



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

September 26, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I've been spending the week in California, visiting with my cousin who is near the end of her life, and joining with all the other relatives who are either involved with the practicalities of her care, or who just care (in the broader sense of the term).

Not everyone who cares in that broader sense can be here in person, of course, and keeping them informed is a good job for me. Their questions are different, of course, and far less medical or logistical.

In these circumstances, questions such as "how's she doing?" intend something much deeper and more urgent than the words might seem to suggest. That's probably more obvious from the next set of questions, which concern how the other members of our family gathered around my cousin's bed in the hospital are each, well, doing. The "what" is clear enough.

I'm trying to describe that "how" for the ones who can't be here.

How **is** she doing?

As some of you will know from similar experiences of your own, my cousin, the patient, is the most peaceful of all of us.

That is partly the medication, and yet, not really. For her, there is comfort and genuine joy in seeing those of us arriving from elsewhere — especially me, the cousin from the East Coast, and the niece who lives close enough by but works too many jobs at once to make visiting regular or easy.

In our family, many of the yearnings can go unspoken — you just have to know them — so there is a subtle triumph for my cousin in having come out and asked us to come, and then having us appear as requested. The miles required aren't the issue.

She's not too sick to enjoy that.

And there is something so holy about the space that has opened for us to say how much we love one another, how glad we are to be together... **even** in this? **Especially** in this?

Especially with the grief that is about to come, I'm grateful for that space. I need this openness now (all of us do), but I know I'll need it even more after, when it will be time to figure out the going forward.

Love has brought us together, gathering us here. How it keeps us together will emerge in time.

How it does will be one important and wonderful way that my cousin remains among us, and our love and history remain gifts that summon the best from us.

So...how are we doing? Terribly. And full of thanks and hope.

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.

**GOT
LEGOS?**

Please help us with our Lego Drive!
As part of our Children's Worship experience this
fall, we will be building our faith brick by brick or
Lego by Lego!
New or gently used Legos most appreciated for all ages &
can be dropped off in the bin outside the Nursery Room.



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](#)



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

29 10:00 Choir Rehearsal,
10:30 Service

October

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

November

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

December

8 Choir Rehearsal
15 Choir Rehearsal
22 Choir Rehearsal
24 5:30 Rehearsal,

Email Alexander if you have questions about Chancel
Choir

Mark your calendars...



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...



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

**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

Pacific House Update...

Thanks to the hard work of Paula Saunders, Annette Grieco, Bianca and Sophia McKee, along with the help of the Sunday school children, a delicious meal was prepared—start to finish. Beef Noodle casserole, string beans and carrots, corn muffins and chocolate chip cookies were on this month's menu.



Our Monday serving team was Marco Grieco, Mary Alice Schulte, and Bob Willett. Marco was food-line server extraordinaire--getting the plates out to our table servers Mary Alice and Bob quickly and efficiently. The meal was well received with lots of thank you messages from the clients.

Below right are our Monday servers along with Bill who was once a resident at Pacific House. Bill now has his own place and comes back to volunteer. Well done, Bill!



Around Town...

KIDS NIGHT OUT!



FRIDAY, SEPT 27

6:30PM-8:30PM



KIDS STAY, PARENTS PLAY!

Enjoy a night out on the town while your children enjoy dinner and super fun activities like crafts, movies, games and more!

- Registration is required.
- Drop off begins at 6:15PM in the Tumble Room.
- Pickup is no later than 8:30PM.
- Program is staffed by trained personnel.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



GREENWICHMCA.ORG/EVENTS

Click here to register for Kid's Night out this Friday!

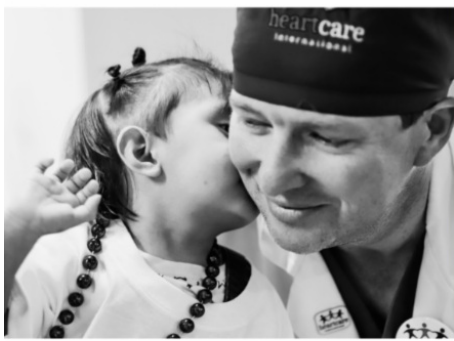


HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

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



[Click here to learn more about Heart Care International](#)



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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.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)



THE UNDIES PROJECT

PRESENTS

THE MAGIC OF GIVING

WITH



GARY FERRAR



MC KIM BERNS

**OCTOBER 19TH
7-10PM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STAMFORD

**1101 BEDFORD ST.
STAMFORD, CT**

FOR TICKETS

[HTTPS://MAGICOFGIVING.GIVESMART.COM](https://magicofgiving.givesmart.com)

The Undies Project is thrilled to announce its upcoming fundraiser event, "The Magic of Giving," set to take place on Saturday, October 19th, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Fish Church, aka First Presbyterian Church, located at 1101 Bedford Street in Stamford.

This enchanting evening will feature the incredible talents of magician, mentalist and comedian Gary Ferrar, promising a night of awe-inspiring entertainment and wonder. Charismatic Kim Berns will be the emcee for the night. Guests will also enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts by renowned Aux Délices, ensuring a delightful culinary experience. Attendees will also enjoy complimentary beer & wine throughout the evening.

In addition to the mesmerizing magic and gourmet food, the event will include a silent auction with exciting items up for bid.

All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting our 55 partner agencies by providing them with new underwear for those in need, promoting dignity and self-esteem.

The Undies Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing new underwear to men, women, and children in need, improving their lives by providing

a necessity that is overlooked.

Click here for Magic of Giving
Tickets

Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



**American
Red Cross**



*There is a severe blood shortage in our
community for all of us! Donate now!*

Interfaith Blood Drive

Sign Up for:

Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:00 am – 1:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church
1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

**Sponsored by Congregation Shir Ami, First Baptist,
First United Methodist, Second Congregational, and First Presbyterian
Churches**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Use Code FPCG
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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spot

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