

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

Summer affords me a little more time to slow down and read. Each year I get a chance to actually read a few of the books that have been piling up on my desk, those books I had "every good intention" to read throughout the year but never got around to it. This July and August, there are at least four that I intend to read; here's a brief summary of them.

"Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy," by Anne Lamott (2017). I've read several of Lamott's previous books including "Traveling Mercies," and "Help, Thanks, Wow." This book is about mercy – what it is, how it is (and isn't) lived out in an individual's life and in the larger communities of which we are a part and how badly needed is mercy, today. Lamott has an interesting writing style – sometimes you have no idea where she is going, sometimes it is pure poetry, but usually, it hits the mark.

"SoulCraft: Crossing into the Mysteries of Nature and Psyche," by Bill Plotkin (2003). The Foreword to the book was written by Father Thomas Berry, one of the great prophets of the 20th century who called us to "see" the universe through new eyes; his endorsement of the book was enough for me. Plotkin is a depth psychologist and wilderness guide and has been leading "soul-initiation" programs since 1980. The book is about our journeys - individually, as human beings intimately connected to and part of all life. It's an invitation to engage in the journey of "soul," to begin our life's deeper conversation with all that is, which is, at heart, the sacred.

"Putting on the Mind of Christ: The Inner Work of Christian Spirituality," by Jim Marion (first edition, 2000). This is a book that many claim "clearly describes the entire Christian spiritual path." What is meant by that is that it is a clear description of the overall path of consciousness development from a Christian perspective. It is about an integral understanding of the Christian spiritual path, the Way of Jesus, the path to "the kingdom of God [that is] within you." The book comes highly recommended by colleagues I know and many others.

"The Life of Jesus," by Shusaku Endo, 1973. Endo was a Japanese Christian, author of several other books including "Silence" which is considered a masterpiece. His books, including this one, are stories and novels which attempt to integrate his religious faith with Japanese culture.

Hopefully, I will be intentional and take the time to read these fascinating books. And I hope you will take some time this summer for your own learning, reflection and spiritual growth.

Peace.

Tom

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Check out our new website!

Secondbaptistsuffield.org

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SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

July Flower Rep.: David Battle

July 2

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

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Available

July 9

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

Worship Leader: Kris Pryce

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Bob & Gail Davis

July 16

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

Worship Leader: Gail Davis

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Peg Carr

Memorial Flowers: Flowers from the LaPlante Wedding
& the Millimet Family (FCC)

July 23 Blessing of the Animals

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

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Fellowship Time on the Green

Memorial Flowers: Available

July 30

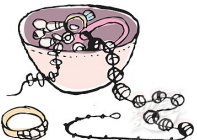
Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,
Barry Sisk & Wally Malec

Worship Leader: Barry Sisk

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Available



**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.

About Our Community

- ♥ Gil Ahrens passed away on June 21st.
- ♥ David Anderson passed away recently.

A Note from Reverend Carr:

The Reverend Carr will be attending the American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial in Portland, Oregon to be held June 29th through July 2nd. In addition to meeting with American Baptists from around the country and the world, to pray, worship and discuss the important ministries of the Gospel with people of similar and different perspectives, Tom has two specific responsibilities at this year's gathering. One is to represent the American Baptist Creation Justice Network, a task force of the denomination whose vision is "A just and sustainable future for God's creation," with a mission "To build a movement among Baptists that seeks peace, justice and reconciliation with all of God's creation." Secondly, attendees of the Biennial will have an opportunity to experience a session of spiritual direction with one of about a dozen certified spiritual directors present. He will be meeting with people throughout the gathering to walk with them for a very brief time on their spiritual journeys.

Tom will be leaving Suffield on June 28th and returning on July 10th spending a week in the Pacific Northwest visiting with his son Geoff, who lives in Seattle. If there are pastoral concerns during the time he is away, pastoral care will be provided by the Reverend Scott Seabury and the pastors of First Church Congregation. Please contact the church office if there is a pastoral concern.

The final two weeks of August, Tom will be away on vacation – August 21-September 4th. If there are pastoral concerns during this time, please contact the church office; the Reverends Bridget Fidler and Diann Henry Bailey of First Church will be available.



