

# 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



*Carr's*

Comments

As I wrote these words in early August, my mind turned to the new program year about to dawn in our community and it came to me that we've been here before: a full Sunday morning schedule of worship, education and music; the various ministries/committees continue and accelerate the various programs and ministries they have been working on for months; more special events and mission opportunities are available after a summer when we "slowed down" to catch our individual and collective breaths. Even as we have slowed down, I'm thrilled to see the "new things" happening at Second Baptist Church. Work is well underway on the renovations to the Kneece Chapel (and I am deeply grateful to the Building Use Ministry team and others for their commitment and work on this important project that, hopefully, will serve the greater Suffield community). I'm also very pleased to know that by the end of August, modifications to a couple of the pews on the south side of the Sanctuary will be made to make this sacred space more accessible to those who use walkers and wheelchairs (many thanks to the Diaconate for their work!). I'm grateful to the House Committee for completion of the parking area on the backside of the building with five more handicapped parking spaces right next to the building. And for the Green Team, particularly Richard Binns, for planting wild flowers on the slope near the rear of the building, enhancing the area with beauty.

At the same time, though we are always doing some new things in new ways in our call to be faithful to the One who "makes all things new" (and you'll see several of these new things/programs in this edition of the Crier), there remains a basic pattern and rhythm to our life and ministry together, not unlike the changing seasons of southern New England. I like doing new things, and familiar things in different ways; and yet, there is a place inside me that revels in the known, the tried and tested. So, as we begin another program year in ministry together, my hope is that we might keep our eyes, hearts and spirits open to the new thing God is always doing in the world and in our midst.

And at the same time, may we pay attention to those ways of our being together, that have brought us to place in our life and ministry as the Second Baptist Church of Suffield.

Peace.

*Tom*

Tom

**IT'S HERE!**  
**SUFFIELD ON THE GREEN!**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Dates:**      **Saturday, Sept 7; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
                    **Sunday, Sept 8; 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

We are looking for volunteers to be at the booth for a couple of hours to greet visitors. Grab a friend, family member, a teen or toddler and show Suffield all the great things that Second Baptist is doing.

New this year, we will have the following tables for visitors to enjoy:

- Lego/Duplo Block Table (children can build and take their creations with them)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dominican Republic Light of Hope Mission
- Book Group / Great Courses
- Green Team
- Sale of our special Morning Awakening devotion books written by Karen Santi's mother in commemoration of Suffield's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In addition, there will be a raffle and free giveaways for children and adults! The newly renovated Kneece Chapel will be open for people to stop by and see all of the possibilities for gathering together as a community.

If you are interested in helping with Friday night set-up, a few hours at the booth or Sunday take-down, please let Peg Carr know.

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**Sunday Adult Education**

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we resume Adult Education at 9:00 am in the Parlor of Second Baptist Church. The time is led by the Reverend Carr, we meet for 45 minutes and the time is for everyone. We begin with looking at passages in the Bible, opening ourselves to and listening for the movement of the Spirit, and go wherever we are led. Last year, we almost made it through half of the Gospel of Luke – the first 8 chapters! – so we will begin with the ninth chapter. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to bring your insights, questions, confusions and clarity as we explore the Gospel of Luke, together.



**September Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards**

**September 1**

**Worship at First Baptist Church**

**September 8**

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

**Worship Leader:** David Jones

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

**September 15**

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

**Worship Leader:** Tina Berrien

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** The Deacons

**Flowers:** Available

**September 22**

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

**Worship Leader:** Peter Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

**September 29**

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

**Worship Leader:** David Battle

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sarah Hubbard

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available



**Save Your Pull Tabs!**

Please save your pull tabs from juice, soda and beer cans. Put them in the bear container on the table in the Welcome Center. They will be taken to Shriners Hospital where they will be sold and the money used to benefit the kids there.

## About Our Community

- ▼ **Sue Fuller** passed away on August 9th. Her memorial service was held at SBC on August 15th.
- ▼ **Christopher and Lindsey Das** announce the birth of **Lucas Christopher**- the third great grandchild for **Peter and Natalie**.



## The Hot Cat Jazz Band is Coming to SBC September 15th!

We can look forward to a very special worship experience on **Sunday,**

**September 15th** The Hot Cats will be treating us once again to their exciting and entertaining music for our worship service, including original arrangements of traditional jazz standards.

The Hot Cat Jazz Band specializes in swing, big band jazz and classic rock. The instrumentation of the group is trumpet, clarinet, trombone, guitar, bass and drums. Their repertoire includes **Swing standards** of George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Duke Ellington **Big band hits** of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey, **Popular songs from the 1920's**, and **New Orleans Dixieland favorites**. They can be found playing their infectious music for libraries, churches and summer gazebo concerts across the state. Since their inception, the Hot Cat Jazz Band has performed hundreds of "jazz worship services" while accompanying church choirs and the congregation hymns. The Hot Cat Jazz Band guarantees to have you dancing in the pews and aisles with their infectious New Orleans Dixieland sound! **Please plan to join us for worship at 10:00 am on September 15th!**



## 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.**



## Exploring Humanity's New Story Where Science & Spirituality Meet

by David Battle and Nancy Drenzek

Reverend Carr will be leading a series of 90 minute exploratory presentations about (what Tom describes as) humanity's New Story.

