

# THE CRIER

*A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"* Isaiah 40:3



## The Second Baptist Church

Adult Education & Kids for Christ 9 am  
Worship & Sunday School 10 am  
100 North Main St, Suffield, CT 06078



The Baptist  
Peace Fellowship



I have a friend who is retiring after 35-plus years as a minister of music at three churches. Working with children, youth and adults through the years, he has truly has been and will continue to be a minister, a servant of God through the gift of music and his

commitment and compassionate way of being. Last month, John was talking to a small group about both the excitement and the struggles of dealing with this major change in his life. During the conversation he said that it is a bit like a musical performer who has sung the same, wonderful song for many, many years but there comes a time when the singer wants to perform it differently. The tune will be the same. The words have not changed, but the way it will be sung, the presentation, expression and passion with which it is sung, must change. It has to change, even if only slightly, because the singer has changed through the years and the world has changed.

As we approach the new year, I've been thinking about my conversation with John and how this impacts our congregational life. How must our institutions, including the Church, including OUR church, change in a world that is always changing and in peoples' lives who are constantly in transition? The song is the same: the Gospel of love, peace and justice revealed in Jesus Christ. The call is the same: to bear witness to this love, peace and justice to our community and the whole of God's creation. But how to sing this song in a new way in a world that is so very different, one that is always changing?

I don't have the answers. I DO have many thoughts, ideas and mostly, questions. And I try to bring a spirit of centered, prayerful reflection to what I hope will be an ongoing congregational conversation about the new way we will sing God's song in the coming year. I am always moved by the poem of the Bengali poet, Tagore:

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold,  
service was joy."

How will we act in this coming year, however we are called to sing the song of God as the Second Baptist Church? Will we see that our service is joy?

I'm looking forward to this new year as one of service and joy.

Peace,

Tom

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## *Merry Christmas*

The Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, but we will be checking in periodically to get messages and to pick up the mail.

In case of a pastoral emergency,  
please contact the  
Church office.



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

### January Flower Rep.:

#### January 6 Epiphany

**Ushers: TEAM D:** Bob Davis, Jim Grant,  
Derek Burnaford & Laurie Gokey

**Worship Leader:** Peter Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### January 13

**Ushers: TEAM A:** Howard Beal, Richard Rinaldi  
& Kaden Rinaldi

**Worship Leader:** David Battle

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### January 20

**Ushers: TEAM B:** Art Sikes, RC Hubbard & Greg Bassos

**Worship Leader:** Howard Beal

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### January 27

**Ushers: TEAM C:** Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,  
Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

**Worship Leader:** Gail Davis

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

### February Flower Rep.:

#### February 3

**Ushers: TEAM D:** Bob Davis, Jim Grant,  
Derek Burnaford & Laurie Gokey

**Worship Leader:** Scott Schneider

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### February 10

**Ushers: TEAM A:** Howard Beal, Richard Rinaldi  
& Kaden Rinaldi

**Worship Leader:** Len Kingsbury

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### February 17

**Ushers: TEAM B:** Art Sikes, RC Hubbard & Greg Bassos

**Worship Leader:** Kris Pryce

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

#### February 24

**Ushers: TEAM C:** Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,  
Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

**Worship Leader:** Lucille Miller

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

### Adult Education – Sunday Mornings

Each Sunday at 9:00 am, adults of every age are invited to join together to reflect on different parts of the Bible. In January we will continue our reflections on the Gospel of Luke, led by the Reverend Tom Carr. We begin in the biblical texts and follow the Spirit where she may lead us. Please join us on Sunday mornings.





**Warm up with  
Food and Music  
at our  
Pot-Luck-Supper  
and  
Sing-A-Long!**

**Friday, January 25, 2019  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Fellowship Hall**

Bring your favorite entree, salad,  
dessert or whatever, to share!

All are welcome;  
childcare for restless children will  
be available.

Questions? - See Tina Berrien



**MLK Holiday Observance**

The annual community service honoring  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
is planned for Sunday January 20 at 4 pm at  
Sacred Heart Church .

**Second Baptist Church Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Plan to attend the Second Baptist Church Annual Meeting to be held following worship on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are responsible for submitting a report for your committee or task force to be included in the Annual Report, please do so as soon as possible.

Members and friends of Second Baptist Church are working to become a more “green” congregation, individuals and our whole community striving to more consistently live our call to faithful stewardship of creation. One result of that process over the last two years, our congregation has achieved the Level 2 status in the Green Houses of Worship program of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN). There are 3 levels in Green Houses of Worship which is designed to encourage congregations to become more aware and take actions within and beyond their own communities to be more faithful care-takers of God’s creation. IREJN was co-founded by the Reverend Tom Carr. On Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, a representative of IREJN will join us in worship to present a certificate of achievement as a “Level 2 Congregation.” We celebrate our work and continue striving to be faithful to the call of God.



The Great Courses gathers on  
**Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am**  
(please note the time change!) beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The first two weeks in January, we will conclude the  
“Great Figures of the New Testament” series with reflections on “Jesus of Nazareth,” and, “The Christ of Faith.”  
On January 16<sup>th</sup>, we begin a new series of half-hour lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman on “The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon” followed by discussion. We will conclude each session by 10:30 am. All are invited!



**Book Group  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

The Book Group will meet on Sunday evening, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will continue our conversation on “On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old” by Parker Palmer, focusing our discussion on chapters 4 and 5. All are invited to join us.