The Cancelled Stamp program for CT Baptist Homes is not longer collecting stamps. I thank everyone who donated to this ministry for the past 10 years. This means our church stamp collecting will end.

Blessings, Gloria Magliozzi

Summer Worship Schedule For July

The last four weeks in July, we will gather with our friends from First Congregational and West Suffield Congregational Church for worship at 10:00 am in the air-conditioned sanctuary of Second Baptist. On the first Sunday of the month, July 2nd, we will worship in our sanctuary, gathering around the Table of the Lord for Communion. Dave Jones will be preaching and leading worship. Below is the schedule for the remainder of the month:

- July 9th – 10:00 am – Worship at Second Baptist. Rev. Bridget Fidler, preaching.
- July 16th - 10:00 am – Worship at Second Baptist. Rev. Tom Carr, preaching
- July 23rd – 10:00 am - Blessing of the Animals service on the Suffield Green. You are invited to bring your pets for a prayer and blessing during this service. ALL ARE WELCOME, whether or not you have pets.
- July 30th – 10:00 am – Worship at Second Baptist. Rev. Tom Carr, preaching.

Summer Worship Services For August

As has been our custom for many years, throughout the month of August concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will worship at the historic First Baptist Church at 10:00 am on Hill Street.

On the first three Sundays of August, you are invited to informal worship time of prayers, song, scripture readings and reflections outside of our building at 9:00 am. This will be a brief, thirty-minute gathering in order for all who wish to attend the services at First Baptist will have plenty of time. Bring a lawn chair.



Congratulations to
Our Graduates!

Tatum La Rochelle

Suffield High School
Attending Gordon College in the Fall

Douglas Vormstein Schneider

University of Vermont
Degree in Neuroscience and a minor in Chemistry



First Baptist Church

2017 Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer, the historic First Baptist Church on Hill Street is the setting for community worship services. Please plan to join in the union services held at 10 am each Sunday on Zion's Hill at the intersection of Hill Street and Russell Ave. in Suffield.

August 6

Rev. Thomas Carr, Pastor,
Second Baptist Church

August 13

Rev. Diann Bailey, Associate Pastor
First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC

August 20

The Rev. Bridget Fidler, Senior Pastor
First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC

August 27

Rev. Kelly Littlejohn, Pastor
Third Baptist Church

September 3

Rev. Dr. Sarah Birmingham Drummond, Dean
Andover Newton Theological School



The Book Group will next meet on Sunday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm to continue our conversation on "Love Wins," by Rob Bell. We'll discuss chapters 4 and 5, "Does God Gets What God Wants?" and, "Dying to Live."



Backyard BBQs Save the Dates!

The summer Backyard Barbeques are coming, Wednesday evenings, July 19th, 26th and August 2nd 6:00 pm at the Carr's, 680 North Street. Bring a dish to share; hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and other grilled goodies and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited.

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the September edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Tuesday, August 15th.

July 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	3 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm AA	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	6 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Cook for Life 12:00 pm FFFolders 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	7 Church Office Closed	8 7 Church Office Closed	
9 10:00 am Combined Worship With First Cong. Church 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	10 Church Office Closed 9 am Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm AA	11 9 am Vacation Bible School 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board of Review 7:00 pm Diaconate	12 9 am Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	13 9 am Vacation Bible School 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm FFFolders 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	14 Church Office Closed 9 am Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm Laplante Wedding Rehearsal	15 4:30 pm LaPlante Wedding	
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23 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals Combined Worship With First Cong. Church 11:15 am Fellowship Time 6:30 pm Book Discussion Group	24 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm AA	25 11:00 am Cook for Life 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	27 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Cook for Life 12:00 pm FFFolders 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	28 Church Office Closed	29	
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Earl Colson (Rusty)	1
Erin Gilbert	
Evelyne Battle	
Tim Connors	
Larry Peters	
Peg Carr	
Eileen Connors	2
Anna LaRochelle	4
Eric Chagnot	6
Rory Thomas Pierzchala	
Tammy Melhorn	8
Andrea Jamrog	10
Susan Kycia Barron	11
Randy Wright	13
Rachel Burnaford	14
David Jones	
Matthew Craig	
Cynthia Hill	15
Mary Begin	17
Amy Orr Arnold	19
Emily Powell	
Tim Blake	20
Kate Rookey	22
Lilly Ann Hubbard	
Amanda Orr Kessler	25
Ben Fuller	26
Libby Begin	
James Remington	29
David Burnaford	
Cindy Reed-Brown	
Kris Remington Pryce	30
Derek Joseph Bednarz	
Elsa Berrien	31



