



Join us for Worship Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

September 18, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

A couple of weeks ago, I think I mentioned the inconvenience of having the Parsonage dishwasher break.

Well, we fixed that.

Then the refrigerator broke.

And then one of the dogs did.

O.k., the dog didn't really "break." He has a hot spot on his tail, which in the grand scheme of things is not all that bad for a dog, and especially not for this one, who has long track record of things that have gone wrong (although he's still a wonderful dog, and less of a worry than his little sister, who runs off if you're not looking).

Nevertheless.

I am sick of things breaking.

Whenever they do, whether it's the dishwasher or the refrigerator or the dog, I am reminded both of just how much I depend on them, and of how quickly I seem to take them for granted.

In the case of appliances, that's probably obvious enough. But admitting that it's also true of my relationship with a fellow creature is more embarrassing.

I'll never love our refrigerator (although I sure do miss it) — but I sure do love that dog.

And yet, there's no question that I am watching and noticing him more right now, worrying about his comfort, sensing that he's suspicious of me whenever I try to get close to that tail to see how the healing is going.

Narrowly, this is part of the great humanizing power of pets. They can't tell you how they're doing or call from the other room when they need something. If you're going to care, you need to initiate, and you need to push yourself to notice much more deliberately than usual.

It's humanizing because it demands openness and sensitivity from us. It is also humbling to realize how easily we can be distracted from the high calling of all care.

In Mark 9, there is an account of one the most powerful healings in the gospels. Jesus meets a man with a gravely ill child who begs for his help. Jesus says to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

"Lord, I believe," the man replies. "Help thou my unbelief."

I think we don't do this moment justice if we treat the "belief" it refers to as a set of specific doctrine or as some sort of well-intentioned power play by Jesus.

Instead, I think it points to the experience of finding ourselves opened and made vulnerable by our love for another — and humbled by how helpless this can manage to make us feel.

The profound humanity of such a realization is, surprisingly, what makes so much healing possible — so sacred.

We have every right to get sick of things breaking, or at least, I hope we do. Yet the mending that follows can be a vision of how things are supposed to be.

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 10:30](#)
[a.m.](#) Sunday service.



Max & Barbara Zapp with Police Chief, James Heavey at the 9/11 Memorial at the Glenville Fire Station last week.

Children's Chapel at 2CC

Infant and toddler nursery care is open 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are also welcome with their parents in the sanctuary. Families are encouraged to join in the worship experience as makes sense for each individual child.

Deacons can help direct you to our nursery room.

Children ages kindergarten and up are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Those who wish may depart for Children's Chapel and Choir with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

For more information please contact Jenny@2cc.org

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

Register for Children's Chapel

Building our faith brick by brick was a huge hit!

We are still accepting new or gently used Legos for all ages & they can be dropped off in the bin outside the Nursery Room.

Thank you to all that donated!





JOIN OUR YOUTH & ELEMENTARY CHOIRS!

**ELEMENTARY CHOIR
(GRADE K - 4)
4:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.**

**YOUTH CHOIR
(GRADE 5 AND OLDER)
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING BRIGID MACK, AS OUR NEW YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR. BRIGID IS FROM WYNANTSKILL, NY, AND SHE IS CURRENTLY AT PURCHASE COLLEGE, WHERE SHE IS PURSUING A DEGREE IN VOCAL PERFORMANCE.



Please confirm your child's interest in joining us this year by emailing Brigid@2cc.org or Alexander@2cc.org to let us know. We have some fun and creative ideas planned for our choristers this year, as well as a few surprises!



Email Brigid for more information about our Choir Programs

Our Chancel Choir will be gearing up soon for another season of singing during our 10:30 services. If you are considering joining us this year, please consider the following:

You are not required to sing each month.
We rehearse after the 10:30 service for 45 minutes.
You don't have to sing like Pavarotti, just a desire to sing!
Singing with the choir is a fun, social experience.
You can try us out before you commit!
No auditions, just show up and we'll sign you up!

September
22 Choir Rehearsal
29 10:00 Choir Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

October
13 Choir Rehearsal

November
10 Choir Rehearsal
17 Choir Rehearsal
24 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Thanksgiving Service

December
8 Choir Rehearsal

20 Choir Rehearsal
27 10:00 Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
24 5:30 Rehearsal,
6:30 Christmas Eve Service

Email Alexander if you have questions about Chancel
Choir

Mark your calendars...



Email for more
information

Click here to register for Music
Together



Teddy Bear Story Hour

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 26,
NOVEMBER 23 & DECEMBER 21
AT 8:00 A.M.**

Coffee for Good
48 Maple Avenue,
Greenwich, CT



**Keep up with Regional Youth Ministry
this fall...**

RYM

FALL 2024 CALENDAR

Did you know?
WE HAVE TEXT UPDATES!

Type and text
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 to 81010
 & receive
 messages
 on events,
 new locations,
 and much more!

WE AIM TO BE:
**Fun, Faith-filled
 & Inclusive**

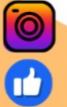
RYM is for **anyone**
 in Lower Fairfield County!

Regional Youth Ministry
First & Fourth Fridays
 Come grab a meal together for **FREE**
Locations to change, sign-up via text for regular updates!

