



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

April 3, 2024

Dear Friends of Second Church,

In the first few days after Easter, I always feel like one of those people Jesus heals by a miracle and then sends back home.

Everything has changed, but there I am...back again...reintroduced into the familiar world which for the most part, hasn't asked, hasn't hoped, and hasn't worked for changes of its own since the last time I checked in.

Any circumstances of my departure or return, and any miracles associated with either, don't seem have attracted much notice...not that it was supposed to be about their noticing.

C.S. Lewis captures this nicely at the end of *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, when the four Pevensie children, who have fought battles, won wars, and gone on to serve for years as kings and queens, somehow find themselves back through the wardrobe that connects Narnia to our world, **and**...that lifetime away with all its attainments has disappeared, they are kids again, and have only been gone a moment.

How do we hold onto the people that Easter tells us we've become?

One part of the answer is this: if Easter has done a reasonable part of its work, it has broadened our perspective.

It teaches us to see what is important (and what isn't) with new clarity.

It dissolves so much of what is supposed to impress us—or control us—by helping us to recognize God's role in the story, and by extension, **in our own stories**. That puts different people and circumstances at the center, changes our role, recalibrates how we understand both setbacks and growth.

If we seek to hold on to that wisdom and don't just fall back into the world's familiar account of itself (and of us), we have a firmer grasp on how to live differently. Our closest attention is directed elsewhere as we come to notice different things and respond accordingly.

To all outward appearances, nothing has changed—the car still needs gas, those forms need to be signed and submitted, we get back from CVS and suddenly remember the thing we actually needed at CVS, and people near and far prove

themselves more aggravating than ever in their people-ing.

But within, with our hearts and minds transformed, we are coming to see it all differently. To know the presence of Jesus within it, and so, to start telling its story in a new way, as heralds of the dawn.

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.

In Memoriam

On Saturday evening, longtime member Carol Schaefer died at home, surrounded by family, after a long illness. The founder and moving force of Connecticut Friends of Bosnia, she worked tirelessly to help with refugee resettlement during the Balkans crisis, visited Bosnia, and was a passionate advocate for all those displaced by that conflict and many others around the world. Please pray for her husband, Barry, and for the Schaefer and Munoz families. A memorial service will be held at 2CC on May 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Stacey L. Brown, 47 died on March 5, 2024. Stacey was a member of Second Congregational Church and volunteered at Act II, before moving to Calabash, North Carolina. She is survived by her parents, Donald Brown, Sr. of Avon, CT, and Lucy Brown of Calabash, NC; her brother Donald Brown; her sister-in-law Zhanna Brown and her aunts, Ellen Dailey and Shirley Hartse. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Multiple Sclerosis Society, or in care of Lucy Brown for distribution to Stacey's other favorite charities. We will share Lucy Brown's address for condolence notes shortly.

Ralph William Grant, age 74, from Yarmouth Port, MA, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2024, surrounded by his wife and family. Ralph is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Betsy, and their children: Abigail G. Brennan, and her husband Michael, Jessica G. Stanciu, and her husband Sorin, Andrew J. Grant, and his wife Jennifer. His grandchildren: Fiona and Micaela Brennan, Cameron and Chloe Stanciu, Henry and Calvin Grant. Ralph also leaves behind his sister, Nancy E. Cooper, and her husband David. His kindness, and humility touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He affectionately enjoyed spending time with his family and made them laugh often. Ralph fought hard until the end, battling cancer for many years, while still enjoying the simple pleasures life offered him.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AT 2CC

