

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



Easter. Resurrection. New life.

Easter is the sign through the risen Christ that God is a God of life and that death, though real and painful does not have the last word; God does, Love does, life does. Easter is the powerful witness to the truth that God has been bringing life out of death since the very beginning of things which is the very nature of God's ever-changing, evolving universe. Easter proclaims that though suffering, pain, death and decay can rip apart our hearts and confuse our minds, God is always at work "making all things new," in the words of the book of Revelation.

Easter also leaves me speechless, which is not a good thing for a preacher. It's one reason I read and share poetry so often. Reflecting on the resurrection story in John's Gospel and Mary Magdalene's encounter first with the empty tomb then with the risen Jesus whom she did not recognize at first, Jan Richardson writes this poem for Easter day; she calls it Seen.

You had not imagined
that something so empty
could fill you
to overflowing,

and now you carry
the knowledge
like an awful treasure
or like a child
that curls itself
within your heart:

how the emptiness
will bear forth
a new world
you cannot fathom
but on whose edge
you stand.

So why do you linger?
You have seen, and so you are
already blessed.
You have been seen,
and so you are
the blessing.

There is no other word
you need.
There is simply
to go
and tell.
There is simply
to begin.

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! Let
us go, tell and begin.

Peace,



Tom

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April Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

April 2 Lent Week V

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

Worship Leader: Peg Carr

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Gail and Nancy

Memorial Flowers: Available

April 9 Palm Sunday

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

Worship Leader: Gloria Magliozzi

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Sue Begin-Schneller

Memorial Flowers: Available

April 16 Easter

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

Worship Leader: Barry Sisk

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: EASTER FLOWERS

April 23

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

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Claudia Hepner

April 30

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

Worship Leader: Gail Davis

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Carolyn Stabenow

About Our Community

- ♥ **Sheryl Woods** is struggling with a very serious health issue.
- ♥ **Astrid and Fred Hanzalek** are both in Suffield House recuperating from surgeries.
- ♥ **Bob Stanley** is having health concerns.
- ♥ Brenda Prajzner is in Hartford Hospital
- ♥ **Congratulations to Joe Sylvia and Maria Nedorosleva** who were married on March 11th in New York City.
- ♥ **Congratulations to Molly Drenzek & Owen Watson** on their recent engagement.



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.

Camp Wightman

Summer will be here before you know it! If your child is planning to attend camp this year, please visit Camp Wightman's website welovecamp.org to fill out an application.

Once again, Second Baptist is offering scholarships. Applications are available in the church office. Deadline for submissions is May 15th.

If you have any questions, please call the church office (860)668-1661.



Help wanted! Fellowship Time

* Palm Sunday and Easter

We need your help to make our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Fellowship Time a celebration. Tables will be decorated, we just need people to bake. Please let Becky Tobias know what you will bake.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2017

Join with others from Second Baptist in our Holy Week and Easter worship services.



Palm Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 am.

Worship with a procession of palms and the story of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ through music by the Sanctuary Choir "Palms, Passion and Alleluias: A Suite for Holy Week" by Lloyd Larson.



Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 pm at Third Baptist Church.

We gather with our friends from the Third Baptist Church to share in music, scripture reading, prayer and Communion remembering the night of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial and death on Good Friday.



Easter Sunrise Service at Sunrise Park

6:00 am. This traditional ecumenical sunrise service is for all ages and a wonderful way to greet the new day and celebrate the resurrection.



Easter Worship at Second Baptist at

10:00 am. Come celebrate the gift of new life in music and prayer, the spoken word and fellowship with others. All those who have sung the Hallelujah Chorus will be invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing this joyous song at the conclusion of worship.

Christ is risen; he is risen, indeed!



Lenten
Breakfast



The Lenten Breakfasts will continue through Palm Sunday, April 9. We begin at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks

to Bev Sikes and many others for their leadership in helping make these breakfasts happen. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed so please contact Bev if you are interested in lending a hand.

Readiness Study Report Available

During the months of December, January and February, "Partners for Sacred Places," an organization dedicated to working with religious communities, their historic buildings and their missions, conducted dozens of interviews with members of Second Baptist Church and First Church of Christ, along with leaders in the greater Suffield community in order to learn about the churches strengths and opportunities and our fundraising capacities for possible capital campaigns for both congregations. The first week in March, "Partners" released their "Readiness Study Report" for our congregation. This report is another important step in our work to determine the needs and goals for Second Baptist as we move into the future. Copies of the report are available in the church office and/or we can send it in **pdf** format via email. A task force of five people – Art Sikes, Cliff Barron, Nancy Drenzek, David Battle and Tom Carr – has been formed to consider the report, its recommendations as well as looking into our building needs and other issues related to a capital campaign.



The Great World Religions

The Great Courses class meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parlor. April begins a new course on "The Great World Religions" and we will begin by focusing on Judaism. Everyone is invited to join in for a half-hour lecture from a university and/or seminary professor followed by discussion and conversation led by the Reverend Tom Carr.

Save the Date!



**Sunday, April 30
Hot Cat Jazz Band**



A special thank you to Brianna Senez who made the Easter centerpiece that's in the Welcome Center. Bri is working with her mentor Becky Tobiasz in her journey towards baptism. The centerpiece is one of the creative parts of her studies.



