

# 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



As I write, we are in the beginning of the season of Lent, a season that points us to Holy Week and Easter, to the death and resurrection of Christ. For many, Lent is an

intentional season of re-directing one's life and faith to God and God's purposes. I find that one of the most helpful ways to do this is to practice silence, to "sit" still and be as fully aware of what is happening around and within you. Though I'm a "work in progress," I agree with Joan Chittister who wrote, "Silence is where we must go when we want to be truly spiritual people." It's in the silence where God speaks to the heart. The call is to learn how to keep silent and when to keep silent – it's a "spiritual art."

Silence is not always a good practice, however. Hard and bitter silence refuses to allow someone else the chance to change when they have hurt me; it refuses to allow me to understand the needs of those around me and my own needs, but soft, open silence makes it possible for the other to express his or her desire, gives them a chance to open their heart to me. Receptive silence invites others to express their ideas, share their hopes, their dreams, giving the other dignity and purpose. True silence demands that we attend to what's happening within us, refusing to allow us to ignore the fear or turmoil or pain or bitter feelings that often arise, or to avoid the great questions of life. And there is nothing good that can come of keeping silence in the face of injustice and violence. Silence of that kind only makes us either an accomplice or passive onlooker to another person's trauma or another groups' oppression. To keep silent in the presence of evil is evil, but to speak the truth from the silence one holds is a gift.

As we continue to move towards Holy Week and Easter, what kind of silence will you hold? Will it be a gift – to yourself? To others? To the world?

Peace be with you.

  
Tom



## Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday & Easter Sunday

The season of Lent culminates with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of Christ's resurrection and ours on Easter Sunday. On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, we will host the annual Maundy Thursday Communion service with our friends from Third Baptist Church. This year, it will be held in our sanctuary. Maundy Thursday reminds us for the night before Jesus' trial and crucifixion, how he shared a meal with his followers blessing them and us.

On Easter Sunday, we are invited to join with other Christians from the Greater Suffield area for a sunrise service at Sunrise Park at 6:00 am. This is a time to celebrate the risen Christ as the sun rises in the east, gathered with believers from many different Christian traditions. At 10:00 am is the Second Baptist Easter celebration with worship in our beautiful sanctuary. In addition to the meaningful, celebrative music, scripture readings and prayer, Tiffany Bianco and Karl Christian will enter the waters of baptism, professing their faith in the risen Christ.

Invite your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors to celebrate with you.

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## March Flower Rep.: Bev. Sikes

Communion: TBA

### March 6 LENT IV

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Jerry Kingsbury

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Scott Miller

**Flowers:** AVAILABLE

### March 13 LENT V

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Kris Pryce

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sarah Hubbard

**Fellowship Time:** Dian and Jerry Kingsbury

**Flowers:** AVAILABLE

### March 20 PALM SUNDAY

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Gail Davis

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** AVAILABLE

**Flowers:** AVAILABLE

### March 27 EASTER

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Anne Stanley

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** AVAILABLE

**Flowers:** Easter Flowers

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the April edition of *The Crier*, the deadline for submission is Friday, March 18.

## About Our Community

- ▼ **Arnold Francis** passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- ▼ **Linda Gilbert's mother, Madeline Velma Benoit**, passed away on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ▼ **Congratulations to Bob Stanley** who is the recipient of the 2015 Institute of International Education Europe award for Excellence. It is in recognition of his accomplishments in promoting closer educational relations between the United States and countries in various world regions, including Europe through his leadership of ASSIST.



## Membership Class Sundays at 11:15 am

For those interested in uniting in membership with Second Baptist Church, Reverend Carr will be leading Membership Classes on 4 upcoming Sundays following worship: February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Library from about 11:15 to Noon. This is a great way to learn more about the ministries, history and faith of Second Baptist Church.

