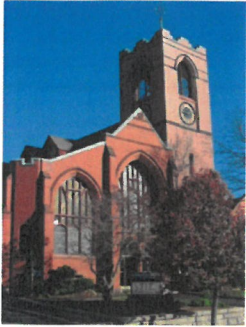


# **THE VOICE of *Second Church***

United Church of Christ  
50 Park Street  
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**SECOND CHURCH HISTORICAL PRESENTATION THURSDAY 6/18 AT 6PM**

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP AT CAPRON PARK, SATURDAY 6/20 AT 10AM –2PM**

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# THE VOICE

*We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God's love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.*

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2026

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## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

Jesus is a wonderful model for our lives in these times. The gospels tell us that Jesus would go off by himself to pray. That is worth repeating: Jesus would go off by himself to pray. In a very stressful time, Jesus practiced self-care!

We really only have one scene in the bible where Jesus seems to lose his cool. Do you remember the story when Jesus goes into the Temple and overturns the tables? However, I believe that was a planned protest, and not a violent outburst. Jesus does get sassy with the disciples from time to time but always follows it up with some radical teaching. He stays calm in the face of his adversaries. I am sure in the final days and hours of Jesus' life the disciples were anxious, but they weren't picking up that vibe from Jesus.

One of the things I learned with conflict transformation was the necessity for a mediator to practice the art of being a 'non-anxious presence.' If a person is trying to resolve or transform conflict, then they need to be a calming resource. How many times have you engaged in a difference of opinion, and before you can blink twice the conversation has escalated into a full-blown argument? There are things that move or shake us, and we certainly have trigger words, thoughts and opinions. This is why it is so hard to have exchanges about politics in polite conversation. A difference of opinions can quickly ratchet up to highly emotionally charged responses.

We are living in a very stressful time. So, try to practice the art of being a non-anxious presence. When we watch or scroll the news, our ideas are either being reinforced or challenged. Of course this is anxiety producing!

How do we become a non-anxious presence in a highly nerve-wracking time? The first step is to recognize that there is a need for less anxiety and fear. You may try some deep calming breaths. When you feel that things are beginning to escalate, take a deep breath. Meditation and Yoga will help calm your body and mind. Put down your mobile device and take up a hobby. Destroy old habits and create art.

When you're in a dialogue and it is beginning to feel like a charged situation. When you are sensing your heart rate increasing, and the blood is beginning to rush—take a step back. If you have a sense that you cannot change the person's mind or heart—will you leave them with a hunger to further explore your points? I may not be able to change your ideas or frame of reference—but hopefully, there will be something in the words I say or write that will remain with you.

Don't try to win an argument, simply try to learn what has informed their decision and their choices. If they are sharing information that seems wrong, ask them where they obtained that information. Then truly listen. Listen to them without forming an argument or a 'comeback' in your mind. Don't feel the need to debate or argue. Chances are—you won't win—or win them over to your side. Live with the tension and shake the dust off your sandals and move on.

Are you experiencing anxiety/stress, trouble sleeping, changes in mood, changes in thinking, and feelings of loneliness and social isolation? You are not alone. Your body is having a physiological reaction to stress.

You are not alone. Everyone gets anxious. The trick is to recognize it and do all that you can to take care of yourself and your relationships.

Jesus was a non-anxious presence in an anxious world. You can be non-anxious presence in an anxious world!

