

# 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



You probably know by now that I really like poetry. I know there are some who don't – either a particular type or form, or any kind of poetry. That's OK with me; we are all touched and moved by different forms of expression in different ways or no way at all. I don't know if I ever told you why I like most forms of poetry. Here's five reasons.

The first is because poetry creates images in my mind which, if I open myself to them, move in me in ways that touch places in my mind, heart, soul that other forms of expression do not. Because they are not visual in form, my own imagination is invited to see these images in ways that I might never have if they were presented to me in a painting or photograph or some other visual art.

Secondly, poetry leaves a lot out; there are "blank spaces" that I have to "fill in" or "fill up." Unlike prose, I'm often left to complete the thoughts, suggestions, passions and pathos of the poet for myself. It doesn't tell me everything; the kind of poetry I like is not a "how-to" manual; it's a "step-into" world for my mind, heart, spirit.

Third, poetry calls me to act – some way, somehow – but doesn't tell me precisely how I should act: spiritually, personally, politically, prophetically. Poetry that grips me is often an indictment of a way of life or the "way things are" and is usually a clear call to work for justice and peace and the integrity of creation, but it does not set out a legislative-like agenda on how it must be done. Perhaps this is why political leaders from oppressive regimes and/or countries, fear and silence the poets, artists, musicians and playwrights first and most harshly.

Fourth, the poetry that speaks to me, speaks to me differently at different times in my life in different circumstances. Like when I read the Bible and come to a very different understanding at one moment than I did at an earlier time in my life, depending on my particular context

and what's going on in the world, there are poems I've read a hundred times that can seem like I'm reading them for the first time when the context is different.

Fifth, poetry (and most music) seems to crack open my often hard heart to the presence of something much deeper and more profound than my everyday living; it often touches my soul. And when one's heart is opened or one's soul is touched, you can begin to sense the Presence of God, the One who is too often hidden from our normal sight and begin to rest in God who is Love. The poem below is a favorite of mine that I pull from my files and read when I am troubled by things in my personal and family life or, more typically, when the news of what we are doing to the world and each other leads me to despair. It's called, "The Peace of Wild Things," by the Kentucky farmer, poet and prophet, Wendell Berry.

### The Peace of Wild Things

When despair grows in me  
and I wake in the middle of the night at the  
least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives  
may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great  
heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting for their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Love,

Tom

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**Baptism Sunday is  
June 12th in  
combination with  
Advancement,  
and Graduation  
followed by a  
picnic in the  
Fellowship Hall.**



## June Flower Rep.: Claudia Hepner

Communion: TBA

### June 5

**Ushers: TEAM D:** Bob Davis, Jim Grant,  
Derek Burnaford & Tom Killam

**Worship/Scripture Leader:**

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Natalie Das

**Flowers:** The Battle Family

### June 12

**Ushers: TEAM A:** Howard Beal Mickey Barron,  
Alec Pryce & Jonah Berrien

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Peter Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sarah Hubbard

**Fellowship Time:** CHURCH PICNIC

**Flowers:** Available

### June 19 Father's Day

**Ushers: TEAM B:** Art Sikes, Joshua Brown-Quinn,  
John Killam & Robbie Tobiasz

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Tina Berrien

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Peter & Natalie Das

### June 26

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Howard Beal

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Peg Carr

**Flowers:** Available



## Book Discussion in June "ENOUGH"

In June, the Book Discussion group will conclude our conversations on the book "A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough," by Wayne Muller. We meet in the Parlor of the Church at 6:30 pm. Please see The Reverend Carr for exact date.

## About Our Community

- ♥ **Diane Lewis** passed away on May 16th. Her memorial service was held at Second Baptist on May 19th.
- ♥ **Mary Carr, Reverend Tom's sister-in-law** passed away on May 17th. Her funeral was held on May 20th in Michigan.
- ♥ **Charles Inman, Doris Murray's brother,** passed away on May 18th.
- ♥ **Dick Begin** is recovering from back surgery
- ♥ **Gil Ahrens** is at Suffield House rehabilitating after a fall.
- ♥ **Jessica Rybeck** is recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Congratulations to **Gertrude Hastings** who was recently awarded with a certificate from The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry in recognition her 75 years as an active member.
- ♥ Congratulations to **Andrew Das** who recently received the Suffield Hall of Honor award.



Thanks to your efforts, the stamp collection program for CT Baptist Homes continues to be fruitful.

Your generosity supports the Chaplains Fund to ensure that Sunday Worship Services are a reality for the residents, nurturing their spiritual needs.

