

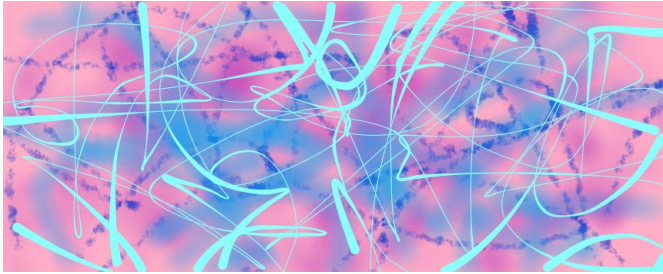


THE CRIER

MAY 2022

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Isaiah 40:3

The Second Baptist Church
100 North Main St, Suffield, CT 06078



Letter from the Interim Pastor

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Despite all appearances, the cause of God goes on, the cause of justice and freedom. Easter is not just one day but an entire season. It lasts until Pentecost, which this year is June 5 So we can say, "Christ is risen!" throughout the month. See else-

where in the Crier digital artwork I did on Easter Sunday.

"Being One: Sermons on the Gospel of John"

Following the Revised Common Lectionary, I will be preaching from the Gospel of John in May. We prepare for a new chapter in this church's history, and it is imperative that the church be one, one with Jesus and one with each other in love. You might want to keep this schedule below handy so that you can read the scripture prior to the sermon.

May 1 Third Sunday of Easter/ Earth Sunday (Communion Sunday): John 21:1-19, "Do You Love Me?"

May 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter: John 10:22-30 (Mother's Day): "The Father and I Are One"

May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter: John 13:31-35: "Love One Another"

May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter: John 14:23-29: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"

May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Memorial Day Sunday): John 17:20-26, "That They May All Be One."

Deacons and Worship

I have initiated conversation with the deacons about worship in the remainder of the interim. We will be discussing that topic over the coming weeks. Some questions we will ponder include: What is worship? Why do we worship? What are some strengths of SBC worship? What are some weaknesses? What do you want to remain the same? What do you want to change about worship? If you have some answers to those questions, please contact a deacon.

Writing a Book

I am currently writing a book with my former student Dr. Mitzi J. Smith, who is the J. Davison Philips Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Our book is tentatively entitled *Testimonies and the Testifying Bible: Disruptive and Creative Interpretations*. We approach the New Testament as a collection of testimonies. The authors write out of their own experiences with God in Jesus through the Spirit. We have a contract with Cascade Books of Eugene, OR for a deadline of June 30. Pray for us that we make it.

Peace to you,

Pastor Michael

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Flower Contact: Bev Sikes

May 1

Earth Day Sunday

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal & Judy Ahrens

Worship Leader: Brienne Senez

Flowers: Green Team

May 8

Mothers Day

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Stacey or Jessica Christie,
June Hodges & Steve Damon

Worship Leader: Kirsten Johannessen

Flowers: Available

May 15

Music Appreciation Sunday

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Scott Schneider,
Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

Worship Leader: Derek Burnaford

Flowers: Music Ministry

May 22

Ushers: TEAM D: Derek Burnaford, Jean Rinaldi &
Richard Rinaldi

Worship Leader: David Battle

Flowers: Available

May 29

Memorial Sunday

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal & Judy Ahrens

Worship Leader: Tiffany Bianco-Christian

Flowers: Available



Thanks to those who sent cards, personal words of sympathy and prayers following the unexpected death of

Peter's brother, Adrian.

Peter and Natalie Das



**NEW Yoga Class
at Second Baptist
Church**

Wednesday 6:30pm
There are openings

Questions? Please contact
Mary Callender at
micyoga@att.net

Attendees must be
vaccinated or wear a mask



**Join us for 10 AM
Sunday worship with the
Hot Cat Jazz Band
on Sunday, April 24th!**



About Our Community

- **Bob Davis** is recovering from recent surgery.
- **Shirley Edmonds Van Allen** has been hospitalized recently for issues with her heart and kidneys.
- **Shirley Knox** passed away on March 6th.
- **Carol Meyers** is dealing with pneumonia.
- **Sue Orr's** memorial Service will be held at SBC at 11 am on Saturday April 23rd.