Blessings-

Rev. Will

## SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Nancy Tariot assisted by Ralph Giannetti.

### June 7<sup>th</sup> *Communion and Confirmation Sunday*

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15

Sermon: "A Statement of Faith"

### June 21<sup>st</sup> *Father's Day*

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon: "Fatherhood 101"

### June 14<sup>th</sup> *Children's Sunday*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

### June 28<sup>th</sup> *Dr. Ruth Shaver will lead worship*

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: 1Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-3, 13

Sermon: "The Art of Making Church"

*All Worship Services in June will be at the Second Congregational Church at 10AM!  
For the month of July we will worship at the First Baptist Church, South Main Street, Attleboro  
For the month of August we will worship at the Second Congregational Church, Attleboro  
All worship services in the months of July and August will begin at 9 AM!  
We will go back to 10 AM on the first Sunday of September.*

## SECOND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OPEN MIC AND COFFEEHOUSES

Each month we host two coffeehouses. The Second Saturday Open Mic is well established and has a pretty good following. The Second Friday Open Mic for young adults is starting to gain popularity with the number of performers doubling in the last few weeks!

We could use your help...

Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall. The Friday Open Mic could use chaperones and hosts (four people: 2 to put out beverages and snacks and 2 to simply watch)

We need people to provide snacks and beverages for the events.

We need people to take posters and put them in places where young people might see them.

We need people to talk to their friends, neighbors, family, and anyone who works in a school or music program.

It would be lovely to have different folks helping out each month so that no one HAS to do it EVERY month.

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 YOUNG ADULTS** This Open Mic is open to young adult performers, ages 12 and up. Anyone is welcome to attend. It would be fantastic to see members of our church supporting our young people. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of people and perform.

## JUNE BOOK STUDY

We will continue our Beatles Bible Book Study on Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16 from 6-7PM in the Conference Room.

**All are welcome to attend.** Basically, we listen to a Beatles song and discuss a Bible passage or two that may be somewhat related to the theme of the song. Then we have some questions, and mostly we talk. It's a great way to share and hear others stories.

## ONE PLUS ONE

All are welcome to join us for our  
**2026 Annual Summer**

### Kick-Off Cookout

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken will be served.

**When:** Saturday, June 27, at 4 p.m.

**Place:** Janet & Colin Blair's home,  
20 Orlando Lane, Attleboro, MA  
02703.

**Cost:** \$5 per person to offset the hosts' food expenses, and \$5 per person 1&1 yearly dues.

**Bring:** Lawn chairs, bug repellent, and a generous food item. Please tell your "caller" what you will be bringing (an appetizer, casserole, salad, dessert, or soda). BYOB.

**Contact:** If you are not on our calling list, please get in touch with Janet Blair, (508) 226-5457 or [janbblair@aol.com](mailto:janbblair@aol.com) with any questions.



As the school year winds down, we're excited to look ahead to a fun-filled summer at Jack and Jill! We're thrilled to once again have Summer Preschool, offering six weeks of engaging programming for children ages 3 to 6. We'll also continue our much-loved Kindergarten Readiness Week in August. The summer weeks are full and we are excited to welcome many new families.

Each day, I'm continually inspired by our dedicated team of teachers. Their commitment to our students and school community is truly remarkable. Jack and Jill is a special place, and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

As we approach the end of the year, our teachers are busy completing each child's portfolio, a beautiful collection of drawings, paintings, and photographs that serve as a "memory book" for each

student. These keepsakes are a labor of love and a treasured part of the Jack and Jill experience, often revisited by children and families for years to come. We're also preparing for some exciting end-of-year events!

Our graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 4th on the Jack and Jill Playground. Admission is one canned good to support the Second Congregational Church's food pantry. Our Younger and Older Preschool classes will celebrate the end of the year with a family sing along with Mrs. T on Monday, June 1st.

On Thursday, June 4th Jack and Jill with having an ice cream social from 12:00 – 5:00 at The Meadows 3 Park Street Rehoboth. We hope to see you there.

Looking ahead to next year, we still have limited openings in our Older Preschool Class. If you're interested in a tour or would like to learn more, I'd love to connect! You can reach me at:

508-222-1149 or  
[jackandjill@attleborosecondchurch.org](mailto:jackandjill@attleborosecondchurch.org).

Thank you for a wonderful school year. I hope you have a memorable summer.

*Katrina Lay*  
Executive Director

## Women's Fellowship

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the May Breakfast and the Yard Sale; every job is important. Thank you for volunteering! Thanks also for your donations to both events.

