

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 write, I am finishing a fabulous novel, "The Overstory" by Richard Powers. Written earlier this year, this bestseller is about reimagining the human place in the world, the living

world, particularly through encounters with trees and forests. There are nine main human characters, unknown to each other at the outset, each having encounters with trees – some dramatic, some very subtle - in different ways in a variety of situations. All of them eventually come together in a last attempt to save North America's few remaining acres of old growth/virgin forests. It is a rich, very readable book that calls out for us to see and experience life in a different, interconnected way.

One of the characters, Patricia, a shy woman, botanist and PhD, whose "expertise" and experience in the woods enlightens her to many ground breaking discoveries of the nature of trees and how they interact with each other and everything around them. In her later years, while living nearly alone in a cabin-research lab in a forest, she's asked to write a book in order for the general public to understand what she has learned and experienced. Of the many profound insights she writes is this:

"Before it dies, a Douglas-fir, half a millennium old, will send its storehouse of chemicals back down into its roots and out through its fungal partners, donating its riches to the community pool in a last will and testament. We might well call these ancient benefactors giving trees."

As I thought about this new year ahead of us at Second Baptist Church, it came to me that this is what all of us who are followers of the Way of Jesus are called to do: send the storehouses of our spirit, wisdom, compassion and generosity to the world, to every person and every living being. Indeed, like the Douglas-fir, we receive and are filled with physical and spiritual gifts in order that we might grow into the children of God that we are created to be. And at

the very same time, we are "giving trees" with storehouses of love and goodness to be shared with the whole community of life.

Let this new year be one of giving from our storehouses of love.

Peace.

Tom

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**Baptism classes are starting in September.
Please call the church office if you would like
more information. 860 668-1661**

You're Invited

to our Fall Sunday School
Kick-off

September 16



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SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

September Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

September 2

Worship at 1st Baptist Church

September 9

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time:

Flowers: Available

September 16

Christian Ed Kick-off and Hot Cat Jazz

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Deacons

Flowers: Available

September 23

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

September 30

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available



**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.



**Great Courses Resume
 Wednesday, September 5th**

The Wednesday morning gatherings around the Great Courses series begins again on Wednesday, September 5th at 9:30am in the Parlor. We will resume the theme of "Great Figures of the New Testament" with 30-minute lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine on one or more of the personalities found in the New Testament followed by a discussion led by the Reverend Carr on implications for our living as followers of the Way of Jesus. We end each session at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome.

About Our Community

- ♥ Rockwood Berry passed away on July 5th.
- ♥ Gordon Loomis passed away on August 12th.

SUFFIELD VILLAGE DENTAL
FREE DENTAL DAY
for the underserved and needy in our community

Friday - Sept. 7, 2018
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Call to be pre-screened for an appointment.

SUFFIELD VILLAGE DENTAL, P.C.
Craig Tini, D.D.S.
(860) 668-4431
215 Suffield Village
Suffield, CT 06078



Adult Education begins Sunday, September 9th

Sunday morning Adult Education resumes on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 am. We will be reflecting on the Gospel of Luke. The gatherings are led by the Reverend Carr. All are invited and encouraged to be part of these lively conversations.



Book Group Sunday, September 30th, at 6:30 pm

The Book Group will be meeting on the last day of the month, Sunday, September 30th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will begin conversations on a new book, "The Tao of Pooh" by Benjamin Hoff. The book is intended as an introduction to Taosim by allegorically employing the fictional characters of "Winnie the Pooh." All are invited to join us.



**We are very excited about
Suffield on the Green
September 8th & 9th
Please contact the Church Office
to Volunteer!**



The Hot Cat Jazz Band is Coming to SBC September 16th

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

tember, 16th 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 16th!**



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

Go to our website, 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".

Our Doors are Open Let it Shine - AUGUST UPDATE

Capital Campaign April 2018 - April 2021

Our fundraising efforts have yielded 74 pledges with commitments of \$339,147 as of our last Capital Campaign meeting, July 31, 2018. The actual cash collected and available is \$213,961 which is 61% of our goal. These funds include two grants that are to be used to improve accessibility to the building. Our fundraising efforts now are focusing on community outreach contributions including solicitations of local business and groups operating in Suffield, especially those that use our facility or benefit from Second Baptist presence in the center of town. We have already received some of these donations from those that wish to remain anonymous. We are blessed that First Baptist was able to open their doors for worship earlier than expected as egress to our building is very much a construction zone during August.

Projects Completed or in-process: The offices have been enjoying the individual room-controlled High Efficiency Heat pumps for cooling at a cost of \$14,223. Seven WI FI Thermostats have been installed so house volunteers can manage temperature controls remotely to help with pipe freezing issues we have dealt with the past few years \$3,426. The grant funds have been spent to install electric door openers by the back entrance to Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$11,539. Additionally, we have installed an electric door opener by the ladies bathroom also on the Fellowship Hall level. These door openers have been operational since mid-July – and the exterior button is well concealed in the rock wall – so make sure to look for it as some have said it blends in nicely so was hard to see. Once the handicap accessibility is completed, we will need to provide pictures and a sign to acknowledge the Zak Grant for their contribution to this specific goal. An energy efficient door has been installed on the north side of the Prior Wing as the former door had single panes of glass and was very heavy. Also, a new storm door for the kitchen has been installed with a total cost of both doors of \$2,580. The two oil tanks have been removed this week at a cost of \$5,950 and we were fortunate that there was not water in them as pumping would have cost another \$1000+. We are in the process of covering the water stained ceilings with sheet rock in the Welcome Center, Parlor, and Kneece Chapel hallway and bathrooms at an estimated cost of \$7,600. So watch out for those tarps if you are entering any of these areas.