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 9:00 am Great Courses	3 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00 pm FFFolders	5 9:00 am Jo Ann Bouquard
6 Epiphany 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	7 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	8 2:30 Helping Hands 6:00 pm Mickey Bar-ron's Eagle Ceremony 6:30 pm Diaconate	9 9:00 am Great Courses	10 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00 pm FFFolders	12 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scout Den 8
13 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	14 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	15 2:30 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	16 9:00 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Ministry	17 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00 pm FFFolders	19
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27 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am SBC Annual Meeting	28 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm House Committee	29 2:30 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	30 9:00 am Great Courses	31 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		

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## January Communion Offering Julie's Safe House

The Mission Team has designated the monthly Communion Offering for January to **Julie's Safe House: The Network Against Domestic Abuse**. The Network assists families and individuals who have experienced domestic and interpersonal violence. They educate individuals and the community to promote healthy relationships, and advocate for safer communities. The Network is located in North Central Connecticut, including Suffield and Enfield, and seeks to prevent domestic abuse by fostering, healthy, violence-free relationships. For more information, please go to Julie's Safe House website – <http://thenetworkct.org/about-us-4history/>.



## February Communion Offering Camp Wightman

The February Communion offering will be given to Camp Wightman, our Connecticut American Baptist Camp in North Stonington. For over 60 years, Camp Wightman has been a place to “challenge and train youth and adults for greater service to God.” Summer Christian camping programs for children, youth and adults, retreats, workshops, educational opportunities, recreation and worship experiences help guide, shape, nurture and empower people of all ages to grow in their spiritual lives as they journey on the Way of Jesus. Members and friends of Second Baptist Church have had transformative and nurturing experiences at Camp Wightman over the six decades of ministry there. Each year, the Mission Team provides scholarship assistance for individuals and families in order for their children and youth to be part of the larger Camp Wightman community.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts to these critical ministries. You may write checks to Second Baptist Church with “Communion” in the memo line.



## Please Help If You Can... January , 2019

On Tuesday January 4, we are going to the Dominican Republic. Each year we go to small villages , deliver school supplies and medicine and work with our partner in Christ.

We are excited to see how Pastor Joel's church is growing !

We are very fortunate to have four going this trip, Corey Haynes, Laila Lawson, Delia Fuller and Sue Schneller. Each of us can bring 100 pounds of supplies we are hoping to bring enough supplies so that each child will receive some type school supplies: composition books, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, markers, shoes, backpack, and vitamins. Each clinic will receive over the counter meds like Ibu-profen, acetaminophen, Benadryl, bandages, bacitracin, allergy meds, and Imodium.

We need more vitamins the medication is cheaper to buy there and Gummy Bear Vitamins melt in the heat.

If you could possible pick up some children's vitamins or school supplies we would greatly appreciate it and so won't the children of the Dominican Republic. Keep us in your prayers!



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, February 13th** from **1:30-6:30 pm** in **Fellowship Hall**.

**Please call 1-800 givelife to  
make your appointment!**



## Cupcakes or Brownies for the Soup Kitchen

The **Mission Committee** is always looking for people to bake 2 dozen cupcakes or brownies and volunteers to join the team. **The next two visits will be on Saturday, January 12th & February 9th.**

**Please contact the church office if you would like more information.**

# January

## BIRTHDAYS

Steve Senter	1
David Battle	2
Sarah Johnson Hubbard	4
Justin Drenzek	6
Carolyn Samplatsky	7
Heather Pierzchala	8
Jan Anderson	10
Jim Wood	11
Ryan John Rookey	14
Adelaide Elizabeth Begin	
Daisy Saunders	16
Jacob Quinn	
Robin (Colson) Arsenault	18
Lois (Hayes) Gracey	20
Christine Ahrens	
Ruth Thompson	22
Michele Brown Quinn	
Kathy Remington	24
Jason Jamrog	
Becki Fuller	25
Jean Aldrich-Jones	26
Betsy (Drenzek) Carr	28



Jim & Melinda Fuller 23

*If you know of a birthday or anniversary within the church that is not listed, please call the church office, (860) 668-1661, or send us an e-mail at [office@secondbaptistsuffield.com](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.com) so we can add it to our list!*

# February

## BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Linke	2
Debbie Preli	3
Matt Brown	4
Bob Davis	5
Elissa (Wood) Nasiatka	6
Robbie Tobiasz	7
Heather Grant	
Marcia Killam	9
Win Senter	11
Bruce Remington	
Betty Dagleish	12
Avery Whitman	13
Meredith Quitno	13
Lin Remington	16
Lee LaRoche	
Steve Smith	19
Ryan Price	20
Gloria Magliozzi	21
Cliff Barron	
Nancy Drenzek	22
Sue Roy	
Patsy Senter	
Cedric LaRoche	25
Ryan Waterman	26



**If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the January-February edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Friday, February 15th.**



**You can now make your donations to Second Baptist Church using your credit card online!**

Go to our website, [secondbaptistsuffield.org](http://secondbaptistsuffield.org) and click on the green "Online Giving" box. Then click on either the Yearly Pledge or Capital Campaign "Donate" button and follow the instructions to make your contribution. Be sure to note what your specific donation is for by clicking on "Add special instructions to the seller".



**Yoga Class Continues**

We encourage you to join us as we build strength and flexibility in an inspirational environment.

**See Nancy Drenzek for more information.**



**Fellowship Time, We've Made it Easy!**

Please consider hosting a Fellowship Time.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.



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The Baptist Peace Fellowship**

**About Second Baptist Church**

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**Sunday Worship Service** 10 am. Childcare and Sunday School available.

We are accessible for people with disabilities from the back entrance, and hearing assistance devices are available upon request.

**Sunday School** for all ages. Adult Education at 9 am;

Sunday School for Children Grades K-12 during the 10 am Worship Service

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