

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

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What does it mean to live the Resurrection?

By the time this edition of the Crier "goes to print," Easter Sunday will have come and gone but for followers of Jesus, Easter is more than a once a year remembrance; it is a way of life. And so, the question about living the resurrection faith is one that should be asked daily by those of us who follow the One who called us to both "take up our cross and follow [him]" and "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."

With all that's going on in and to the world today, nothing, in my estimation, is more important than how we respond to the call to live the Resurrection. How can we live the new life that God is bringing into the world every day, every moment? How do we be, act and live in the way of the Risen One when so much of the human world continues to crucify life today? The problems are monumental and often so complex that it leads many to denial, cynicism and resignation. But every major change for the good and health of people, nations and Earth itself, begins with small steps, simple steps, starting somewhere with compassionate acts.

To live the Resurrection is to live from hope and to live from hope means that to affect positive change in the world - to work for "the kingdom of God that has come near" in the words of Jesus - we start somewhere, stepping forward

from the edge of the empty tomb in some way. As Vaclav Havel, the leader of the non-violent revolution in Czechoslovakia in 1989 said, "I stopped waiting for the world to improve and exercised my right to intervene in that world."

The Resurrection of Christ is God's great intervention in the world and we are invited to participate in it. How will you and I live the Resurrection today - as a community of faith?

Peace,

Tom

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Please join us in welcoming four new members who are to be baptized during our Easter Sunday Service:

Tiffany Bianco-Christian
Karl Christian
Paula Pratola
Jessica Rybeck



April Flower Rep.: Bev. Sikes

Communion: Chair: Lois Vormstein-Schneider & Dave Jones

April 3

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

Worship/Scripture Leader: Linda Isham

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE

April 10

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

Worship/Scripture Leader: Peg Carr

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE

April 17

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

Worship/Scripture Leader: Gloria Magliozzi

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: Carolyn Stabenow

April 24

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

Worship/Scripture Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: Barry Sisk



Book Discussion Group

The Book Group will continue its conversation on "A Life of Being, Having and Doing Enough" by Wayne Muller on Sunday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We'll discuss Part III. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation .

About Our Community

- ♥ **Tiffany Bianco-Christian and Karl Christian** were married at SBC on March 5th.
- ♥ **Christine Cooke's mother, Hazel Phillips**, passed away on March 14th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Kitchen crew and people who did the devotions for Lenten Breakfast

Kitchen Crew

Cliff Barron

David Burnaford

Nancy Drenzek

Jamie Guilmette

Richard Rinaldi

Art Sikes

Sam Sikes

Devotionals

David Jones

Lucille Miller

Mardi Newman

David Battle

Sue Schneller

Also, to the **Helping Hands** who set up tables and chairs and made up our trays. Without these people we would not have had breakfast and a chance to celebrate together during the Lenten Season.

Bev Sikes

ABCCONN Annual Meeting

The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN) Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th at our church, the Second Baptist Church of Suffield. "Fanning the Flame of the Holy Spirit" is the theme and the keynote speaker is the Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission. The day, which begins at 8:30 am and concludes around 3:00 pm, will be filled with workshops and worship (our choirs will help lead in worship), time for fellowship and conversation with other American Baptists around the state. More information and registration materials may be found on-line at www.abcconn.org. The Diaconate will pay for one-half of the registration fee (which is \$25) for Second Baptist Church members. Registration forms are also found in the church office.

We'll need many volunteers to help host this state-wide event. If you would like to help out, please contact Sue Schneller or Reverend Carr.



SBC Handbell Choir to Present Handbell Concert!

Join us at the Second Baptist Church of Suffield for our "Handbell Choir & Friends" concert to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Highlights will include musical selections in a variety of styles performed by our Handbell Choir. The program will also feature vocal performances by members of our music program.

There is no cost to attend the concert. An opportunity to donate to a free will offering to support the Second Baptist Church Music Ministry will be available.

For more information, please contact the church office at (860) 668-1661, or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

After the concert, all are welcome to come and enjoy a reception in our Fellowship Hall.



Tim Macri to Perform at Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church will, once again, present flutist Timothy Macri in a program featuring two great works by French composers written especially for the late Jean-Pierre Rampal. Rampal (1922-2000) was the first flute player to garner the kind of public respect and admiration usually reserved for virtuoso pianists, violinists, or even pop stars.

Mr. Macri will perform two of the most popular compositions written for Rampal: the "Sonata for Flute and Piano" by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) and the record setting smash hit "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano" by Claude Bolling (b. 1930).

Timothy Macri will be accompanied by pianist Scott Nicholas and contrabassist Alex Svensen.

Not only were the two compositions written especially for Mr. Rampal but they both were premiered with their respective composers performing as pianists.