Candidate Sunday April 24th

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to share with you all that we have identified a candidate to be our next settled pastor. He is passionate, dynamic, and highly qualified and we are excited to announce that he will be coming to SBC on Sunday, April 24th to preach and to meet everyone.

Our By-Laws of Second Baptist Church state “the pastor shall be elected by ballot at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which public notice shall have been given from the pulpit or in the calendar on the two Sundays immediately preceding the date of the meeting.”

In addition to the announcements from the pulpit, this message is our notice to you that we will be holding a vote on Sunday, April 24, 2022. After our Pastor Candidate has preached, we will vote by ballot to affirm him as our next pastor of Second Baptist Church of Suffield and Honorary Pastor of the Historical First Baptist Church of Suffield.

On Sunday, April 24th, the Search Committee will host a continental breakfast at 8:15 in Fellowship Hall so that you may have an opportunity to meet the candidate prior to the service.

The pastor will lead us in worship, and at the conclusion of the service, he will be excused to wait in the Parlor while the Congressional Vote is held. Following the vote, the Search Committee and church leadership are invited to meet in the Parlor to extend the call to the pastor.

A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall for all.

An installation date will be forthcoming, following the affirmative vote and acceptance of the call.

The search committee wishes to extend our thanks for your prayers and support as we have moved through this process.

Respectfully,

The Second Baptist Church Search Committee,

- Ernie Begin
- Tina Berrien
- Tiffany Bianco
- Michele Brown-Quinn
- Madelyn Eckley
- Jamie Guilmette
- Walter Malec
- Lucille Miller
- Lauren O’Hara



EARTH SUNDAY AT SECOND BAPTIST May 1st!

We will observe Earth Sunday on May 1st beginning with worship that will be centered on celebrating creation and calling us to recognize our oneness with all creation and to take loving care of Earth.

Following worship, our time of fellowship will be sponsored by the Green Team and a movie will be shown in Fellowship Hall.

Earth Day Clean-Up!

At 10:00AM in the morning of Saturday, May 7th the Green Team hopes some of you will join us in an outdoor cleanup job around our church! We'll be picking up leaves, broken branches and all the other "stuff" leftover on the ground from winter. If we get started on time, we should easily be finished, more or less, within an hour. We need help that would be very welcome! Make sure you come with work-gloves (and pack a rake in the back your car, if you can.) Don't hesitate to call Dave Battle (860.402.4018) should you have any questions. See you on the 7th!



Join Us for Ping Pong!

Ping pong has returned to the Second Baptist Church after a long hiatus. The self-proclaimed "Suffield Ping

Pong Club" has been playing ping pong together for over 25 years. Our members range in age from early thirties to seventies. Don't let the age gap fool you. The "young" guys are thrilled when they can beat the old timers. We will be playing every Wednesday from 7-9PM in the Fellowship Hall and are always looking for new players. There are three tables, so we can accommodate every level of player and if you're new to ping pong someone will be happy to show you how to play.

Please contact Alan Garvey at (860) 305-0044 if you are interested.



Celebrate Earth with SBC Green Team

On Sunday, May 1, 2022
Second Baptist Church

Green Team will honor Earth Day by presenting the acclaimed and award-winning environmental film *Just Eat It! A Food Waste Story* immediately following Worship Service and Fellowship time.

The film will be presented in Fellowship Hall and has a run time of 74 minutes.

Film Synopsis: Filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their own fridge.



May 22nd Sunday Service with the Cetto Chamber Singers!

On Sunday, May 22nd, the music for our church service will be provided by the Cetto Chamber Singers, a choir of women who bring their talent, love of singing, and willingness to create community through song. The group of approximately 30 musicians was started by Lorri Cetto and Evelyne Battle in 2019 with a goal of touring Ireland in June of 2020. Due to the pandemic, the singing tour was postponed, but the group has been meeting in our church at least once a month, as conditions allowed, to rehearse and prepare for a concert which will be performed in our sanctuary on **June 18th at 2:00 PM**. In the meantime, they will enhance our worship experience on **May 22nd at our 10:00 AM service**, and provide some light entertainment during the Fellowship Hour following the service. Please mark your calendars now for both events!

Women's Lunch Bunch



Women's Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, May 18th
at noon
Bring a sandwich!
Drinks and dessert provided!

