

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

On Sunday, April 28th, nine young people will be baptized in morning worship (I write this three-days prior to the 28th; hence, the future tense). It's not often that we have a baptism

during the season of Easter but I'm glad that we're doing so this year. I say that because, in addition to the fact that the rite of baptism is powerful and deeply meaningful for the person who has made the decision to be baptized, as well as for the entire congregation, it is also a visible sign of the resurrection that we celebrate in this season.

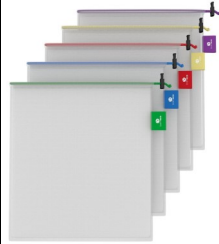
For me, baptism is the culmination of a thoughtful, prayerful decision to say "Yes" to following the Way of Jesus and to formally become part of a community of faith. It is also the beginning of a life-long journey of faith. It symbolizes the putting away of an old way of living and being raised to new life with Christ. As Paul writes, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6: 3-4).

Baptism also presents an opportunity for those of us who have been baptized to reflect upon our own baptismal vows. I always ask the candidates two questions before immersing them in the water: "Do you believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ?;" and, "Do you intend to follow him all the days of your life?" These are questions worth reflecting on no matter when or in what manner we were baptized.

May you have a blessed season of Easter – today and everyday.

Peace.

Tom



During the Lenten Breakfasts, the Green Team gave away re-usable produce bags as a small way to reduce plastic waste and to raise our awareness for caring for God's creation. The world's oceans are overwhelmed with plastic waste which, in several places around the world, is now being found in almost every living creature. The use of re-usable produce bags is one way to help the oceans upon which all life depends. I have ordered several different sets of bags by going to [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/Reusable-Produce-Bags-Washable-Vegetable/dp/B012UBNQDE) and use them every time I go to the grocery store – it's a great conversation starter, too! <https://www.amazon.com/Reusable-Produce-Bags-Washable-Vegetable/dp/B012UBNQDE>.

Tom Carr



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.

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Jane Purtil Fuller Scholarship

Suffield Community Aid's Board of Directors dedicates an annual needs-based scholarship in memory of our long time parish-

ioner, Jane Purtil Fuller. It is awarded to a graduating Suffield high-school senior pursuing a nursing or social service field of study. Applicants wishing to apply are encouraged to fill out the common application at the Suffield High School or call the SCA. The deadline for applications is May 13.



May Flower Rep.: David Battle

May 5, Hot Cat Jazz

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

Worship Leader: Howard Beal

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

May 12, Mother's Day

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

Worship Leader: Gail Davis

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

May 19, Music Appreciation Sunday

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

Worship Leader: David Battle

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time:

Flowers: Jean & David Jones

May 26, Memorial Sunday

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

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers:



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, May 11th.**

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



About Our Community

- ▼ **Betty Dagleish** passed away on April 10th. Her memorial service was held at Second Baptist on April 15th.



Carolyn Stabenow is selling her Tetter Hanger inversion table, similar to the one shown. Please contact her or the church office if interested.

A Message from Tatum LaRochelle at Gordon College

I have an amazing opportunity to go on a mission trip to the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf and I would love your support! I know that God is calling me to do mission work and to help people. I have spent the last few years learning some sign language which I'm so happy will finally come in handy! Many deaf people in countries like Jamaica are often neglected and never learn a language and never learn about God. Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf has multiple locations across Jamaica, helping to "Reach, Teach, and Nurture the Deaf of Jamaica.

May 5th I will be at in the Fellowship Hall with some baked items. Please stop and look and learn more about my trip that I will be taking from May 20th to June 1st.



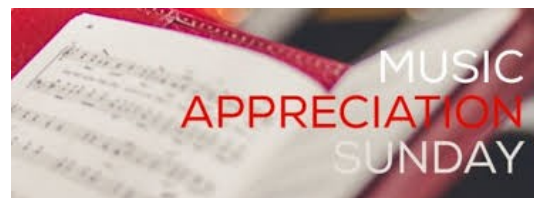
**Please join us on
Sunday April 28th
for a very special Worship Service.
Nine young people will be baptized
into the Christian faith and the
community of Second Baptist Church.,
where we will be baptizing
9 new members.**



**Join us for 10:00 AM
Sunday worship with the
Hot Cat Jazz Band on Sunday, May 5th!**

Mission Fair – Sunday, May 5, 2019

Following worship on Sunday, May 5th, there will be an opportunity to learn about several of the mission/outreach programs our congregation supports in the greater Suffield area and beyond. There will be representatives from six community groups in the Fellowship Hall "tabling" with information about their particular programs. All are invited to come and learn about a few of the important local mission programs Second Baptist Church supports.