The first gathering will be in the Kneece Chapel at Second Baptist Church on Monday, September 9th at 7pm. Meetings will convene, subsequently, every Monday through October 28th. (skipping Monday, October 14th, Columbus Day) Everyone is invited to participate in each of these uniquely fascinating forums.

Anyone who cares about our well-being and the health of life on Earth will not want to miss this. In addition to his own expertise, Tom will draw upon the wisdom and insights of scientists and other theologians such as Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, to name but a few. To borrow from the writings of Mary Evelyn Tucker, we have a responsibility to lead ourselves "out of the alienation of modern industrial life and beyond the stale forms of religious life; out of the fragmentation of social communities and into a more integrating and comprehensive framework." It is time to bring our civilization into better alignment with one another and the natural processes that birth and nourish life.

Second Baptist Church is excited to host these upcoming forums. Those who plan to participate in the first session at 7pm on Monday, September 9th, are encouraged to contact the Church office to register.



## Great Courses Resumes on September 4<sup>th</sup>

The Great Courses program will resume on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Parlor**. We will continue our study of "The Book of Genesis" with a thirty-minute lecture by Dr. Gary Rendsburg, professor of Jewish History at Rutgers University, focusing on "The Abraham Story" (Genesis 12-22) followed by conversation led by the Reverend Carr. We meet every Wednesday morning for 90 minutes and everyone is welcome.



## Volunteers Needed

“Beyond the Shadows” is the name of a new television show being developed by Barbara Lawrence. “Beyond the Shadows,” which will run

on Cox Communications, Channel 15, deals with issues related to child sexual abuse, assault, domestic violence and other issues affecting our communities. The show is a half-hour interview format and Barbara will be taping 1 – 2 shows per month.

In preparation for production, Barbara is looking for volunteers to help in the process of putting together the programs. The TV studio will provide the equipment and offer training for those who can help with the following: 1) work with cameras; 2) audio; 3) graphics; and, 4) technical direction. If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles and/or know of people who have an interest and expertise, please see the Reverend Carr or Barbara. The email Barbara has created specifically for the show is [beyondtheshadowstv@gmail.com](mailto:beyondtheshadowstv@gmail.com).



## Tai Chi (Easy) and Chi Gong Classes

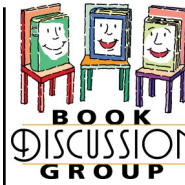
Learn the powerful principles of Chi Gong and Tai Chi Easy. Anybody at any age or fitness level can use this potent practice for stress reduction, pain relief and insight

Starting Monday, September 16th, from 9:30-10:30 in the Kneece Chapel and Second Baptist, Marcey Hickey, Certified Chi Gong Instructor, has been teaching for 11 years in Granby and Suffield.

1st session : September 16-October 28 \$56  
(if paid on or before the first class)  
Walk-ins: \$12 per session

If you would like to pre-register, please send a check for \$56, made payable to:

Marcey Hickey  
14 Day St South  
West Granby, CT 06090



**The September Book Group conversation will be Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** We will be meeting at the home of Laurie Gokey and will finish our conversation on “The Art of Living” by Thich Nhat Hanh. All are welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact the Reverend Carr.



## 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.



## We Continue to Open Our Doors

When you stop by the church this Fall you will hear the happy voices of pre-school aged children enjoying their day. The Suffield Cooperative Preschool has relocated from First Church of Christ, Suffield to Second Baptist Church. The preschool will reside here during the 2019- 2020 school year while renovations are undertaken at “First Church”. School is starting on August 29th. So, let’s welcome them with lots of smiles and encouragement.

In addition, there are several groups that will be using our newly renovated Kneece Chapel “Common Room.” They include the Greater Springfield Music Together, a family music and movement class for infants, toddlers and preschoolers; a Qigong Class; and Partnering to Reach Aspirations. The Cetto Chamber Singers will be using our facility to rehearse for their upcoming concerts. If you would like to join any of the new groups please contact Evelyne Battle, Dave Battle, Nancy Drenzek or Laurie Gokey. We can put you in touch with the group leaders. Let’s continue opening our doors to new space-sharing opportunities and our hearts to all.

## From the Green Team

As you consider your call as a faithful steward of God's creation and all of God's people, you may want to take part in one of or all of these upcoming events in Connecticut sponsored by the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network:

**Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 pm:** "Let there be Light" A Green Forum on Solar Power at Temple B'nai Israel, Windham, CT

**Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22 :** "Walk, Bike, Carpool, take Public Transportation or Drive your Electric Car to Worship!" In honor of the World Climate Strike, reduce or eliminate your use of fossil fuels that weekend as you go to join your Congregation. Let us know how many people you have participate!

**Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm:** "Drowning in Plastic" A Green Forum on Plastic Pollution. Higganum Congregational Church, Higganum, CT

For more information on these events, go to [www.irejn.org](http://www.irejn.org).



### Join Us for Two Evenings of Card Making

On Friday, September 27th and October 25th we will be making greeting cards to send to church members that need their spirits up lifted. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. All supplies including paper, inks, stamps, cutting dies, punches etc. will be provided. We plan to make 3 uniquely designed cards.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your adhesive of choice. The most common adhesive used for paper crafting is a permanent tape runner. They can be purchased at Micheal's (don't forget to use your Micheal's coupon).

Paper crafting novices are welcome. There will be plenty of helpers to assist you with you cards. And please remember that we will be working with paper.....so if you make a mistake you can turn your paper over and start again. No stress - - Just fun:-)

Kits containing the components of each card will need to be assembled before the meeting, so please call Laurie Gokey at 860-402-9292 before September 22nd and October 20th, respectively, if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



## 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".



### GREAT NEWS! PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE

A podcast is a digital audio file made available on the Internet for listening or downloading. A way for you to listen to the Sunday service anywhere and any time. Go to our website:

[secondbaptistsuffield.org](http://secondbaptistsuffield.org) and click the blue button that says "Listen to Sermon Podcast". Scroll through and choose the service you want to hear. Also, click on the button that says "Our YouTube Channel"



### 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 visit will be on Saturday, September 14th.**

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



**If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the October edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Monday, September 16th.**

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10: Worship at First Baptist Church	2 Labor Day Office Closed 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	3 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	4 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA)	5 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	7 Suffield on the Green 9:00 am Cub Scouts
8 Suffield of the Green 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 pm Council of Ministries 4:30 pm Women's Choir	9 8:30 am Suffield Academy 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA) 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm The New Cosmology	10 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	11 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	12 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA) 7:00 pm Women's Choir	14 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
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- 4 Diana Parker
- 5 Aleksei Newman Denisovich Petrov
- 7 Katherine T. Battle
- 10 Rick Carmon
- 12 Natalie Das  
Doris Murray
- 16 Tatum LaRochelle
- 17 Molly Baumann
- 18 Lamoya Franklin  
Luther Killam  
Krycia Harlow
- 19 Mardi Newman
- 22 Lisa Haynes
- 23 Ruth Beal
- 25 Bill Remington  
Tucker Killam  
Katie Killam  
Tommy Killam  
Melinda Fuller
- 26 Joel Parker  
Samantha Marquis
- 27 Connor Beaulieu



- 3 Caroline & Etienne d'Otreppe  
Marcy & Ron Rookey
- 11 Lin & Bill Remington
- 12 Catherine & Randy Wright
- 14 Ernie & Libby Begin
- 17 Chris & Rick Carmon
- 23 Brenda & Gary Seger

*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!*

## September Communion Offering The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN) is Connecticut's faith-based environmental non-profit organization. Founded almost twenty years ago and committed to justice for all people and all creation, IREJN is grounded in hope and acts as a unifying voice dedicated to positive, hopeful action. IREJN affirms that Earth is the one thing we all share, the one place we all call home and that all religions and spiritualities recognize that it is our sacred responsibility to care for all life. The mission of IREJN is to inspire religious communities in Connecticut to be faithful stewards of Earth and all her creatures.

IREJN is a network of individuals and religious communities from a wide variety of beliefs. Through the years, it has brought people together at state-wide forums related to plastic pollution, water issues, environmental racism, climate change and energy conservation, educational conferences, advocating for legislation that protects, preserves, conserves and restores the environment and holding prayer vigils and other interfaith services around the state. This past year, Second Baptist Church was recognized as a Level Two "Green House of Worship," an IREJN program designed to encourage and promote the efforts of local congregations to become more aware of the connection between their faith and ecological stewardship and to be environmentally responsible within their houses of worship through energy savings, use of renewable energy, recycling, using non-toxic cleaning products, reducing waste, water saving, using more sustainable products in kitchens, educational programs rooted in ones' faith. It founded the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, bringing together religious, labor and environmental groups in our common goal of a healthy planet and good, sustainable jobs for workers. The Reverend Carr is one of the founders of IREJN. Their website is [www.irejn.org](http://www.irejn.org)

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this important ministry in Connecticut.

# Christmas In Suffield

## Saturday, November 2nd (It will be here before you know it!)



### ATTIC TREASURES

Dust off those discarded "treasures"! We will begin accepting donations on a date to be announced .



Do you have any costume jewelry that you are no longer wearing?

Please consider donating it to Second Baptist's annual fair.

Please contact Gert Hastings or call the church office for more information.

### Volunteers Needed

We can always use people to lend a hand. From Attic Treasures to helping with preparing and serving lunch's or just some friendly faces that can greet and direct visitors.

Please see Sue if you are willing to help.

### PLANTS

It's not too late to take cuttings from your house plants. They still have several weeks to get a good start.



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## About Second Baptist Church

**Web Site** <http://www.secondbaptistsuffield.org>

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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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