Grades	September	October	November	December	January
6th to 8th	FOR ALL 6th-12th CARNIVAL NIGHT UNDER THE TENT! Saturday the 7th @ 5 pm 139 East Putnam Ave Greenwich	BOUNDLESS ADVENTURES Thursday the 3rd @ 4 pm 735 Anderson Hill Road Purchase, NY	YOGA & SOUND BATH Tuesday the 5th @ 2 pm 275 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT	YOUTH VS PARENTS Sunday the 8th @ 5 pm 108 Sound Beach Ave Greenwich, CT	PASTA CLASS Sunday the 12th @ 5 pm 31 Cascade Road Stamford, CT
		SOFT PASTELS Sunday the 20th @ 5 pm 108 Sound Beach Ave Greenwich, CT	FANCY FRI-ENDSGIVING Sunday the 17th @ 5 pm 1345 E. Putnam Ave Old Greenwich, CT	NEW YEAR'S PARTY Sunday the 29th @ 5 pm 31 Cascade Road Stamford, CT	CANDLE MAKING Saturday the 7th @ 5 pm 275 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT
9th to 12th					

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@MYRYM.LEC



RYM Director: Khaleigh Laicher KhaleighL@FCCOG.org
 Partners: First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, United Congregational Church of Norwalk, & North Stamford Community Church

[Click here to learn more about Regional Youth Ministry](#)

Looking Ahead to October...



School is OUT but VBS is ON!

Fall Fun VBS



Thursday, October 3
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
K-5th Grade

*Pre-K also welcome but must be
accompanied by a guardian*

\$25 per child, scholarships available

Can't join the fun?

*Please consider a donation to help our
scholarship children*

Breakfast bunch add on 8:15 -9:00 a.m.
\$10 per kiddo

More information: Jenny@2cc.org

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

**Click here to reserve your spot for
VBS**

2CC Women's Fellowship invites you for

"The History of Tod's Point"

A presentation by Susie Baker

Tuesday, October 8

11:00 a.m.

We will meet in the Innis Arden Cottage at Tod's Point

The presentation will start at 11:00 a.m. & lunch will follow.

The event will be held rain or shine in the cottage

**All members of the church and their friends are
encouraged to attend!**

\$20 per person

RSVP to with Pam@2CC.org or use QR code by October 6:



The History of Tod's Point: October 8

Susie Baker is a retired Biology teacher at GHS and member of the Greenwich Point Conservancy.

The Innis Arden Cottage is the restored cottage on the left as you enter the point & parking is on the right.

Those interested are encouraged to walk around the point following lunch.

RSVP to Pam for October 8

Around Town...



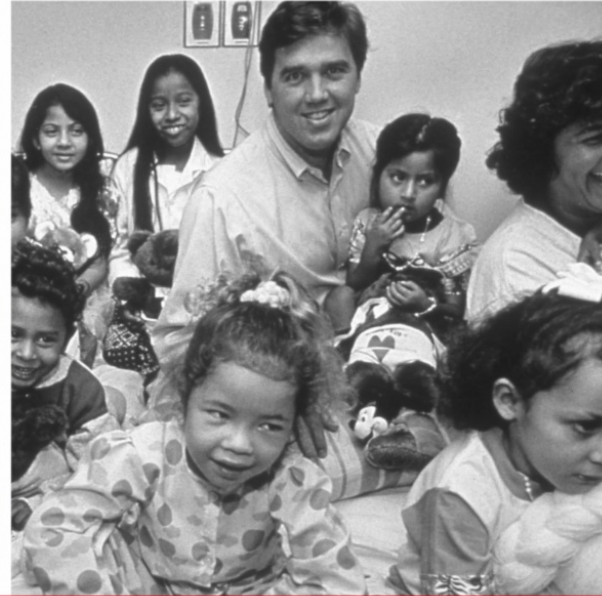
Cathy de Graaff and Karen Giannuzzi invite you to grab your husband and kids (or not!), a cup of coffee and join them for two hours on a Saturday morning at Cloonan Middle School in Stamford. You will help hand out diapers to over 400 families that line up for the food pantry.

More info: <https://www.fillingintheblanks.org/copy-of-ways-you-can-help>

And if Saturdays don't work with your schedule, they're also doing a community distribution on Thursday, September 26 at the Wilbur Peck apartment complex. At this one, they will hand out diapers out of the backs of their cars for 2 hours in the morning and another 2 hour shift in the evening.

Sign up info is contained in the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EADAF2EA5F5C16-51194489-help#/>



HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

HEALING HEARTS GLOBALLY • OCTOBER 26, 2024 • 6:30PM
RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB • RIVERSIDE, CT



Click here to learn more about Heart Care International



[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)
or visit e.givesmart.com/events/DYn/

A NIGHT OF HEALING CHILDREN'S HEARTS

Heart Care International 501(c)(3) is celebrating 30 years of life-saving heart surgery for poor children in developing countries who have rare access to medical expertise and treatment. This 100% volunteer medical team from the finest U.S. medical centers trains host country healthcare teams to provide world class pediatric heart care. Since 1994, Heart Care International has touched the lives of over 3,000 children.

EVENT PROGRAM

VENUE

RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB
102 CLUB ROAD, RIVERSIDE, CT 06878

FORMAT

6:30PM COCKTAILS
7:30PM SEATED DINNER & PRESENTATION
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

PROGRAM

DR. ROBERT MICHLER, FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN,
HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL

A SPECIAL GUEST: ROBERTO IBRAHIM NIERI,
HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL PATIENT

THE FUTURE

OUR MISSION

Heart Care International places special emphasis on the training and education of local doctors and nurses to help them move toward sustainable diagnostic and surgical heart expertise. It is our vision that every child receive access to excellent heart care.

THE NEED

In the U.S. every child has access to heart treatment by law. In developing countries, poor children born with a heart defect rarely receive the expert treatment they need to take even one more breath. Help us to continue our life-saving volunteer work.

CALL TO ACTION

For less than \$3,000, Heart Care International will perform open heart surgery that will save a child's life – about 1/20th the cost in the U.S. In honor of the 30th Anniversary, Heart Care International aims to save as many children as possible with our \$3,000 for 30 Campaign. With every \$3,000 donation, you can save the life of a child.

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