Book Group

The Book Group is starting a discussion on a new book beginning Sunday, April 23rd at 6:30pm in the Parlor. The book, "Love Wins" by Rob Bell is an excellent presentation on how Christians struggle to reconcile God's love and God's judgment. The sub-title reveals the content: "A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." The Good News of our faith is that God is Love and "Love Wins." A very accessible, readable book for all. Everyone is invited.



Tim Macri to Perform at Second Baptist Church

On Sunday May 21st at 1:00 pm, Timothy Macri (flute), Peter Zay (cello), and Scott Nicholas (piano) will present a program consisting of works by composers who, though seemingly unrelated in style, all rely heavily on the use of a strong melodic line.

The program will begin with John Rutter's playful "Suite Antique" from 1979. Rutter (who is well-known by most as a prolific writer of choral music) presents us with 6 tuneful bon-bons all in his inimitable style. Next is Mr. Macri's "Mass for flute and cello". An almost literal use of the Gregorian "Missa Cum Jubilo" melodies pervades this utilitarian duo. We conclude with the one movement "Trio élégiaque" by Sergei Rachmaninov (who wrote the work at 19 years of age). A richly romantic work that relies on a simple melody of 4 ascending notes.

Mr. Macri has been living and working in Boston for more than 25 years. He studied with Randolph Bowman, principal flutist for the Cincinnati Symphony and Lois Schaefer, retired flutist and piccoloist for the Boston Symphony.

Since his days as a student at the Boston and New England Conservatories, Macri established a unique and varied career as a flutist, singer, teacher and composer. He has been a featured soloist with orchestras in the United States and Europe, and works with some of the most talented musicians in the Boston area.

You can enjoy a variety of Macri's musical performances at www.youtube.com/timmacri. A light reception following the concert will take place in Fellowship Hall, in the lower level of the Church. **For more information, please call the church office at 860-668-1661.**





American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on
Wednesday, April 12th from 1:30-6:30 pm in
Fellowship Hall.

**Please call 1-800 givelife to
make your appointment!**



**American
Red Cross**

**Do you know a teen looking
for community service
hours or is just interested in volunteering?**

The American Red Cross is always looking for help clean-
ing up after blood drives in Suffield. It is a great opportu-
nity to help others while earning community service credit.

Please contact Christine Auletta
for more information.

860-491-5132 or christine.auletta@redcross.org



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 April 16.

Please place your order by April 2nd.

It is time to order plants to
decorate our Sanctuary for
Easter Sunday, April 16.
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 con-
tribute to the Flower Fund.
All donations are used to pur-
chase plants which may be
picked up after the service or
they will be distributed to our
homebound friends.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am KLM Fancy Nancy Tea Party
2 LENT WEEK V 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 pm Finance Committee 3:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	3 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm House Ministry 7:00 pm AA	4 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands 5:30 pm Suffield Youth Theater	6 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 pm FFFolders 1:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	8 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:15 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 2:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater
9 Palm Sunday 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	10 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	11 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Board of Review	12 9:30 am Great Courses 1:30 pm ARC Blood Drive 2:30 pm Helping Hands 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 Maundy Thursday 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service at 3rd Baptist Church	14 Good Friday Office Closed	15
16 Easter 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/ KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	17 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	18 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	19 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling Ministry 2:30 pm Helping Hands	20 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 266 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	21 12:00 pm FFFolders	22
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30 Hot Cat Jazz 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/ KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Finance Committee						



Happy Birthday!

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| 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 | Jenn Sikes |
| | 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 |
| 22 | Christopher Berrien |
| 23 | Ronnie Marquis |
| 24 | Matthew Reed-Brown |
| 26 | Sharon (Remington) Chagnot |
| | Maxime Boccasile |
| 30 | Gordon Swan |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 13 | Rachel & 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 The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN) is Connecticut's only faith-based environmental non-profit organization. Committed to justice for all people and all creation, IREJN is grounded in hope and acts as a unifying voice dedicated to positive, hopeful action. IREJN affirms that Earth is the one thing we all share, the one place we all call home and that all religions and spiritualities recognize that it is our sacred responsibility to care for life – human and other than human. The mission of IREJN is to inspire religious communities in Connecticut to be faithful stewards of Earth and all her creatures.

IREJN is a network of individuals and religious communities from a wide variety of beliefs. Through the years, it has brought people together at its annual Climate Stewardship Summit, the Earth Festival in Hartford, educational conferences, advocating for legislation that protects, preserves, conserves and restores the environment and holding prayer vigils and other interfaith services around the state. Its program "Green Houses of Worship" promotes the efforts of religious communities to become more aware of the connection between their faith and ecological stewardship and to be environmentally responsible within their houses of worship through energy savings, use of renewable energy, recycling, using non-toxic cleaning products, reducing waste, water saving, using more sustainable products in church kitchens, educational programs rooted in ones' faith. Their website is www.irejn.org. The Reverend Carr is one of the founders of IREJN and currently chair of the Board.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this important ministry in Connecticut.



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 Monday, April 17th.



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, April 8th.**

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



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.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Now you can donate to our Church at the same time---without spending any extra money!

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into your account. Then specify Second Baptist Church (location Suffield, CT) as your chosen charity. When you place your orders, our church will automatically receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases, not including shipping (purchases include Amazon purchases only, not other vendors).

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.



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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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