RSVP 860-668-1661 or
office@secondbaptistsuffield.org



Volunteer Opportunity

A member of our congregation, **Barbara Lawrence**, needs someone with website design skills to train her to manage her TV show's website. Barbara is producer/host of *Beyond the Shadows*, a volunteer-based local public access monthly TV show in interview format. You can visit its website at www.beyondtheshadowstv.com. She needs to be able to update upcoming featured guest bios and links to the show's videos as well as resource info and links.

Filming of the show was postponed due to the studio closing because of Covid-19 and is scheduled to resume taping soon.

Contact Barbara at (860) 394-9825



Flamingo Yoga Class at Second Baptist Church

Thursdays at 10 am
There are openings
available!

Questions? Please contact
Diana Gunther at
dianayoga@gmail.com

Attendees must be fully
vaccinated.



Choral ensembles Novi Cantori and Voices of Concinity join forces to present *The Gift of the Same Sun*, a concert to benefit two food equity organizations in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The program consists of thoughtful choral works which contemplate the contributing factors of food equity while exploring our connection to the sun and one another. Featuring works by Bernice Johnson Reagon, Dan Forrest, Caroline Shaw, Saunder Choi, Moira Smiley, and more.

Here's a link to the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/470345804803885>



Got Pull-Tabs for Shriners Hospital?

Jean Aldrich-Jones is collecting them once again. Please bring them into the Welcome Center and we will make sure that they are passed on to the right person.



If you have articles or announcements
that you would like to have published in the
June edition of *The CRIER*,
the deadline for submission is
Tuesday, May 19.



We will be making Tussy-Mussies on April 24th during Fellowship Time. Please pick one up on Sunday, May 1st, "May Day" and deliver it to a shut-in or neighbor.

SAVE THE DATE



VBS IS COMING, JULY 11-15th, 9-12am!



Membership

Are you interested in MEMBERSHIP at Second Baptist Church?

Please reach out to Rev. Michael or a member of the Diaconate.



Flower Ministry

The Easter Flowers make such a beautiful addition to our sanctuary. We want to remind you that if you would like to help beautify our Sanctuary through the year by donating a flower arrangement in honor or memory of loved ones. It's simple to do:

- Pick a date to sign up for.
- Enter your name on the sign-up just outside Fellowship Hall. Or call the office 860-668-1661 and we'll add you to the calendar.
- Put together your own arrangement or order one from your favorite florist.
- Your dedication will appear in the Sunday bulletin for the week your chose.

If you dedicate a flower arrangement or one has been dedicated to you, you are free to take the flowers home with you on Sunday after the worship service. However, if you leave them, we turn them into smaller arrangements and deliver them to our church family to share a smile with them. Our flower ministry uses small containers to create these little bits of sunshine. Then we pick shut-in's or people home from a hospital stay and share a little bit of love with them. It's amazing how fresh flowers can brighten a day! We're here to help. If you aren't able to sign up in person, just call the church office and we'll give you a hand. There are usually dates available throughout the year that no one has sponsored.

Are you interested in a week at camp?
Volunteers needed too, for more info call Sue 860-402-7813.

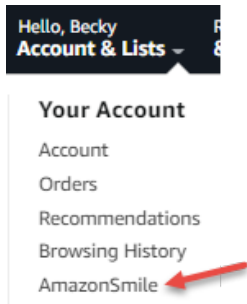


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WE COULD USE SOME HELPERS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME! TALK TO BECKY OR GIVE HER A CALL (860) 805-9517



Mission Updates!



- Our Operation Hope Tote collection continues throughout the month of April. I will continue to collect the donations from the SBC office and bring them to the Springfield Rescue Mission for the next few weeks. As a reminder, I am happy to pick-up donations directly from your home or place of business, if that is more convenient. My email address is 'theruddocks@gmail.com' and my cell # is 203-994-9917. So many SBC members have already generously donated travel, large size toiletries and socks to the cause- thank you, thank you!
- Our April Communion offering has been designated to support the ongoing Ukrainian Relief Efforts. To date, the Mission Committee, on behalf of the SBC, has donated a total of \$2500.00.
- There are three ways to support our monthly Communion Offerings. Donations are accepted throughout the identified month.
- 'In-person' collection during our monthly Communion offerings
- **Donate by check** (designate the cause in the memo line) and submit to the Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main St, Suffield CT 06078

Electronic support through the church website: www.secondbaptistsuffield.org, click on the 'Online Giving' link and select 'Communion Offering'.