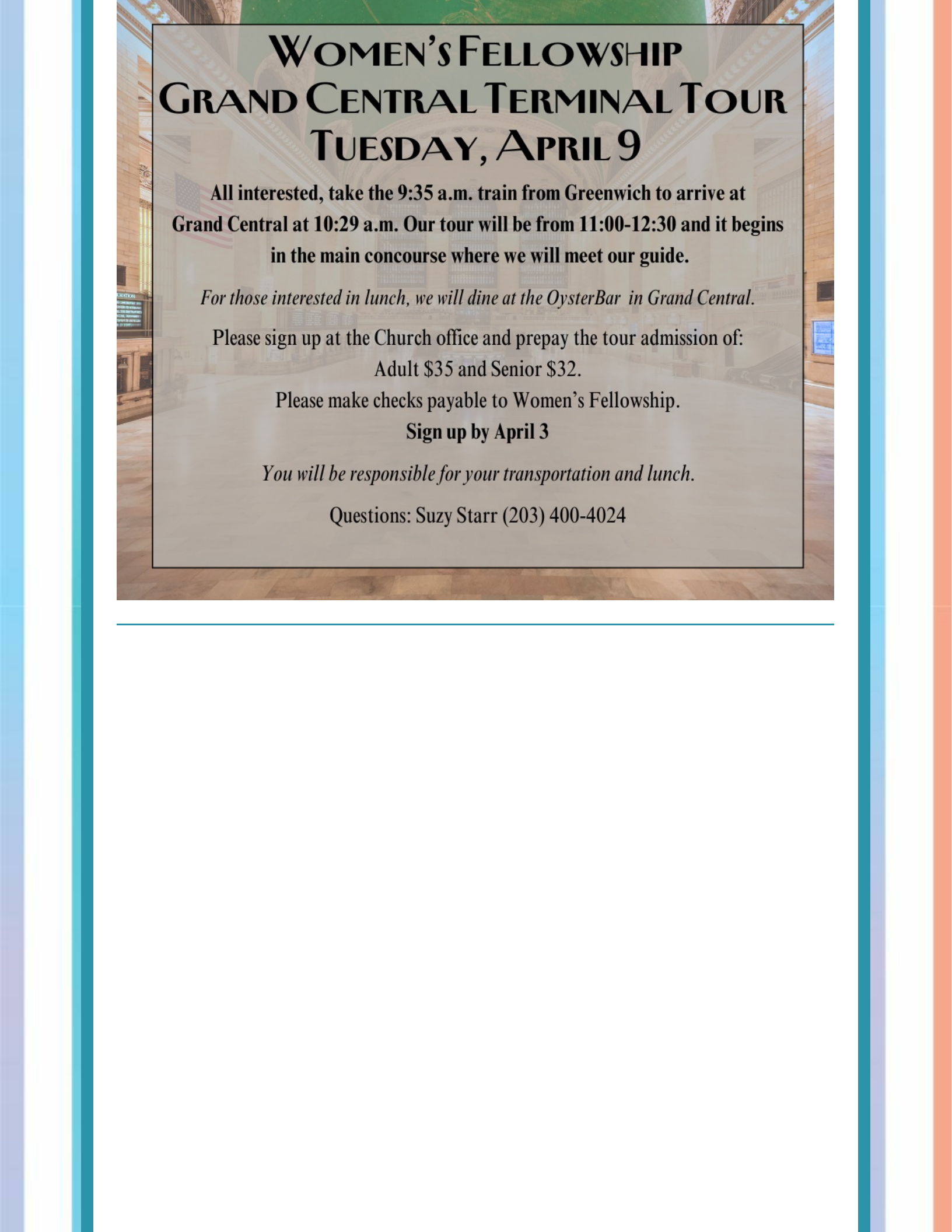
NURSERY CARE FOR INFANTS TO AGE 4 STARTS AT 10:15 A.M.
DEACONS CAN HELP DIRECT YOU TO OUR NURSERY ROOM.

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.

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED BUT HELPFUL FOR US TO BEST KNOW AND LOVE YOUR CHILD.

[Click here to Register for Children's
Chapel](#)

Mark your calendars...



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL TOUR TUESDAY, APRIL 9

All interested, take the 9:35 a.m. train from Greenwich to arrive at Grand Central at 10:29 a.m. Our tour will be from 11:00-12:30 and it begins in the main concourse where we will meet our guide.

For those interested in lunch, we will dine at the OysterBar in Grand Central.

Please sign up at the Church office and prepay the tour admission of:
Adult \$35 and Senior \$32.

Please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship.

Sign up by April 3

You will be responsible for your transportation and lunch.

Questions: Suzy Starr (203) 400-4024

2CC Moms Group invites you to...

Spring Ladies Night

Join us for some wine, cheese, and a chance
to spend time together!

Thursday, April 11

6:00-7:30 p.m.

We will have featured wines from One Hope Wine

**Hosted by Krista Taylor and Jennifer Roth
3 Nearwater Lane, Riverside**

*There is no charge for this event but donations are
welcome to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital*

Please RSVP to Jenny@2CC.org by April 10

Email Jenny to RSVP for Ladies Night



2CC Out to Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, April 24
12:00 p.m.

Villa Italia Restaurant & Bar

26 Mill River Street in Stamford
(Next to the Hampton Inn)

There will be separate checks. Free parking in the lot as you pull into the circle or across the street on Mill River.

Please RSVP to Leah Marmon by March 19:

Lmarmon4@aol.com or (203) 622-6913

Email Leah to RSVP for Lunch

What an amazing Holy Week!

Men's Fellowship Junkyard Dogs

Men's Fellowship picture below left was three years ago during Covid. Last Sunday they finished up what was left behind which made room for Mothers For Others to store diapers prior to disbursement. Thank you so much for your efforts Gentlemen, we are all very much obliged!



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday VBS!







**Teddy Bear Story Hour (or is it Easter Bunny Story Hour?)
& a whole lotta egg stuffing during Coffee & Conversation...**



And finally... Easter Sunday!





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