This ministry at Second Baptist Church has been active for 10 years.

Thank you,

Gloria Magliozzi



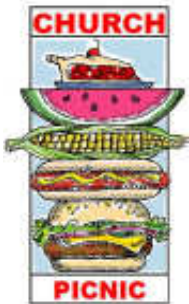
## Save the Dates Outdoor Worship Services in August

In August and Labor Day Sunday, we join with others from the greater Suffield community for worship at the historic First Baptist Church at 10:00 am.

In addition to those worship services, you are invited to join others from Second Baptist Church for informal, outdoor services from 9:00 – 9:30 am on Sundays, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, on the lawn just north of our driveway into the back parking lot. There will be scripture readings, songs, prayers and a brief meditation. Bring lawn chairs and or blankets to sit on and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and the fellowship of others. If you have any questions, please speak with the Reverend Carr.



**Recognition of Graduates will be on Sunday June 12th in combination with Advancement and Baptism, followed by a picnic in the Fellowship Hall.**



## Save the Date! All are welcome! Sunday, June 12

In the church parking lot immediately following our 10 AM worship service.

**Menu:** Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, salad, rolls, dessert & drinks

If you have any questions, please call Sue Schneller at 860-402-7813.

Please **RSVP by Sunday, June 5, 2016**  
860-668-1661 or  
Office@secondbaptistsuffield.org



## Vacation Bible School

### “Under The Sea”

### July 11-15th

### 9 am - Noon

**Please contact the church office to register!**



## Backyard Barbeques

You are invited to join with friends and church family in one or all of this summer’s “Backyard Barbeques” at the Carr’s, 680 North Street. The dates are Thursday evenings at 6:30, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share and \$2 per person to cover the costs of cold beverages and grilled items which will be provided: hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and perhaps other grilled goodies. Everyone is invited. Children: bring yourself and your parents and things to play with in the big backyard of the Second Baptist parsonage. Come to one or come to some or come to all and enjoy a time of food and conversation and fellowship.

## Bible Study Continues Starting Wednesday, June 1st

Using a slightly different format, the Great Courses Bible Study will continue throughout the month of June. For the remainder of June, we will be focusing our study on the Book of Revelation using the book, “Breaking the Code” by biblical scholar Bruce Metzger as our guide (along with Reverend Carr). Join us from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Parlor for an engaging time of conversation, study and fellowship.

The letter below was written by The Reverend Judy Allbee, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN) announcing her retirement effective September 30, 2016. We give thanks to God for her ministry and pray God's blessing upon Judy and our ABCCONN family in this time of transition.



May 10, 2016

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ on the Board of Managers,**

**It is with very mixed emotions that I submit to you my letter of retirement as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and ask that you receive this in the spirit in which it is given.**

**I have been in active ministry for 33 years, and the majority of this time has been right here in Connecticut. I began here as a pastor, then as an area minister. When I came back to work with you in 2005, I had no idea how God would use me in this position or how God would use us together to further the gospel. It became clear early on that this is a wonderful place to be in ministry and I was so glad to come back to Connecticut after having been away for 13 years. It is a region where I believe God has led us in a variety of partnerships toward the all-consuming and critical work of advancing the call of Christ for this day and time. As I have said many times, ministry today is different than it was even a decade ago. What was important then may not be now. What is important now may make a difference in the life of our congregations down the road. The one constant for all of us wherever we are, wherever our church is today, has been Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow as the writer of Hebrews reminds us. And Christ continues to call us to move forward.**

**In these last 11 years I have such gratitude to God for the competent and very capable staff that I have had the privilege of serving with in ministry. There is not a finer staff in all of ABC life. And I have had the best leaders God could possibly provide to work with in this ABCCONN family. I thank God every day for you.**

**I will do everything I am able to in these next few months to prepare the way for a smooth transition. And I will keep you all in my prayers as you make decisions about your future together with a new executive minister. May God continue to richly bless your ministry together in this wonderful region.**

**In service to Christ,**

**Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee**

## Register for Camp Wightman today



<http://www.welovecamp.org>

Here's our Summer Program 2016 --  
Hope to see you on Billings Lake this summer!