The Holiday Fair will be on November 7th, please save the date and start collecting items for Grandma's Attic and making items for Ruthie's pantry and the Craft table. We gratefully accept donations of jewelry, books, puzzles, plants, toys and silent auction items. If you have any questions or ideas as you begin considering how you would like to help, please call Sandy at 508-699-2738.

Thanks again for your service and fellowship. God be with you and have a great summer!

*Sandy Saunders*  
Treasurer

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508-699-2738

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will be taking a break from meetings until September. Shawls are a tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions.

**Roberta Ferguson**

## Music Notes

### CHOIR SCHEDULES

Regular Thursday rehearsals have ended for the season. Final rehearsals were held on May 28.

The Adult Choir will sing on Sundays, June 7 (Confirmation), 21, and 28. The choir will not sing on June 14 (Children's Sunday). We will gather to rehearse at the usual 9:15 time on the Sundays we sing.

### SUMMER MUSIC

Union services begin on July 5 at First Baptist Church and continue there through the rest of the month. In August we are back here at Second Church. I'll be looking for volunteers for special music (instrumental or vocal solos, duets or ensembles). Let me know anytime if you're interested. The dates are August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and September 6 (Labor Day weekend).

### THE NEW SEASON

Regular rehearsals begin for the Bell Choir and the Adult Choir on Thursday, September 10 (the Thursday after Labor Day): Bells, 6:30-7:30; Adult Choir, 7:30-9:00. New members are always welcome, and the start of the choir season is a great time to join!

*Bill MacPherson*  
Director of Music

### Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Many thanks to all who joined us in worship throughout the year. Sacred Dance practices will resume in the fall and all are welcome to join! We gather at 9am on Saturdays for about 45 minutes of stretching, learning new dances for worship, and a little bit of just "fun dance". If you or your child is interested in joining or has any

questions, please let me know at (508) 409-7919. Hope to see you then!

*Diane Osborne*

## OUTREACH & MISSIONS

The next meeting for Outreach & Missions: 8:30 am, Sunday, June 14

Crafternoon and Color Our World will meet on June 12 at 2:30

Thanks to those who have shown interest in joining a "Green Church" team (a meeting will be called in June): Ellen Britnall, Heather Carey, Paula Foresman, Neil Grainger, Laurie and Alex Sawyer, Michael Touloumtzis, Ty Waterman, and Orli and Frank (sorry about not having your last names!)

And have a great summer, everyone!

Paula

*Paula Foresman*

## Christian Education

**Save the Date for Children's Sunday** – June 14th! Our Sunday School children and youth have begun planning for this special day of worship and I hope you can all come to hear about their journey with God's teachings this year.

**Family Fellowship at Capron Park** – On Saturday June 20th all are invited to an outing at Capron Park & Zoo. We will meet at 10am to enjoy the zoo and after seeing the animals all are welcome to bring a picnic lunch for some extra fun fellowship and playground time.

If you know of a new family that would like to build community, explore faith, and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us anytime throughout the year. If you didn't get a chance to register for Sunday School, you can at any time of the year by requesting a form from a teacher or member of the CE Committee.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer please feel to reach out to me.

*Diane Osborne*

*Chair of Christian Education*

[Diane.osborne713@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.osborne713@gmail.com)

(508) 409-7919

## COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We're happy to visit your home for fellowship, regardless of whether you choose to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with Michele in the church office or Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen Slawson, Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella, who are part of the team.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### History at Second

On Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Second Church will be hosting the Attleboro Historical Preservation Society at 6:00 PM for a brief presentation about the history of Second and a tour of the Old Kirk Yard. All members and friends of the church are welcome to attend. We will have some light refreshments. If anyone would like to help usher or host the refreshments, please speak to me or Sandy.

