

# 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

Growing up in an American Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Michigan, I knew nothing about the season of Lent. Other than Roman Catholic friends who I'd see on a Wednesday in February or March with a smudge mark on their foreheads, the only thing I was aware during the season were the special services our congregation held on Maundy Thursday (or Holy Thursday), Good Friday and then, of course, the great celebration of Easter. For whatever reason, the church of my childhood didn't embrace the Lenten season as one of preparation, one that invites people to engage in spiritual practices that can help open up one's inner life to discern the movement of God in his or her life. When I went to seminary, I was introduced to the significance of Lent for the spiritual lives of individuals and congregations as a time of focus and intentionality, a time of practice to help us in our relationships with God, ourselves, others and all creation.

During the "40 Days of Lent" leading to the cross and resurrection of Christ (actually, there are 47 days; the 40 doesn't include Sundays), one thing many people engage in is to "give up something." Often people "give up" some type of food or drink; or to give up watching television or going on Facebook. On the flip-side of "giving up something," I have known people who decide to do more physical exercise, read through the Bible, practice daily meditation, join the choir for the season, work in a soup kitchen and other "adding somethings" during the season. Whether giving up or adding something, the purpose is to be intentional about what you do, being more focused in order to walk more intentionally and fully with God.

"Giving up" or adding something in your Lenten journey, can be a helpful way to focus your intention on your spiritual life. During this season of Lent, I encourage you to be intentional about your spiritual practices, your life of prayer. And whatever your practice, remember that God is with you; always.

Peace.

Tom



## Get the Buzz on Native Bees

We invite you to join FOFAH, the Suffield Land Conservancy and the Green Team of the Second Baptist Church to attend a workshop to learn about the importance of bees in our gardens.

There are over 2000 species of native bees in North America and they could use our help with homes to raise their you.

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm, the program will be hosted at the Second Baptist Church on Main Street in Suffield. Participants will learn about the non-stinging, pollinator bees and how we can help them survive in today's world. Participants will be able to build bee hotels to provide essential shelter for them and their young.

If you would like to attend the workshop on March 3, please register at: <http://www.hilltopfarmsuffield.org>. For more information about native bees and how you can help them, please check out: [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org) or [www.nativebeesofnewengland.com](http://www.nativebeesofnewengland.com), or NAPPC.



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Time begins  
March 10th!**

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**March Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes**

**March 3**

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

**Worship Leader:** Barry Sisk

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

**March 10, Lent I**

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

**Worship Leader:** Linda Isham

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

**March 17, Lent II**

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

**Worship Leader:** Peg Carr

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Peg Carr

**Flowers:** Available

**March 24, Lent III**

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

**Worship Leader:** Gloria Magliozzi

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available

**March 31, Lent IV**

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

**Worship Leader:** David Jones

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available





## About Our Community

- ▼ **Barbara Moreau** passed away on February 25th. Her funeral is to be held at Second Baptist on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00 am.
- ▼ **Pastor Joel and his wife Elizabeth** are coming from the Dominican Republic to visit SBC March 15-17. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks!



### Our Kneece Chapel is Being Renovated!

The Building Use Ministry team and House Committee have taken on the project of renovating the Kneece Chapel in the Sisk Wing. We are working on installing new heating, lighting, flooring, and seating in an effort to convert the space to a multi-functional room that will provide more opportunities for use by our church groups and the community.

If you would like to participate in any aspect of this project, please contact Evelyne or David Battle, Nancy Drenzek or Laurie Gokey.



### Ash Wednesday Service March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day journey for followers of Jesus to the cross and resurrection, a season of personal reflection, prayer and commitment to acts of love and justice. On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, there will be a brief, intimate service of scripture, hymns, prayers and the sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. The service will be held in either the Sanctuary or the Kneece Chapel. Watch for specific location.



### Suffield on the Green meeting Friday, March 22 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For those interested in helping to plan the booth and activities for Suffield on the Green, join us at the Carr's house (860 North St, Suffield) to talk about banners, and finalize the size of the booth, activities, and other ideas. Beverages and snacks provided. Please contact Peg Carr if you are interested.

### Lenten Breakfast



This year, there will be five Sunday Lenten Breakfasts: **March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Join us at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Hall** for a

delicious meal prepared by the Kitchen Ministry. Each week, there will be a devotional reflection on the theme "God's Creation: Our Call to Love, Serve and Care." Join us for all, one or some of these Lenten Breakfasts.