DO YOU HAVE ANY LARGE PRINT BOOKS THAT ARE NEWER RELEASES? WE HAVE A SPECIAL NEED FOR THEM. CALL SUE 860-402-7813 FOR PICK UP.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 EARTH DAY SUNDAY 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>2 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>3 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Yoga Class 7:00 pm Growth and Outreach 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>5 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>6 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Cetto Chamber Singers 10:00 am SBC Clean Up Day</p>
<p>8 MOTHERS DAY 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>10 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>11 6:30 pm Yoga Class 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>12 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>13 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>14 11:00 am Soup Kitchen</p>
<p>15 MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>17 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.</p>	<p>18 12:00 pm Women's Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm Calling & Car-ing Ministry 6:30 pm Yoga Class 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>19 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm BSA Board Mtg.</p>	<p>20 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA) 6:30 pm Cetto Chamber Singers</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:30 am Folk Group 9:00 am Cetto Chamber Singers 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 12:15 pm Cetto Chamber Singers Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>24 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm Yoga Class 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>26 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am SA Baccalaureate Rehearsal 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00 SA Baccalaureate</p>	<p>27 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:30 AM Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY 7:00 pm Grapevine Group (AA)</p>	<p>31 Office Open 9-12 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>				



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Robyn Smith Jennings
- 6 Chris Sikes
Ray Schneller
- 7 Brenda Seger
Lena Blake
- 9 Ed Prajzner, Sr.
- 11 Melissa Malec
- 12 Tina Berrien
- 16 Alec Remington Pryce
- 18 Jim Craig
Noah Prajzner
- 20 Nancy Fuller
Jane Fuller
- 23 Stephanie d'Otreppe
- 24 Corey Haynes
Linda Isham
- 25 Cristina Das Alsum
- 29 Amanda Sikes Moore
Wally Malec
Dan Aldrich
- 31 Linda Gilbert
John Killam
Joshua Quinn



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Jimmy & Emily Grant
- 15 Diana & Joel Parker
- 16 Elissa (Wood) & Joe Nasiatka
- 30 Stephanie D'Otreppe & Don Kim



May Communion Offering Camp Wightman

The Second Baptist Church of Suffield is a community of faith whose members strive to identify and help those in need. The members of the Missions ministry are grateful that through the generosity of our congregants, we have been able to support many local and international organizations throughout the year.

For the month of May, the Missions ministry has chosen Camp Wightman to be the beneficiary of your generosity. Our contributions will pay ½ the weekly tuition for SBC children who choose to attend camp this summer. The 2022 tuition is \$650/week per child. Any additional balance will be used to offset operational and materials cost for the camp.

The purpose of Camp Wightman is to enable youth and adults of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and others in:

- Establishing their relationship with God and understanding of Jesus Christ
- Growing in responsible maturity through the application of Christian principles
- Knowing the enjoyment of Christian community
Showing Christ's love for one another

Camp Wightman affords each participant the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their relationship to God and others. When camp counselors are asked about what they love 'best' about Camp Wightman, they reply:

"At Camp Wightman, we have two "best" parts! One is the time you get to spend learning about God and exploring our theme for the summer – this is the reason we do camp and so we make an extra effort to make these times fun and meaningful for you. The other "best" part is friendship – making friends, being with friends, and having fun with friends. At Wightman you get to know each other on the inside, not based on what you look like on the outside. Your Wightman friends can last a lifetime."

Donations will be collected each Sunday during the month of May.
-If donating online through the church website: www.secondbaptistsuffield.org, please click on the 'Online Giving' link and select 'Communion Offering'.

-If mailing a check, please send to the church office at: *Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main St. Suffield CT 06078 -Attn: Collector.* Please note **Missions/Camp Wightman** in the check memo line.

Thank you for your continued support.

A special thank you to all who made the egg hunt a big success!
A wonderful time was had by all.



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Sunday Worship Service 10 am. 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 Sunday School for Children Grades K-12 during the 10 am Worship Service

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Jennifer Sikes, Custodian