Fred Saunders, Curator  
508-918-0123  
[saundersf@comcast.net](mailto:saundersf@comcast.net)



- 2 Mike Cotsalas  
Deb Fobert
- 3 Derek Hall
- 4 Jordan Holsapple  
Ray Turcotte
- 5 Julia Bozzi  
Virginia Buchanan  
Kathy Durgin  
Nick Vecchioli
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- 11 Jessica Priesing
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- 13 Jenna Sencabaugh
- 15 David Broden
- 17 Neil Grainger
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Andrew Saunders  
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- 26 Dianne Ordog
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- 30 Bob Follett,  
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- 9 Dee Sawyer  
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- 18 Sue Costello  
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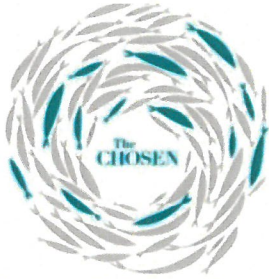
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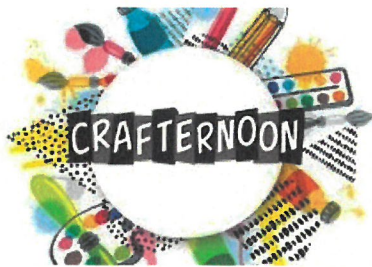
Tuesday: 8- 9:30 at the church, 9:30 to 11 at the Burgundian

Wednesday & Thursday: 8 – 11 am, at the church

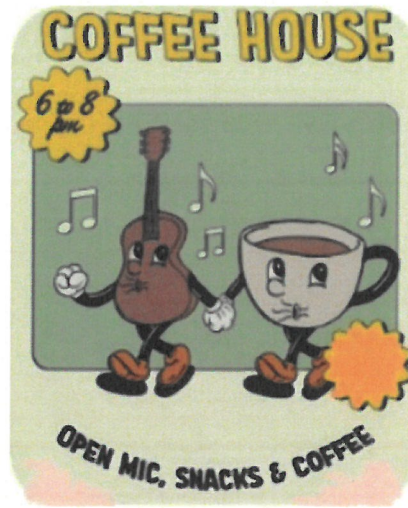
Rev. Will is available most times. If you would like a visit please contact Rev. Will or the Office and an appointment can be arranged. Thank you.



The Chosen Discussion Group  
Meets Weekly on  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and  
August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm



Youth (12-22yr)  
Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup>

All Ages  
Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>



Come enjoy an ice cream  
Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, a Jack & Jill  
Fundraiser, at The Meadows 12pm  
– 5pm, make sure you mention  
J&J when you order.





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Second Congregational Church  
Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack	2 6:00 PM The Beatles Bible 7:00 PM OP Practice	3 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	4 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting	5	6
7 9:15 AM Adult Choir 10:00 AM Worship Confirmation Communion Sunday School 1:00 PM Attleboro Pride Flag Raising 2:00 PM Attleboro Vendor Fair	8 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal	9 6:00 PM The Beatles Bible 7:00 PM OP Practice	10 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group	11 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting	12 2:30 PM Color Our World 2:30 PM Crafternoon 6:00 PM Young Adult Open Mic	13 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
14 Children's Sunday 8:30 AM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting 10:00 AM Worship/ Sunday School 11:15 AM Uke Group	15 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 6:30 PM J&J Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	16 6:00 PM The Beatles Bible 7:00 PM OP Practice	17 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	18 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:00 PM Attleboro Historical Preservation Society 7:00 PM Boyscouts Committee Meeting Zoom	19	20 10:00 AM Family Fellowship at Capron Park
21 Father's Day 9:15 AM Adult Choir 10:00 AM Worship - Music Appreciation Sunday School	22 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal	23 7:00 PM Administration Committee Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM OP Practice	24 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 7:00 PM PFLAG MEETING	25 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting	26	27 2:00 PM North Attleboro Pride Event 4:00 PM Annual Summer Kick-Off Cookout
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