I want to give special thanks to the House Volunteers for their significant contributions. House is doing hours of pre-work before vendors arrive by moving furniture, removing and installing light fixtures... getting multiple quotes, supervising the work daily and negotiating significant savings for the church. We are truly blessed by each of you.

More to come: As of this writing, we are awaiting multiple proposals on paving the front lot, the north side driveway where one of the Oil tanks was removed as well as the new proposed handicap parking spaces by Fellowship Hall. Additional bids are also being received to repair the crumbling retaining wall by the North Prior entrance as well as secure the scrolled walkway fence on the North entrance that has become a hazard.

Now that the oil tanks have been removed, we can proceed with exterior painting by our chosen restoration company that will proceed with scraping and painting of pillars, shutters, windows, bell tower and dome which will begin in earnest mid-August.

Interior work continues with painting the hallway by Fellowship Hall and the bathrooms which are being reconfigured for better handicap accessibility including removal and replacement of some of the entrance tiles by Fellowship Hall and outside the Kneece Chapel entrances.

Overall, we expect many of our improvements will be complete before Homecoming Sunday in September. While the summer focus has been on exterior projects, interior work continues this fall including reconfiguring the Kneece Chapel with movable seating, completion of the smoke detectors in the Sanctuary and replacement of the two spotlights above the cross near the baptistery with efficient LED bulbs.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Santi, Chair
SBC Capital Campaign Committee

Laura Burnaford, Michele Brown-Quinn, Etienne D'Treppe, Rebecca Fuller, Walt Malec and Pastor Tom Carr

Healing Services

In these unsettled times, do you experience anxiety, despair, physical problems or are you spiritually unsettled? Would you like to gather with a small group of people to seek healing of what is wounded in your life through prayer, silence and meditation, scripture reading, song and anointing with oil? If so, you are invited to join us for 30-40 minute healing services on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except December) – September 26th, October 24th, November 28th and December 19th – at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. In the Christian faith and every religious tradition and spirituality, healing has been understood as the mending of what is broken – body, mind, emotion, spirit – and is a physical, spiritual and psychological process. As a wise long-tired colleague of mine once said, “God always heals but doesn’t always cure.” These healing services are a brief time apart, to focus on the healing of your body, mind and spirit. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see me.

The Reverend Tom Carr



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.

Suffield Emergency Aid Association Has a New Name

Suffield Emergency Aid (EAA), an important part of the Suffield community for 115 years, has a new name: **Suffield Community Aid (SCA)**. Upon reviewing the mission of the EAA, the Board determined that a new name was in order and selected Suffield Community Aid to better reflect the full range of services and to meet the changing needs of our town.

SCA will operate with the same staff, at the same location and with the same mission: to provide supportive health and social services that positively affect the well-being of Suffield residents during times of need. **SCA** remains resolute in their commitment to delivering the highest caliber social service support to improve the quality of life for those who seek their help.



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.



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 8th.**

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 17th.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 am Worship at 1st Baptist	3 Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 pm AA	4 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	6 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 pm FFFolders	1 9:00 am Jo Ann Bouquard
9 Suffield On the Green 9:00 am Adult Ed / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	10 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	11 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 2:00 pm Helping Hands	13 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 12:00 pm FFFolders	8 Suffield On the Green 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scoot Den 8
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23 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Bylaws Review	24 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm AA	25 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	27 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	28 12:00 pm FFFolders	29
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- 4 Diana Parker
- 5 Aleksei Newman Denisovich Petrov
- 7 Katherine T. Battle
- 10 Rick Carmon
- 12 Brenda Prajzner
Natalie Das
Doris Murray
- 16 Tatum LaRoche
- 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
- 30 Dorothy Knowlton



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

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 so we can add it to our list!



September Communion Offering Light of Hope (Our Missions ministry in the Dominican Republic)

Our September Communion Offering is dedicated to helping Sue Schneller and her mission team to meet the funding requirements in respect of our church's next "Light of Hope" mission trip to the DR (Dominican Republic) in January 2019.

As you may know, Sue Schneller recently returned from an incredibly active week of mission-work in the DR. She engaged in a variety of charitable projects such as:

- ◆ Finishing the construction on the home of a destitute widow and her three children
- ◆ Providing benches and tables for a new school pavilion (that had been constructed with our financial help last January)
- ◆ Distributing blankets, backpacks and school supplies to children
- ◆ Brainstorming with school teachers about our participation in future initiatives (particularly a financial aid program for helping middle-schoolers with transportation expenses)
- ◆ Handing-out a bright colored dress to 21 little girls (that were made by the Granville Mass. Quilting Guild) along with an under garment, a tooth brush and toothpaste
- ◆ Procuring medicine from local pharmacies as requested and transporting people to clinics as needed

As you can tell, our Light of Hope ministry is changing many lives for the better in the DR.

Please contribute to the September Communion Offering as generously as you can – and know also that 100% of your donation will go directly to relieving the sufferings and improving the lives of some of the neediest people in the Dominican Republic.

Christmas In Suffield
Saturday, November 3rd (It will be here before you know it!)



ATTIC TREASURES
 Dust off those discarded "treasures"!

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.



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

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

See Gert Hastings for more information.

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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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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 Jennifer Sikes, Custodian