This program, presented at 3:00 pm on April 24, promises to be a warm, exuberant beginning to the Spring/Summer concert season.



The Hot Cat Jazz Band Celebrates Worship on April 10th at Second Baptist Church

The **Hot Cat Jazz Band** is coming to **Second Baptist Church** on **April 10th** and playing some New Orleans gospel favorites! The **Hot Cats** will also be accompanying the **Second Baptist Sanctuary Choir** during the service.

Since 1990, the **Hot Cat Jazz Band** has been the hottest dixieland and swing jazz band on the East Coast. The **Hot Cats** are popular for their exciting performances peppered with hard blowing and original arrangements of traditional jazz standards. They can be found performing in many different settings -- weddings, private parties, corporate events, outdoor summer concerts and "**Jazz Sunday**" church worship services like this one at **Second Baptist Church**. Their prime influences include the likes of Louis Armstrong, King Oliver, Fats Waller, Jellyroll Morton and Duke Ellington.

Join us for a worship service filled with great music at **Second Baptist Church**. The **Hot Cats** start playing at 9:50 am, and after the 10 o'clock service, all are invited to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments. For questions, call the church office at 860-668-1661, or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.



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.**

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

Call for Artists

On Sunday, May 1, the theme for worship and a mini arts festival, will be **“In Praise of the Creator and Creation.”** The Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir and “Singing Angels” will participate. Visual art will be hung in Fellowship Hall and/or in the Sanctuary and written word – prose and poetry – will be read or printed.

Visual artists (all ages) are invited to share their work. At this time, we anticipate each visual artist being able to submit up to 3 pieces related to the theme, framed and/or ready to hang or be displayed (with artist’s name, media, title, and size indicated) in Fellowship Hall beginning April 30th (possibly through May 15). Three dimensional pieces need to be noted. The number of pieces accepted will depend on the number of persons registering and display space available.

Dates to note:

- Register by **April 2** by e-mailing Linda Isham at Irisham@aol.com or calling at 860 803-4632 (letting her know how many pieces and approximate sizes and if you’d be willing to help hang the show)
- Deliver art pieces to Fellowship Hall on **April 27 (time to be determined)**
- Pick up art following worship **May 1 (or if you are willing to keep it up, after worship May 15)**

See Linda if you have questions.

Call for Writers

Second Baptist writers are invited to submit poetry or prose, fitting the theme **“In Praise of the Creator and Creation”** as part of the May 1st worship service and mini-arts festival. Poetry or prose will be used in one or more of the following ways: read in worship or at fellowship time and/or printed in a handout or posted in Fellowship Hall.

Up to 3 pieces per person may be submitted, typed with title, name of writer and length indicated – preferably electronically to Irisham@aol.com or left in the church office in the folder marked “Art Festival Poems and Prose.” Due date for submissions is **April 15**. The number of pieces used will depend on the number of people submitting and space and/or time available.

Questions? See Kathy Sylvia or Linda Isham.

Meditation Room

If you take a walk in the Prior Wing of the church building and go to the room by the door on the north end, you will find a beautiful, refurbished, and newly decorated room designated as the Meditation Room. The room is for the purpose of individual prayer, meditation, reading or journaling, a place for small groups of people to meet for prayer and reflection.

The room is open to all to use consistent with its intended purposes. There is a reservation booklet outside the room and/or you can reserve space by contacting the church office. We have entered into an agreement with the Spiritual Life Center of West Hartford, making the room available to certified Spiritual Directors who are connected to the Center. I also hope that, in addition to those within our congregation, others in the greater Suffield community would use this room to enhance their spiritual practices and growth.

The costs required to create the Meditation Room were funded by the Diaconate and the Memorial Fund, a fund used for the purpose of benefiting the various church programs for projects that are somewhat permanent in nature. We are so grateful for these gifts that allow us to create spaces, like this room, for the purpose of spiritual growth and the beautification of our church.

Many thanks to those who took the leadership in making this room become a reality for our congregation and others: Sue Schneller, Nancy Drenzek, Marcy Rookey, and Joe Ralston. There will be a dedication service for the Meditation Room on a Sunday following worship at a date to be determined.

With a grateful heart,

Tom Carr



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, April 9th.

Please contact Michelle Brown Quinn if you would like more information.



Great Courses Bible Study

The Great Courses Bible Study will continue throughout the month of April as we conclude the series of lectures on various aspects of the New Testament. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Parlor. We view a 30-minute lecture by New Testament scholar, Dr. Bart Ehrman and then engage in lively conversation about issues raised. All are welcome.