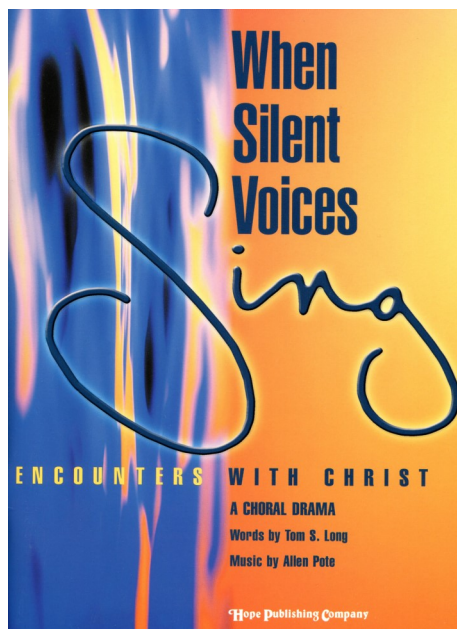


### Fat Tuesday Potluck Supper March 5th at 6:00 pm in the Activity Room

**Bring a dish to share.**

**Beverages and desserts will be provided!**

Join us on Palm Sunday,  
April 14, 2019  
10:00 am Worship Service



**Presented by:**  
**The SBC Sanctuary Choir**  
**Lorraine Cetto, conductor**  
**and guest vocalists and**  
**instrumentalists**



**Great Courses**  
**Wednesdays at 9:00 am**

The Great Courses gathers on **Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am**. We will continue the series of half-hour lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman on "The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon" followed by discussion. We will conclude each session by 10:30 am. All are invited!



**Award-winning film *Bag It* at the  
Second Baptist Church**

This documentary is the first in a series of free programs on current environmental issues presented by The Second Baptist Church in collaboration with the Kent Memorial Library and the local chapter of the Sierra Club. **It will be shown on Sunday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Second Baptist Church** on 100 North Main Street. Childcare services are available and there is ample parking behind the church. Popcorn will be provided.

*Bag It* follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he tries to make sense of our dependence on plastic bags. Although his quest starts out small, Jeb soon learns that plastic waste affects oceans, rivers, and ultimately our health. The consumption of plastic particles can disrupt the endocrine glands, cause cancer, diabetes, autism, attention deficit disorder, obesity, and infertility.

The average American uses about 500 plastic bags each year, for about twelve minutes each. This single-use mentality has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean more than twice the size of Texas. Cities including Washington, DC and San Francisco, as well as some in Ireland, Italy and China have curbed plastic use.



**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, March 9th.**

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



### Could Meals on Wheels Be An Option for You or Someone You Love?

Qualified homebound senior, age 60 and over, living in Suffield can receive healthy lunches and dinners delivered to their door. The meals are delivered by SCA volunteers around the noon time hour Monday-Friday. Weekend meals are also available and are delivered prior to the weekend. Meals are balanced, nutritious and diet specific. A \$2.50 donation per meal is suggested by the Community Renewal Team to help cover costs; however, no one is denied a meal if unable to pay.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Suffield Community Aid at (860) 668-1986 or email: [janetf@suffieldcommunityaid.org](mailto:janetf@suffieldcommunityaid.org)



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

Go to our website, [secondbaptistsuffield.org](http://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".



### 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.



### The Book Group meets on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

begin discussing the book, "The Art of Living," by the Buddhist monk, Thich Naht Hanh. The author is a world renowned spiritual teacher, interfaith advocate and activist. The book is a series of meditations meant to open up new perspectives on our lives and the interconnectedness of all people and all life. The focus of the book is to help us live deeply in each moment, right where we are. For more information, contact the Reverend Carr.

# "Suffield Sings"



Come and enjoy the 2nd Annual Suffield Choral Festival:

**Suffield Middle School Auditorium  
Sunday, April 7, 2019**

**4:00pm**  
(doors open at 3:30pm)

Participating Choral Groups are from:



- Suffield Academy
- First Church of Christ
- Suffield High School
- Sacred Heart Church
- Suffield Middle School
- Second Baptist Church



*Open to the Public!*

## FREE Admission!!!!

*Don't Miss Out!*



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 Monday, March 18th.

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 3:00 pm Bee Hotel Event	4 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm AA	5 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Fat Tuesday Potluck 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	6 Ash Wednesday 9:00 am Great Courses 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 12:00 pm FFFolders	9 Begin Event 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scout Den 8
10 Lent Week I & Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 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	11 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	12 2:20 pm helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	13 9:00 am Great Courses	14 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 12:00 pm FFFolders	16
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*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!*



## March Mission Offering America For Christ

The March Communion Offering has been designated for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering, to support American Baptist

mission and ministry in the United States and Puerto Rico. The AFC offering helps enable our American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) to provide Christian resources and encouragement to American Baptist ministries in order to equip disciples of Christ in a variety of ways. Ministries, such as Camp Wightman, Judson Press, The Christian Citizen magazine, Discipleship and Christian Education Guide, workshops on church life and discipleship, and direct assistance for disaster relief in places where wildfires, flooding and hurricanes have decimated communities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, are some of the beneficiaries of our gifts to the AFC Offering.

The America for Christ Offering reminds us that it is our service to the church and the community that many experience the Christ within us. Please give generously to this year's AFC Offering as we continue our long history of partnership with the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Please write checks to "Second Baptist Church" with "AFC Offering" in the memo line.



## 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.

**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](mailto: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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## About Second Baptist Church

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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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