**We will be acknowledging all those
involved in SBC Music Ministry on
Sunday, May 19th.
Come and show your support!**



Suffield on the Green Update

An enthusiastic group recently met to begin planning this year's booth for Suffield on the Green. The theme is "Live it! Do it!" We are stepping up and will have a double booth this year so people will have room to step in and visit stations showing everyone who we are and what we do as Second Baptist Church. There will be giveaways for children and adults alike. If you would like to help plan and/or participate in the event, please contact Peg Carr.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, May 1st from 12:00-5:00** in Fellowship Hall.

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



Camp Wightman Second Baptist Scholarships

This summer, if you and others in your family are considering attending Camp Wightman, the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN), Second Baptist Church can provide scholarship assistance. All that's needed is to fill out a very simple application form and give it to the Mission Committee. You or a member of your family must complete an application to receive scholarship assistance. Application forms are in the church office.

The Mission Team



Join Us for an Evening of Card Making at Second Baptist Church

On Friday, May 10, we will be making greeting cards to send to church members who need their spirits uplifted. 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 or 4 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. But clear glue is another option.

Paper crafting novices are welcome. There will be plenty of helpers to assist you with your 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:-)

Appetizers or desserts to share are appreciated. We will need nourishment as we work:-)

Kits containing the components of each card will need to be assembled before the meeting, so please call Laurie Gokey at 860-402-9292 by May 5th if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.



A Very Special Palm Sunday!

The Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians presented a wonderful choral drama entitled "When Silent Voices Sing" by Allen Pote on Palm Sunday! To hear the recording go to secondbaptistsuffield.org, click on "Listen to Our Podcast", then on the underlined link next to April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday at the bottom of the page.





Identity Thefts and Scams are Rampant in our Town!

Each day, the Suffield Police receive a new case. Learn the latest scams. Find out what you can do to protect yourself and your family. Join a Suffield Police Officer to learn more about scams on:

April 25 at Noon
Laurel Court Recreation Room
81 Bridge Street

April 25 at 6:30 pm
Suffield Police Dept.
Amiel Zak Community Room



The Great Courses group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the

Parlor. On the first Wednesday in May, we will be finishing up the series "The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon." On May 8th, we will begin our study of "The Book of Genesis." The 30-minute lecture is followed by discussion led by the Reverend Carr. We conclude at 11:00 am. All are welcome!



If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the

June edition of The CRIER,
the deadline for submission is
Monday, May 20th.



We Are Opening Our Doors

If you stop into the church this Fall during the week, you may hear the happy voices of pre-school aged children enjoying their day. The Suffield Cooperative Pre-school is relocating from First Church of Christ, Suffield to Second Baptist Church in July. The Preschool will reside here during the 2019 - 2020 school year while renovations are undertaken at "First Church". In addition, we will also be welcoming Greater Springfield Music Together, a family music and movement class for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. They will be using the Fellowship Hall one day a week, year round. These are two examples of the types of groups we hope will be interested in using our facility after our Capital Campaign projects are completed. "Let's Open our Doors" to new space-sharing opportunities and our hearts to all. If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Evelyne Battle, Dave Battle, Nancy Drenzek or Laurie Gokey.



Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Now you can donate to our church at the same time---without spending any extra money!

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into your account. Then specify Second Baptist Church (location Suffield, CT) as your chosen charity.

When you place your orders, our church will automatically receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases, not including shipping (purchases include Amazon purchases only, not other vendors).

Ask your family and friends if they will sign up, too. Once you sign up, create a bookmark to use each time you shop. Nothing will change about your Amazon shopping experience. Amazon Prime accounts will not be affected. If you have any questions or need help setting up the account, please ask Laurie Gokey, 860-402-9292 or okgokey@gmail.com.