## Save the Date

## ABCCONN Annual Convention Saturday, April 30th.



## Hymn Sing Potluck Saturday, March 5th at 6 pm

Come join us for a pot luck supper followed by a good old-fashioned hymn sing after we eat! We won't make you sing for your supper - first we'll have supper and enjoy each other's company, and then take turns calling out hymns to sing. Please mark your calendars, grab a dish to share, and join the fun!

Contact Tina Berrien if you have any questions.



## Spirituality of Caring for Creation

Luis Lee, Seneca Artist, member of the Iroquois Six Nations Seneca Beaver Clan, and Suffield resident, and the Reverend Tom Carr, pastor of the Second Baptist

Church of Suffield, will share their reflections in a presentation on the spirituality of caring for creation and each other, on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. Sponsored by the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council, this presentation is to remind us that all religions and spiritual traditions have as a central part of their worldviews the understanding that all life is sacred – human and other than human – and that we are called to reverence and the protection of this life for future generations.

Luis was born on the Seneca Nation’s Allegany Indian Reservation in Quaker Bridge, New York. His clan name, Guin Yah Geyh, means “Something from the Clouds.” He is an artist, creating beadwork jewelry, horn rattle and other handcrafts, and is a former lacrosse player and now coaches high school lacrosse (visit his website at [www.luislee.com](http://www.luislee.com)).

Tom is an American Baptist pastor who for 30 years has been active in eco-justice work with individuals and congregations of many different religions, is the founder of the CT based Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN), serves on the steering committee of the National Religious Coalition for Creation Care (NRCCC), and co-chairs the American Baptist Creation Justice Network.

All are invited to join the Interfaith Council for this presentation.



The Lenten Breakfasts will continue for the first three Sundays in March. We begin at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We thank Bev Sikes and many others for their leadership in helping make these breakfasts happen.

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed so please contact Bev to lend a hand.

## Join us on Palm Sunday March 20, 2016 10:00 am Worship Service for

Presented by:  
The SBC Sanctuary Choir  
Evelyne Battle, Director  
and



Jean Aldrich-Jones, piano; Wyn Jespersen, flute;  
Eric Roth, cello; Dakota Doney, guitar;  
Matt Vindigni, percussion

Narrated by:  
Christopher Berrien & Lucille Miller

The offering of sacrifices in the Old Testament is a practice dating back to the time of Cain and Abel, which continued through the lifetimes of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and so on...These sacrifices were commanded by God and carried out by his people primarily for the remission of sins. In the New Testament, “Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people...” It is this One Sacrifice, Jesus, we remember and celebrate during the Lent and Easter seasons. Drawing from the concept of God’s ONE voice and his ONE great sacrifice, we offer this choral experience.

Adult Education

## Adult Education Sundays at 9:00 am



Each Sunday morning, there is an opportunity for adults to engage in reflection and conversation on matters of the heart, our spiritual lives. During the months of March and April, we will look at passages from the Gospel of John. We meet in the Parlor from 9:00 – 9:45 am. You don’t have to know much about the Bible; come with an open mind and seeking heart. Any questions, please see the Reverend Carr.





## Book Discussion Group March Gathering

The Book Group will meet on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will be beginning discussion of the book, "A Life of Being, Having and Doing Enough" by Wayne Muller. Muller is a therapist, ordained minister and author of many books related to psychological and spiritual health. This book seeks to help people learn compassion and mercy for ourselves and recognize what is most profoundly true about who we are and what we need. Through this process, we can gain the self-acceptance so that whatever we choose to do, in this moment, it is wholly enough. Muller mixes the writings of great spiritual and other leaders with stories from his own experience. All are welcome to join in the lively conversation beginning on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see Reverend Carr if you have questions.



## Great Courses Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 am

The Great Courses Bible Study will continue meeting to discuss the New Testament on Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 11:00 am in the Parlor. For the final two months of the course, we will focus our attention on the letters written in the Apostle Paul's name, the "Pastoral Epistles, the book of Hebrews, the persecution of early Christians and the book of Revelation. We watch a 30-minute lecture on each topic by Dr. Bart Ehrman, then discuss issues raised in the talk, in our minds and in the biblical texts. The group is led by the Reverend Carr. All are welcome!



