



## Worship with us on Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

September 24, 2025

Dear Friends of Second Church,

It was a tremendous joy to represent 2CC with Barbara Zappavigna at Greenwich Reform Synagogue's Erev Rosh Hashanah service on Monday evening.

Late last week, Rabbi Jordie Gerson wrote the GRS community, reflecting on not simply how frightening, but rather, how lonely it can feel as American Jews in the years since the October 7th attacks—and her gratitude for the expressions of support and friendship that the synagogue has found from the broader community over the last couple of years.

BZ and I both felt that gratitude as guests at the Erev Rosh Hashanah service.

I've kept thinking about it.

It was the eminent philosopher Woody Allen who observed that “90% of success is just showing up.”

What he meant was that it is a relentless dedication to the work — showing up to keep on plugging — that ultimately succeeds.

How do we keep on plugging at the work of showing support and friendship for our neighbors, and particularly the ones facing a particularly lonely time right now?

One of the heartbreaks of these days is the strained friendships and the heightening of our differences with people we're far more used to enjoying, even when that occasionally required forgiving them for politics we didn't share (and vice versa), or acknowledging topics where we had to agree to disagree and never to get into after the first beer.

The moment to lean back into those relationships may not have arrived just yet, though let's hope it will come soon.

In the meantime, what about our neighbors, so many of whom find themselves also less at home in the world than they used to be, and more in need of uncomplicated friendship and kindness without strings?

Increasingly, I am aware of how little most people need us to have the answers, and how urgently they need to know we care.

And what I learned this week at Erev Rosh Hashanah is how powerful that is.

So my hope for us this week is that our church will rededicate itself to the work of showing up.

Keep plugging at kindness.

Be the mostly-uncomplicated nice person who helps people feel a little more noticed, a little more human, and a little more hopeful that, one day soon, it will be time to rebuild the bridges.

May kindness become the on-ramp to the daunting but vital work of reconciliation.

It will be if we stick with it. Lord, help us as we try.

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.

## Children's Chapel Updates

Infant and toddler nursery care is available from 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., and little ones are welcome to stay with their parents during Worship. 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 to 5th grade are encouraged to start worship with their parents at 10:30 a.m. Those who wish, may depart for Children's Chapel with Jenny at about 10:45 a.m.

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

For more information please feel free to email [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)

[Register for Children's Chapel](#)

## Mark your calendars...

### Look for the helpers this Saturday at Teddy Bear Story Time!

Families are invited to a morning of free fun at **Coffee For Good** this Saturday, September 27, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The event kicks off with a Teddy Bear Story Time at 8:00 a.m., followed by a special Teddy Bear Fair on the lawn, featuring local community helpers.

This family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity for children to meet and interact with professionals from the **Greenwich Police Department, Greenwich Hospital, and GEMS (Greenwich Emergency Medical Services)**. The fair will also include hands-on activities and important safety information. Greenwich Hospital staff will be on hand to provide bike safety tips, and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians from the Greenwich Police Department will offer expert guidance on properly installing and using child car seats and booster seats. Attendees can also get an up-close look inside a GEMS ambulance.

*“Some of my most cherished childhood memories is watching Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, where he taught us to **"look for the helpers."** Now, we get to recreate that gentle magic and show our children what it means to be a good neighbor. We are so excited to welcome the community for a morning of stories, fun, and connection. What could be better than to roll out of bed with your little one to meet the people who keep our community safe? This event is a wonderful way for families to connect with these everyday heroes while enjoying a great time together.”* Jenny Byxbee Minister of Care and Connection Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

The event will take place at Coffee For Good, located at 48 Maple Avenue.  
All activities are free and open to the public.

Teddy Bear Story Time is Back!

## Teddy Bear Story Time & Fair!

**Saturday, September 27**

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee For Good  
48 Maple Avenue in Greenwich

Following Story Time, we will have our very first "Bear Fair" outside on the Mead Lawn.

This special event will allow for the opportunity to engage with members of our wonderful neighborhood and community helpers.



Roll out of bed,  
grab your bear  
and hope to see  
you there!



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School is OUT but VBS is ON!

*Harvesting Seeds of Faith...*

# Fall Fun VBS

Thursday, October 2 &  
Tuesday, November 4  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

K-5th Grade  
Pre-K welcome with an adult  
\$25 per child, \$40 for both sessions.  
Scholarships available.  
Games, Art, Music, Legos,  
and so much more!



Details at [2CC.org](http://2CC.org)

**Register for VBS**

**VBS Payment**

**Questions? Email  
Jenny**

# Moms' Prayer Group & Bible Study

Thursday Evenings  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for Moms' Evening Prayer Group – a welcoming space for mothers to connect, share, and lift each other up in faith. We understand the joys, the challenges, and the constant juggling act.



Come as you are, at the end of your day, to find:

***Community, encouragement, spiritual refreshment & support.***

Whether you're a new mom, navigating the school years, raising teens, or an empty nester there's a place for you. Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!



Ready to find your tribe?

**For location please RSVP to: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org)**

Sweet treats and beverages provided.

At Moms' Prayer Group we are hoping to:

- Community with other moms who "get it."
- Encouragement: Share your heart, your praises, and your struggles in a safe, confidential environment.
- Spiritual Refreshment: Spend time in prayer, drawing strength and wisdom from God's Word.
- Support: Pray for your children, your family, and yourself, knowing you're not alone

*Each week, we are hosted at a different home. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP so we can send you the address.*

**Email: [Jenny@2cc.org](mailto:Jenny@2cc.org) for more information or to RSVP**

# 2CC Women's Fellowship October Outreach

*Join us to assemble Feminine Hygiene Kits for  
Church World Services*



**Tuesday, October 14**

11:00-11:30 a.m. Assemble Kits

11:30-12:30 Chat & Chew



*Church World Services provides supplies to rebuild hope and support for displaced people. "One of the most appreciated items in the CWS Kits was the Period Packs. These packs were in high demand and were the first to run out ..."*

Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

*Requested donation to help fund the kits: \$30.00*

RSVP: Pam@2cc.org or in the Church Office

**RSVP to Pam for October 14 Event**

## Around 2CC...

The September meal for Pacific House was prepared by Annette, Barbara S, and Gordon, with a welcome visit and lively conversation from Dr. Max.

Sloppy Joes, roasted veggies, green salad, and chocolate chip cookies (supplied by Carol and Gail) were this month's menu. Our cooks were creative with the ingredients resulting in a meal that was widely popular.

Our serving team of Bob, John, Mary Alice and Bianca were kept busy filling requests for second and third servings. It is a rare occurrence when there are second requests for "everything", which include the veggies.

While walking back to the van, one of the clients was asked if he enjoyed the meal. He replied "yes . . . you can tell you cook with your heart."



Another fun morning at Children's Chapel...





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## Around Town...

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**Red Cross Babysitter's Training & Certification**  
Saturday, October 11, 2025

**9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Earn Red Cross Babysitter Certification during this day-long program led by a Red Cross instructor. There will be a break for lunch, please bring a sack lunch or a snack.

Registered. For tweens and teens ages 11 to 15.

Registration will open Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9am.

\*The Red Cross requires a parent or guardian to remain on-site for the duration of the program\*

**Learn more about Babysitting  
Certification**

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