-long workshop designed for young women from varied walks of life, age 16-20 who are passionate about civic engagement, and community organizing and activism.

## 07.26.2025

STARTS AT 10.00 AM - 2.00 PM EST  
259. E PUTNAM AVE, GREENWICH

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
JULY 11TH, 2025

- By self-nomination.
- By a community member (i.e., a resident, coach, faith leader, nonprofit staff, businessperson, etc.).

APPLY HERE



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**Click here to learn more about the YWCA Event July 26**

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