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 am Great Courses 7:00 pm Suffield Historical Society	2 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Music Together 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 12:00 pm FFFolders	4
5 Hot Cat Jazz 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time & mission Fair	6 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	7 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	8 9:30 am Great Courses	9 10:00 am Yoga Class 4:30 pm Music Together 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 12:00 pm FFFolders 6:00 pm Card Making	11 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scouts Den 8
12 Mother's Day 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	13 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	14 ARC Blood Drive 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	15 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Ministry	16 10:00 am Yoga Class 4:30 pm Music Together 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 12:00 pm FFFolders	18
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- 5 Robyn Smith Jennings
- 6 Chris Sikes
Ray Schneller
- 7 Brenda Seger
Lena Blake
- 8 Rose Marie Hubbard
- 9 Ed Prajzner, Sr.
- 11 Melissa Malec
- 12 Tina Berrien
- 16 Alec Remington Pryce
Matthew Hubbard
- 18 Jim Craig
Noah Prajzner
- 20 Nancy Fuller
Jane Fuller
- 23 Stephanie d'Otreppe
- 24 Corey Haynes
Linda Isham
- 25 Cristina Das Alsum
- 28 Dick Begin
- 29 Amanda Sikes Moore
Wally Malec
Dan Aldrich
- 31 Linda Gilbert
John Killam
Joshua Quinn



- 4 Jimmy & Emily Grant
- 15 Diana & Joel Parker
- 16 Elissa (Wood) & Joe Nasiatka
- 20 Brenda & Ed Prajzner
- 30 Stephanie D'Otreppe & Don Kim

May Communion Offering

Kristy Engel

(American Baptist Global Consultant for Health)

Our May Communion Offering is dedicated to helping Kristy Engel, Global Consultant for Health (American Baptist International Ministries). The Missions Committee is taking advantage of a special spring Matching Gift Challenge in which donations are matched, dollar for dollar, by ABC-USA's International Ministries.

Kristy is a highly experienced medical missionary. She is trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner and holds a Masters Certificate in international nutrition. Second Baptist has enjoyed a long and closely supportive relationship with Kristy. It began while she was stationed (for 12-years) in the Dominican Republic where she served in mobile medical clinics and relief efforts following the 2010 Haiti earthquake. Since then, we have supported Kristy's expansion into the global Health & Wellness mission field. She now visits numerous countries in need of health assessments, ongoing education, health team visits or other forms of collaboration during crisis and non-crisis situations. Most recently she has worked in Liberia (the Ebola epidemic), Bangladesh (pre-natal, birthing services and antenatal care), Bolivia (medical, dental, at-risk and special needs children), India (establishing the first Christian Bachelor's nursing program in the state of Assam), Nicaragua (Zika, malaria and malnutrition), and Haiti (children with disabilities), to name but a few.

You can learn more about Kristy's remarkable medical missionary work by visiting her web site (kristynurse.org)

Please give to the May Communion Offering as generously as you can – and know also that your donation is particularly valuable because of the Matching Gift Challenge (Kristy will benefit from **twice** the amount of your donation!)

THE JAMES COGGINS, JR.
\$1,000.00
ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



- Are you a Suffield Resident?
- Are you graduating from high school?
- Do you give of your time for the benefit of others?
- Can you promote your community service activities in 500 words or less?

If the answer to all these questions is "YES", you may be selected to receive a \$1,000 award in memory of our former board member & volunteer of Suffield Community Aid, formerly Emergency Aid Association.

Applicants are required to submit no more than a 500-word essay describing their volunteer activities to SCA Scholarship Committee at 450 South Street, Suffield, 06078 or email to Janetf@suffieldcommunityaid.org. For more information, call 860-668-1986.

Applications must be received by midnight on Monday, May 13, 2019



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The Baptist Peace Fellowship

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Sunday Worship Service 10 am September – July. 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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Evelyn Battle, Director of Music Ministry
 Jean Aldrich-Jones, Organist & Handbell Choir Director
 Jennifer Sikes, Custodian