

# 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

Easter is more than one day a year and the Church has recognized that for 2,000 years. The weeks following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide. Eastertide is a season of the Church year for followers of the risen Christ to reflect and act upon the power and purpose of resurrection. In the words of poet Wendell Berry, it is an intentional time to "Practice Resurrection." Though I'll be returning to the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Sunday worship, the Lectionary readings for this season focus primarily on the early Christian communities whose lives were transformed because of their experience of the risen Christ and how, together, they lived out that new life in their particular contexts.

Though the focus of the biblical stories is on the earliest communities of faith and not particular individuals, it has always amazed me how significant is the action of one, single person; in fact, the actions of one single person changes the world. We know this to be the case in the quantum world where the almost undetectable movements in particles spark major changes in entire systems. We know this as we consider the life of Jesus, one faithful man who was so open to the Presence of God that through his teaching and touch and his way of life transformed individuals and communities who themselves turned the whole world upside down. We know this when we reflect on the great social movements in history that have brought greater justice, fairness and compassion across cultures. And we know that this happens, if we are willing to be honest with ourselves, when we act with love, compassion and peace, recognizing that every action of ours can be a sacred action, a holy encounter because the living God, the risen Christ, is moving us to "practice resurrection."

A song of John Denver's is one of my favorites: "What One Man Can Do." Recorded in the late 1970s, the song was inspired by Buckminster Fuller who was an architect, engineer, author, inventor, systems theorist and futurist.

In the 1950s and 60s, he raised grave concerns about how we were living; but he was hopeful and worked in his areas of expertise to inspire new ways of transportation, architectural design, energy efficiency and ways of imagining a better way to live together on this one planet, Earth. As an inspiration to others, his work changed the way many people saw and lived their lives. He once said, "Never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." Here are a few lines from Denver's song:

"I suppose that there are those who'll say he had it easy  
Had it made in fact, before he'd even begun  
But they don't know the things I know, I was always with him  
It may sound strange, we were more than friends

It's hard to tell the truth when no one wants to listen  
When no one really cares what's going on  
And it's hard to stand alone when you need someone beside you  
Your spirit and your faith they must be strong

What one man can do is dream. What one man can do is love.  
What one man can do is change the world and make it young again.  
Here you see what one man can do.

As shaded as his eyes might be that's how bright his mind is  
That's how strong his love for you and me  
A friend to all the universe Grandfather of the future  
And everything I would like to be

What one man can do is dream. What one man can do is love  
What one man can do is change the world and make it new again  
Here you see what one man can do"

How will you "Practice Resurrection" in this season of Easter and beyond? May you dream, love and help change the world and make it new again.

Tom

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### Date Change

The Council of Ministries will meet on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Please note the date change so as not to conflict with Mother's Day.



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

**May Flower Rep.: Claudia Hepner**

### May 7

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

**Worship Leader:** Mardi Newman

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

### May 14 Mother's Day

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

**Worship Leader:** Lucille Miller

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

### May 21

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

**Worship Leader:** Tina Berrien

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

### May 28 Memorial Sunday

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

**Worship Leader:** Peter Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

## **Adult Education Sunday Morning**

At 9:00 am each Sunday, adults of every age are invited to join in to reflect on a variety of biblical texts. This is an open and prayerful conversation, led by the Reverend Carr, a time to seek out the places where your heart and mind are moving. In May, we continue our conversation on the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5: 1-12 and Luke 6:20-26. All are welcome.

## About Our Community

- ♥ **David Jones** was injured during his trip to Paris.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Linda Gilbert** is home after surgery.
- ♥ **Val Sullivan** is home after surgery.
- ♥ **Brenda Prajzner** has health concerns. **Eddie**, Brenda's husband and caregiver would also appreciate prayers.

## Let's Build a Stronger Suffield Together

Help us map out it out! First Church and Second Baptist Churches  
invite you to an Asset Mapping Event!

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:00-2:00 pm  
(lunch provided)

First Church of Christ, Congregational  
Fellowship Hall



Asset Mapping is a map or an inventory of the resources, skills and talents of individuals, associations and organizations. It is a way of building new relationships, revitalize relationships, build mutual support, rebuild communities and neighborhoods and rediscover collective power. Together we learn more about the contributions and talents of church & community members, and identify potential links between the different parts of the community, associations and agencies.