Camp Wightman Scholarships

Each year, the Mission Committee provides scholarship to those who attend our American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, Camp Wightman. Camp is a tremendous experience, a place of learning, developing friendships and growing in one's faith in Christ. For many, this has been and continues to be a life-changing experience. We are pleased to be part of this ministry.

The summer camp season begins at the end of June and this year, the Mission Committee is asking that each person who intends on going to Camp Wightman would complete a brief "Camp Wightman Scholarship Application" and return it to the church office no later than May 15th

All campers will receive half of the costs for the week and by completing this application, campers will help the Mission Committee plan for our total mission giving. The application asks three questions: The Camp week you plan to attend, amount of funds requested; and what you hope to get out of your camp experience. Please make sure you complete the application so we don't leave anyone out.

Applications may be picked up in the church office. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Mission Committee or The Reverend Tom Carr. If you would like more information or to receive a Camp Wightman brochure or application, please contact Sue Schneller.

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

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00 pm FFFolders	2 12:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater Workshop
3 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 6:30 pm Youth Group	4 11:00 am Garden Club 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm AA	5 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Board of CE 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbells 7:15 pm Adult Choir	8 12:00 pm FFFolders	9 11:15 am Spfld. Soup Kitchen 3:00 pm Handbells & Friends Concert
10 Hot Cats! 9:00 am Adult Ed. /KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Hot Cats Jazz Band 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 3:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:30 pm Youth Group	11 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	12 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	13 9:30 am Great Courses 11:30 am ARC Blood Drive 2:15 pm Helping Hands	14 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 5:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 266 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbells 7:15 pm Adult Choir	15 12:00 pm FFFolders	16
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24 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 3:00 pm Tim Macri Concert 6:30 pm Youth Group	25 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm AA	26 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	28 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbells 7:15 pm Adult Choir	29 12:00 pm FFFolders	30 8:30 am ABCCONN Annual Mtg.

April Birthdays



- 1 April Loiseau Boccasile
Danielle Sica
Jim Grant
- 3 Mikhail Petrov
- 4 Russ Harlow
- 5 Gary Powell
- 6 Andre LaRochelle
- 8 Robert Avena
- 9 Randy Parker
- 10 Chris Bromson
Shannon Smith
Christopher Berrien
- 11 Michael Gilbert
Tara Remington Beaulieu
- 14 Erica Wimber Avena
Joe Ralston
Jim Fuller
Becky Aldrich
- 15 Ethel Evans
Dian Kingsbury
- 16 Scott Sylvia
Douglas Vormstein-Schneider
- 17 Ron Rookey
- 19 Julia Remington Chagnot
Stacy & Jessica Christie
Aidan Connors
- 20 Mary Ann Grant
- 21 Molly Drenzek
Eric Remington
Caroline d'Otreppe
- 22 Carolyn Stabenow
Christopher Berrien
- 23 Ronnie Marquis
- 24 Matthew Reed-Brown
- 26 Sharon (Remington) Chagnot
Maxime Boccasile
- 30 Gordon Swan

Happy Anniversary!



- 13 Rachel [Malec] & Jason Eckley
- 16 Sharon & Eric Chagnot
- 19 Michelle & Tucker Killam
- 27 Karen & Mark Kaczmarczyk

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.

April

Communion Offering Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

This year, the April Communion Offering has been designated by the Mission Committee to help support the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN). IREJN is a network of congregations and individuals in Connecticut from a variety of religious traditions with Earth, people and all creatures as their concern, and God as the Center of all. Founded in 2001, IREJN works to connect individuals and congregations with the work of environmental justice through education, inspiration and action. Over the years, they have been involved in issues of clean air, energy conservation, climate change action and toxins, provided worship and educational resources for congregations, hosted conferences such as the annual Sacred Trust forums, Climate Change Summits, Food and Faith conferences, and the Hartford Earth Festival. Currently, they are encouraging congregations to become part of "Green HOW," the Green Houses of Worship program which encourages congregations to deepen their congregational commitment to faithful stewardship through a variety of ways in a three-tiered program. The Reverend Tom Carr is one of the co-founders of IREJN which was one of the co-sponsors of meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Istanbul last August.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this vital inter-faith ministry in Connecticut. Write checks to Second Baptist Church with "IREJN" in the memo line.



Second Baptist Mission Giving to ABC, USA

The Second Baptist Church of Suffield received a note of thanks and certificate from the American Baptist Churches, USA, for our giving to United Mission. Of the 5,200 churches in our denomination, we rank #74 in total giving to the United Mission of our denomination. This mission includes work in Connecticut, the United States and around the world for leadership training, church planting, pastoral development, youth ministries, local church support, disaster response and much more. Read the note of thanks from the ABC Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development and the certificate on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. And thanks to all for your commitment to and support of our global mission for the sake of the Gospel.



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.
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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