## 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, March 12th.

Please contact Marcy Rookey if you would like more information.



## Opening to the Sacred....

Quiet Day 2016



## Save the Date!

## SBC Hand Bell Choir in Concert!

Saturday, April 9, 2016  
3:00 PM



## Fun at Fellowship Time!



It is time to order plants to decorate our Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, March 27**. Please use this form to place your order and return to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. If you prefer, you may contribute to the Flower Fund. All donations are used to purchase plants which may be picked up after the service or they will be distributed to our homebound friends.

Please place your order by  
**Palm Sunday, March 20th**

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter plants.  
Lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils are \$10.

Please specify which variety you prefer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make a contribution to the Flower Fund.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please make check out for amount of flowers only.)

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

The plant is given in *memory* of:

\_\_\_\_\_

The plant is given in *honor* of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take the plant to someone who is homebound.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant following the service on March 27th.

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:00 pm Youth Theater 6:30 pm Board of CE 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:00 pm Youth Theater	3 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:00 pm Youth Theater 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 6:15 pm Hand Bells 7:00 pm Spirituality of Caring for Creation 7:15 pm Adult Choir	4 12:00 pm FFFolders 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm Lenten Small Group	5 1:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 3:00 pm Christian-Bianco Wedding 6:00 pm Hymn Sing Potluck
6 <b>LENT WEEK IV</b> 8:15 am Lenten Breakfast 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Adult Mem. Class 12:30 pm Youth Theater 4:00 pm Lenten Small Group 6:30 pm Youth Group	7 11:00 am Garden Club 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm AA	8 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	9 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	10 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 6:15 pm Hand Bells 7:15 pm Adult Choir	11 12:00 pm FFFolders 4:00 pm Youth Theater 6:00 pm Lenten Small Group	12 9:30 am Cantata Rehearsal 11:15 am Spfld. Soup Kitchen 2:00 pm Youth Theater
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- 4 Winnie Johnson
- 5 Shirley Edmonds VanAllen  
Patti Ahrens
- 9 Rock Berry
- 10 Ernie Begin  
James C. Harlow
- 12 Kate Remington
- 13 Ingrid Linke  
Peter Das - **80 years old!**
- 15 Connor Blake
- 16 Gregory d'Otreppe
- 19 Kirby Reed-Brown
- 21 Barry Sisk  
Melissa Sikes
- 23 Jennifer Loiseau Villani  
Olivia Stanley
- 26 Corey Hinckley
- 28 Karen Knapps Suller  
Karen Santi
- 30 Renee Wood
- 31 Derek Stiles



- 9 Deb & Steve Preli

*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.*

### Environmental Stewardship News

Looking Ahead:

Sunday,, May 1st

"In Praise of the Creator and Creation"

Worship and Arts Festival



## MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING AMERICA FOR CHRIST ("AFC")

Our communion offering for the month of March is dedicated to the America for Christ offering (known as "AFC"). As many know, AFC is the annual campaign of American Baptist Home Missions Societies to fund its missionary work here in America. The theme for this year's offering is "Discipleship: Becoming More Like Christ" (*Ephesians 2:10*).

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (NRSV). The theme is a wonderful biblical reminder that Jesus' public ministry was all about engagement and compassion for people in need. Through the work of ABHMS, which is supported by the America for Christ Offering, we can participate in serving our neighbors, in our churches and communities.

Your donations will bring relief, aid and assistance to the most deserving and vulnerable in our country. Our AFC communion offering last year raised more than \$1,000, let us strive to meet or exceed that amount this year. If you would like to know more about AFC's missionary activities visit <http://afc.abhms.org/frequently-asked-questions/>.

Thanks again for your support!

**Marcy Rookey**  
Missions Committee

## Save the Date!



**Sunday, April 10th**

**starting at 9:45 am**

**The Hot Cat Band is Coming!**



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

Don't forget to



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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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