RSVP by May 5<sup>th</sup> to Amber Bigley, Office Manager  
at First Church at 860-668-7223 or  
office@fcsuffield.org



## The Hot Cat Jazz Band Celebrates Worship on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Second Baptist Church

The **Hot Cat Jazz Band** is coming to **Second Baptist Church** on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 9:45 am, and after the 10 o'clock service, all are invited to Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments. For questions, call the church office at 860-668-1661, or [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org).



## The Great World Religions

The Great Courses class meets on **Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parlor**. We will continue our course on "The Great World Religions". 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.



## Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating from high school or any post-secondary educational institution, please let the church office know by May 19<sup>th</sup>. We want to recognize and honor graduates who are a part of our church family. Please send the name, degree and, if known, future plans to [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org), or, Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street, Suffield, CT 06078.



## 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](http://www.youtube.com/timmacri). A light reception following the concert will take place in Fellowship Hall, on the lower level of the Church. For more information, please call the church office at 860-668-1661.



## Calling All Men for our Mother's Day Men's Choir! Sunday, May 14th



Mark your calendars now to serenade the ladies on **Mother's Day, May 14**. We will have a short rehearsal at **9:00 am in the Sanctuary**. ALL ARE WELCOME, and don't worry, tone-deaf monotones are welcomed enthusiastically!

# May 2017

## Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

7 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 pm Council of Ministries	1 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	2 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	4 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00 pm FFFolders	6 10:00 am Asset Mapping Event at 1st Cong.
8 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	9 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Board of Review	10 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	11 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:0 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 12:00 pm FFFolders	13 11:15 am Springfield Soup Kitchen	
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### Happy Birthday!

- 3 Sarah Saven  
Jennifer Brennan
- 5 Robyn Jennings
- 6 Chris Sikes  
Larry Dobson  
Ray Schneller
- 7 Brenda Seger  
Lena Blake
- 9 Ed Prajzner, Sr.
- 11 Melissa Malec
- 12 Tina Berrien
- 16 Alec Pryce  
Matthew Hubbard
- 18 Jim Craig  
Noah Prajzner
- 20 Nancy Fuller  
Jane Fuller
- 23 Stephanie Kim
- 24 Corey Haynes  
Linda Isham
- 25 Cristina Das Alsum
- 28 Dick Begin
- 29 Amanda Sikes Moore  
Wally Malec  
Dan Aldrich
- 30 Kim Zaczynski
- 31 Brian Baumann  
Linda Gilbert  
John Killam  
Joshua Quinn

### Happy Anniversary!

- 15 Diana & Joel Parker
- 16 Elissa & Joe Nasiatka
- 20 Brenda & Ed Prajzner
- 30 Amanda & Frank Kessler
- 30 Stephanie & Don Kim

*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!*

## May Communion Offering Camp Wightman Sponsorships

The Communion Offering for the month of May will be dedicated to supporting Camp Wightman sponsorships.

Camp Wightman is located in Southeastern Connecticut on Billings Lake and celebrated 60 years of ministry last year. On behalf of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN), the camp offers opportunities, such as Christian summer camp programs for youth, adults with special needs, and families as well as hosting retreats and conferences during the year.

Do you recall your own cherished time at a camp similar to Camp Wightman or perhaps witnessed those within our congregation who returned from Camp Wightman having made memories for their lifetime? Camp Wightman is a place in which experiences of a lifetime continue to be made, a place which includes for making new friends, for fellowship and fun, for personal growth and growth in our faith in Christ, for rest and refreshment, and for enjoying the beauty of the outdoors.

Second Baptist Church asks for your prayerful consideration in providing a gift through the Communion Offering in May to help provide sponsorships for those interested in attending Camp Wightman this summer. Thank you in advance, and for further information about Camp Wightman, please see their website at [www.campwightman.org](http://www.campwightman.org).

## 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](http://www.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.**

**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 Wednesday, May 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, May 13th.**

**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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
**And what does**  
**THE LORD**  
**REQUIRE OF YOU?**  
**TO ACT**  
**JUSTLY**  
 & TO LOVE MERCY  
**& to walk**  
**HUMBLY WITH**  
 your **GOD**  
**Micah 6:8**  
**JULY 10-14TH 9-12:00**



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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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