**June 26-July 1: Wightman Spirit Week for ages 6-8, 9-12, & 13-16**

**July 10-15: Time Jumpers for ages 8-10, 10-12, & 13-16**

**July 17-22: Dangerous & Daring for ages 8-10, 10-12, & 13-16**

**July 22-24: D&D-odeon Weekend for ages 9-13**

**July 24-29: Campolodeon for ages 6-8, 8-10, & 11-13**

**July 31-August 12: Outrageous T'weekers  
for ages 10-12, 13-15, & 15-18 and LEAD for ages 15-18**

**August 14-19: Summer's Last Blast for ages 7-9, 10-12, & 13-16**

First-timer? Options for our youngest campers (ages 6-8 years)

**June 26-29: Mini Wightman Spirit**

**July 24-27: Mini Campolodeon**



### **Clothes for The Dominican**

We are now accepting clothing for our Dominican Republic trip in August. Please drop off your donations with Sue Schneller or Alison in the Church Office.

**If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the July/August edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Friday, June 17th.**

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm SYT	2 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 7:15 pm Adult Choir	3 12:00 pm FFFolders	4
5 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 6:30 pm Youth Group	6 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm AA	7 7:00 pm Board of Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	9 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 6:15 pm Handbells	10 12:00 pm FFFolders	11 11:15 am Spfld. Soup Kitchen
12 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Church Picnic 2:00 pm Piano Recital 6:30 pm Youth Group	13 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship Prom 7:00 pm AA	14 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	15 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	16 10:00 am Yoga Class 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board	17 12:00 pm FFFolders	18 10:30 am KML Flea Circus
19 9:00 am Adult Ed 9:15 am Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 pm Music Committee 6:30 pm Youth Group	20 7:00 pm AA	21 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	22 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm KML Gym Program	23 10:00 am Yoga Class	24 12:00 pm FFFolders	25
26 9:00 am Adult Ed. / 9:15 am Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 6:30 pm Youth Group	27 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm AA	28 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	29 12:00 pm KLM Craft Program	30 10:00 am Yoga Class		

## June Birthdays

- 1 Scott Miller
- 2 Madelyn Grace Eckley
- 3 Gary Seger
- 4 Dan Kehoe
- 5 David Senter, Jr.  
Richard Knapps
- 6 Katie Quitno
- 7 Elizabeth Ann Jamrog
- 8 Jennifer Sikes Harlow  
Lauren Ralston
- 9 Jordan Stanley  
Keri Senter
- 10 Brian Colton
- 11 George Hastings
- 13 Steven Senter
- 15 Lois Vormstein-Schneider
- 16 Nadine Wright
- 17 Amy (Remington) Seiler
- 18 Jonathan Prajzner
- 24 Gil Ahrens  
Jonah Berrien
- 25 Jack Thomas Jamrog  
Landon Altieri  
Sarah (Magliozzi) Kaiser
- 29 Myra Edmonds  
Allison Craig

## Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Dan & Allison Kehoe
- 2 Win & Patsy Senter
- 11 Nancy & Michael Drenzek
- 13 Tom & Peg Carr
- 19 Ted & Sue Sheiber
- 22 Tara & Chris Beaulieu
- 24 David & Jean Jones
- 25 Cliff & Susan Barron
- 26 Bev & Art Sikes  
Evelyne & David Battle
- 28 Robin & Bob Arsenault

*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.*



## June Communion Offering One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

June's communion offering is designated to One Great Hour of Sharing. OGHS is a Christian effort to empower communities and individuals, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Projects are currently underway in more than 100 countries including the United States and Canada.

Second Baptist has generously supported OGHS in the past. During the month of April, the Mission Committee donated \$600 to assist with the Syrian refugee crisis. In 2014, a special offering of \$500 was given for the Ebola outbreak. Other examples include relief for floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and fires.

OGHS has minimal overhead costs and is able to quickly release funds to ministry partners who are trained, positioned, and capable of helping those in dire situations. Your donations will benefit those affected by hunger and natural disasters as well as assist in building strong communities both domestically and internationally.

Your generosity is much appreciated. For further information, visit [onegreathourofsharing.org](http://onegreathourofsharing.org)



## Cupcakes or Brownies for the Soup Kitchen

The Mission Committee is always looking for people to bake 2 dozen cupcakes and volunteers to join the team. The next visit will be on Saturday, June 11th. Please contact Michele Brown-Quinn if you would like more information.



## 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.

## Three Ways to Access the Monthly CRIER

1. The monthly CRIER is available online at [www.secondbaptistsuffield.org](http://www.secondbaptistsuffield.org).
2. Paper copies are available throughout the church building .
3. We would be happy to mail the CRIER to your home for a yearly donation of \$12 which will pay for postage.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison in the church office (860) 668-1661.



## 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.

Don't forget to



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The Baptist Peace Fellowship  
The American Baptist Churches of CT

## About Second Baptist Church

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**Sunday Worship** service 10 am September – July. Child care 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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