

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



Every new year, we hear the message that it is a moment to "start all over," a time of "beginnings again" or some phrase reminding us that there are fresh possibilities for change, new life, growth. The Bible talks about this often, as in the words of the prophet Isaiah speaking for God, "I am about to do a new thing..." and in book of Revelation: "See, I am making all things new." God is constantly making all things new, bringing new life, hope and the possibility for peace, justice and "God's will be done on Earth as it is in heaven." This is certainly true.

At the same time, I am reminded that we don't really "start all over" because we bring the past with us into the present and the future. Yes, what has been has been: the good and the not so good; our successes and our failures; our pain and loss and our joy and sense of wholeness. And we bring this with us into the new year – and any and every new day. The question for us is how will the past be transformed into something new that is life-giving for our personal lives and the life of the world? Will we continue to hold on to the past – the pain and resentments and loss, along with our successes and joys? Or will we let go of what has been, stop clinging to the past and allow it all to help shape the future that God has in store for us? Will we let God be truly

God in our lives and the life of the world in order that God can do that "new thing" in and through us?

I've shared the following prayer/poem before but I thought it good to reflect on again as we move into the new year. It's by Jan Richardson from her book, "Night Visions."

Move over the face of
my deep,
my darkness,
my endless restless chaos,
and create,
O God;
trouble me,
comfort me,
stir me up,
and calm me,
but do not cease
to breathe
your Spirit into
my waking soul.

May you welcome God's Spirit into your waking soul, today and throughout the year.

Peace.



Tom

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**SBC Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd
following
Worship Service.**

**Please submit your reports
no later than
Friday, January 6th.**



January Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

January 1

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien & Alec Pryce
Worship Leader: Mardi Newman
Nursery Volunteer: No Nursery
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

January 8, Epiphany

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,
 John Killam & Robbie Tobiaz
Worship Leader: Lucille Miller
Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala
Fellowship Time: Dian Kingsbury
Memorial Flowers: Available

January 15

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,
 Barry Sisk & Wally Malec
Worship Leader: Tina Berrien
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Peg Carr
Memorial Flowers: Available

January 22

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
 Derek Burnaford & Tom Killam
Worship Leader: Peter Das
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

January 29

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien,
 Richard Rinaldi & Kaden Rinaldi
Worship Leader: Howard Beal
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available



February Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

February 5

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,
 R.C. Hubbard & Greg Bassos
Worship Leader: David Jones
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

February 12

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,
 Barry Sisk & Wally Malec
Worship Leader: David Battle
Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

February 19

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
 Derek Burnaford & Laurie Gokey
Worship Leader: Kira Johannassen
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Winnie Johnson

February 26

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien,
 Richard Rinaldi & Kaden Rinaldi
Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial 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.

About Our Community

- ♥ **Dick Begin** is continuing his rehabilitation at McLean in Simsbury, CT.
- ♥ **Jennifer Trobridge Sikes** is recovering at home after surgery.
- ♥ **Winnie Johnson** broke her arm and continues to recuperate at home.
- ♥ **Cynthia Hill** has a compress fracture in her back and is recovering at home.
- ♥ **Paula Pratola** is recovering from surgery.
- ♥ **David Burnaford's** grandmother passed away on December 21st.



Lego Night and Potluck

Beat the after Christmas letdown and come to Lego Night at the Church!! **Join us on Friday, January 6th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for a potluck, fellowship and Lego building fun. The Legos will be provided and Lauren O'Hara will be there to help us build together. Bring a dish to share and beverages will be provided. This is a time kids, kids at heart, parents and friends to get together for a fun evening.

No experience necessary! EVERYONE will have fun building so everyone can join! We look forward to seeing you on **January 6th!**

Questions? Please contact the church office.
office@secondbaptistsuffield.org or 860-668-1661.



Upcoming Dominican Trip

Our next visit to the Dominican Republic will be in January. If you are interested in going, please see Sue Schneller. We will be collecting supplies near Christmas.

For more information call Sue (860) 402-7813.

MLK Holiday Observance

The Third Baptist Church will be hosting a Martin Luther King Holiday Observance in Suffield on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 4 pm. Third Baptist Church is located at 188 Kent Ave., Suffield. 2017 will be the 25th consecutive year that the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council has supported this community event to observe the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year marks the 88th birthday of Dr. King and the 32nd national holiday in his honor. It is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world.

The day marks the importance of remembering Dr. King's work and legacy, celebrating his birthday as a national holiday, and acting on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights. It is also a day on which community service initiatives are encouraged to take place across the country.

The event will feature the Third Baptist Church Chorus and Suffield's special interracial, interfaith, intergenerational choir. The King Holiday Observance brings together diverse segments of Suffield's population and religious communities, as well as the surrounding Connecticut and Massachusetts towns.

The preacher for this service will be The Reverend Nathaniel Smith, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Springfield, Mass. Everyone in Suffield and the surrounding towns is invited.