Annette & Joe Bevilacqua	6
Ellie (Newman) & Denis Petrov	6
Renay Emmanuele & Mark Bednarz	17
Andrea & Jason Jamrog	19
Scott & Kathy Sylvia	20
Ruth & Howard Beal	27
Mary & Dick Begin	27
Ted & My Fuller	27
Gail & Bob Davis	30



Nathan Sikes	1
Wendy Senter	2
Francesca Monighetti	8
Mickey Barron	9
Melissa Senter	10
Melissa Santi	
R.C. Hubbard	12
Laura Burnaford	14
Anne Harry	15
Cindy Smith	
Duane Melhorn	17
Marcy Rookey	
Stephan Brown, Sr.	18
Russell W. Harlow, III	19
Benjamin Preli	21
Robert J. Hinckley	23
Claudia Hepner	
Gregory Wright	26
Derek Burnaford	
Brady Andrew Melhorn	
Hope Kraiza	27
Valerie Mercey	28
Joseph Harry	29
Richard Binns	
Jane Christie	30
Ara Washington	31



Tim & Eileen Connors	5
Edith & Gordon Swan	7
Heather & Peter Pierzchala	8
Betsy (Drenzek) & Joseph Carr	11
Anne & Joe Harry	19
Gloria & Bernhard Magliozzi	24
Laura & Dave Burnaford	27

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!

July Communion Offering Church World Services

The **July Communion Offering** has been designated by the Mission Committee to support **Kristy Engel** of the American Baptist Churches International Ministries. Kristy is a longtime missionary and is now the International Ministries Healthcare Relief Resource Global Consultant visiting countries in need of health assessments, ongoing education, collaboration of health team visits and other critical issues meant to empower local leaders to help improve the health of populations around the world. Please prayerfully consider your gift; checks can be made out to Second Baptist Church with "July Communion Offering" in the memo line.

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Ask your family and friends if they will sign up, too. Once you sign up, create a book mark 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.

Register for Camp Wightman today



<http://www.welovecamp.org/>

Here's our Summer Program 2017 --
Hope to see you on Billings Lake this summer!

June 25-June 30: C.H.A.O.S. for ages 6-8, 9-12, & 13-16

July 9-14: The Great Wightman Challenge for ages 8-10, 10-12, & 13-15

July 16-21: Book Jumpers for ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17

July 23-28: Campolodeon for ages 6-8, 9-11, & 12-13

**July 30-August 11: Outrageous T'weekers
for ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-17 and LEAD for ages 15-18**

August 13-18: Summer's Last Blast for ages 7-9, 10-12, & 13-16

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

June 25-28: Mini C.H.A.O.S. with Extend-A-Stay

July 23-26: Mini Campo with Extend-A-Stay

ADULTS NEEDED HERO CENTRAL VBS

Vacation Bible School is less than 2 months away and we want YOU to consider being a part of this super ministry! It's time to power up and discover your strength in God at our *Hero Central* VBS! All "heroes" will get to experience energizing music, participate in Bible stories, make some super crafts, experience God's work through science, fuel up with delicious snacks, and visit the games headquarters!



Children as young as 5 years old through completed 5th grade can participate! Youth and Adults are needed to volunteer as Super Hero Guides in a variety of roles help with crafts, snacks or wherever you feel called. Contact Sue to see how you can help!

It's bound to be a super-fun week! We're hoping for 80 children and 20 youth and adult volunteers!



Hero Central VBS

July 10-14, 2017

9:00 am–12:00 pm



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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. 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

Office (860) 668-1661 office@secondbaptistsuffield.org **Summer Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm

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Sue Schneller, Christian Education & Youth Coordinator

Evelyne Battle, Director of Music Ministry
Jean Aldrich-Jones, Organist & Handbell Choir Director
Jennifer Sikes, Custodian