Adult Education for January and February

Everyone is welcome to Sunday morning Adult Education, 9:00 am in the Parlor. We will continue our reflections on the Gospel of John. These 45-minute conversations are rooted in the Fourth Gospel and flow wherever the Spirit leads us. Please join us.

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	2 Office Closed 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee	3 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	5 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 Annual Report Information Due 12:00 pm FFFolders	7 6:00 pm Lego Family Night and Potluck
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Book Group Sunday, January 8th at 6:30pm

The Book Group will begin a new book at our next gathering on Sunday, January 8th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. “The Return of the Prodigal Son,” by Henri Nouwen, is a thought and soul-provoking look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke’s Gospel and Rembrandt’s painting, “The Return of the Prodigal Son.” We even have a print of Rembrandt’s painting for our own reflection! Everyone is welcome.

Great Courses for January and February

The Great Courses study group continues in January and February on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Parlor. We continue our discussion of some of the writings of the early Church that were not included in the Bible. The 90-minute gatherings begin with a 30-minute lecture (on DVD) by Professor Bart Ehrman followed by group discussion. The topics of the next four sessions are “The Acts of Paul and Thecla,” “Forgeries in the Name of Paul,” “The Epistle of Barnabas,” and “The Apocalypse of Peter.” All are welcome to join in these lively conversations.



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 14th and Saturday, February 11th.**

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

January Communion Offering Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (I.R.I.S.)

The Communion offering for the month of January is dedicated to supporting the refugee families who have recently settled in Connecticut. Your contributions will be contributed to *Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services* (I.R.I.S.) located in New Haven. The Mission of I.R.I.S. is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut’s communities. IRIS partners with the Federal Government and Connecticut faith communities like us to help fund, settle and support newly arrived refugee families.

It is estimated that sixty million people are displaced globally, the highest number since World War II. At last count, the Syrian conflict alone has left nearly 8 million Syrians internally displaced and nearly 5 million Syrian refugees seeking safety far from their homelands. These numbers are increasing as the conflict in Syria continues. To be admitted to the United States, refugees must demonstrate that they have a well-founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group, and must undergo rigorous security screenings, including biometric checks and interviews with specialized and well-trained Department of Homeland Security officers.

I.R.I.S. helps refugees who have been resettled in Connecticut by providing them with the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement and employment skills, English-language classes, and community orientation. Refugees are resilient, responsible, hard-working people who possess the potential to contribute importantly to our communities (creating jobs, starting businesses, opening restaurants, bringing cultural diversity, buying homes, paying taxes, etc.).

The Missions Committee hopes that your contributions (to the January Communion Offering) will help support refugee families as they rebuild their lives here in Connecticut.



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Steve Senter
- 2 David Battle
- 4 Sarah Johnson Hubbard
- 6 Amy (Waterman) Gettings
Justin Drenzek
- 7 Carolyn Samplatsky
- 8 Heather Pierzchala
- 10 Jan Anderson
- 11 Jim Wood
- 14 Ryan John Rookey
Adelaide Elizabeth Begin
- 16 Daisy Saunders
- 17 Jason Lambert
Jacob Quinn
- 18 Robin (Colson) Arsenault
- 20 Lois (Hayes) Gracey
Christine Ahrens
- 22 Ruth Thompson
Michele Brown Quinn
- 23 Whitney Edmonds
Jack & Jeffrey Arnold
- 24 Kathy Remington
Jason Jamrog
- 25 Becki Fuller
- 26 Jean Aldrich-Jones
Destiny Cromblehome
- 28 Arlene Sikes
Betsy (Drenzek) Carr
Sheryl Woods



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Mark Bednarz
- 2 Chuck Linke
Annie Arnold
- 3 Debbie Preli
- 4 Matt Brown
- 5 Bob Davis
Rachel Powell
- 6 Elissa (Wood) Nasiatka
- 7 Robbie Tobiasz
Heather Grant
Julia Landry
- 9 Marcia Killam
- 10 Britney Hinckley
- 11 Win Senter
Bruce Remington
- 12 Betty Dalglish
Hunter Boxall
- 13 Meredith Quitno
- 16 Lin Remington
Lee LaRoche
- 18 Jane Campbell
- 19 Steve Smith
- 20 Ryan Price
Susan Boxall
- 21 Gloria Magliozzi
Cliff Barron
- 22 Nancy Drenzek
Sue Roy
Patsy Senter
- 25 Cedric LaRoche
- 26 Ryan Waterman
Joyce Munson
- 27 Corey Parker
- 28 Emily Bochman



Happy Anniversary!

- 23 Jim & Melinda Fuller (1982)

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!

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the March edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Friday, February 17th.



Yoga Class Continues

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

Call Nancy Drenzek for more information at 860-668-6191.



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American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, February 15th** from **1:30-6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Please call 1-800 givelife to make your appointment!



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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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