



THE CRIER



APRIL 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

Crier April 2022 From the Interim Pastor: Another Crier (Weeper?)

It is my pleasure to serve you as interim pastor. I began February 20, and so this is the first *Crier* article I have had the pleasure to write. I see that the scripture basis for the newsletter title is Isaiah 40:3: "A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Questions come to mind: In what ways are we a voice? In what ways do we have a voice? In what ways is this newsletter a voice? In what other ways do we cry out? I think of the town crier. Wikipedia has an interesting article on town crier: "All through the American Colonies and beyond, [places] such as Santa Fe, New Mexico; Boston, Massachusetts and Stamford, Connecticut had criers during the mid-17th century." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Town_crier#North_America). The Cambridge Dictionary associates a town crier with a storyteller, and storytelling is making a comeback in the digital age.

Questions continue to come to mind with this verse: In what ways are we in a wilderness—with COVID, with the transition, with Lent, with war in Ukraine and elsewhere? How are we to prepare the way of the Lord? What Lord? Jesus, God, Vishnu? Isaiah certainly meant the Lord God of Israel, but does the verse still mean that? Vishnu, incidentally, is a Hindu god, but what responsibilities do we have in 2022 for interfaith dialogue? Inquiring minds want to know!

"Omigosh! I hope that we are not going to hear more of this nonsense from the pulpit," you think. Come and see—and hear! Below is my preaching schedule. I follow the revised common lectionary.

March 20 "Repent or Perish!" (Luke 13:1-9)

March 27 "Prodigal" (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

April 3 (Communion) "Anointed for Burial" (John 12:1-8)

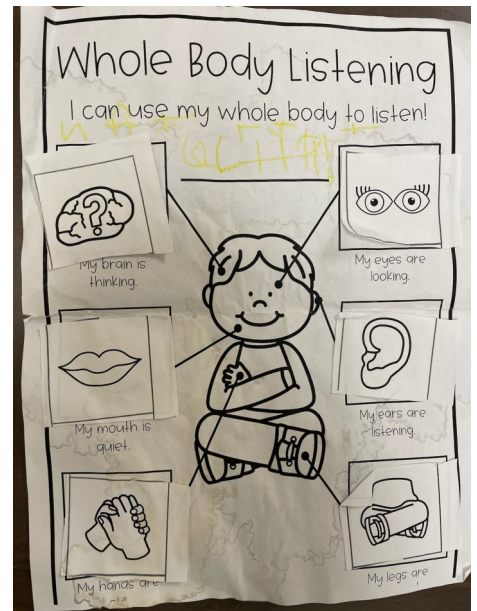
April 10 (Palm Sunday) "Heavenly Peace & Highest Heavenly Glory!" (Luke 19:28-40)

April 17 (Easter Sunday) "I Have Seen the Lord" (John 20:1-18)

I am another crier, another weeper, reaper. I cry, shout, weep. (Beep-beep!) I also play—with words. I think that you have already experienced that. WARNING: You will experience more!

Peace to you,

Pastor Michael, interim@secondbaptistsuffield.org



Candidate Weekend—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. After the candidate has preached, we will hold a vote to affirm him as our next pastor. A more formal announcement of the vote and details of the candidate weekend will be sent out soon.

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**Ukrainian support Thank you
From Becky Tobiasz**

Thank you to those who have provided Direct Donations AND MISSIONS who quickly approved this project for Second Baptist Church to Adopt a Ukrainian Refugee Family in Poland! My friend has figured out housing for the family, bought groceries and other items needed. Please join me in praying that this nightmare ends for them and the other Ukrainian families.



Flower Contact: Bev Sikes

Lent Week V, April 3

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Judy Ahrens,
Jacqui Senez & Lois Vormstein-Schneider

Worship Leader: Tiffany Bianco

Flowers: Available

Palm Sunday, April 10

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

Worship Leader: Melissa Bednarz

Flowers: Available

Easter Sunday, April 17

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

Worship Leader: Tiffany Bianco

Flowers: Easter Flowers

April 24 - Hot Cat Sunday

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

Worship Leader: David Battle

Flowers: Barry Sisk



Please see Sue Schneller & page 10
for more information!



NEW Yoga Class at Second Baptist Church

Wednesday 6:30pm
There are openings

Questions? Please contact
Mary Callender at
mjcyoga@att.net
Attendees must be
vaccinated or wear a mask



About Our Community

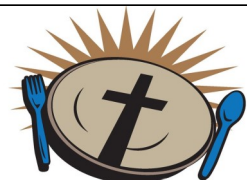
Bob Davis is undergoing tests in preparation for surgery in the coming weeks.

Shirley Edmonds Van Allen has been hospitalized recently for issues with her heart and kidneys.

Carol Meyers is dealing with pneumonia.



The season of Lent culminates with
**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and
the celebration of Christ's resurrection
and ours, on Easter Sunday.**



Lenten Breakfast

Please join us for Breakfast every
Sunday during Lent, through Palm
Sunday, April 10th.

Great Big Thank you to Kitchen
Cooking Crew + Clean-Up Crew +
Front End Crew for agreeing to return so we can continue this wonderful Food Fellowship Time.

Prefer you call or email the Church office at 860-668-1661 or Office@SecondBaptistSuffield.org to make your reservation but don't let that stop you from coming!
**Fabulous Finale Line-Up: Homemade
Corned Beef Hash 26 Mar, Waffles 3 Apr, Hot
Cross Buns 10 Apr**



On Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm, we will hold our annual Maundy Thursday Communion service in our Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday reminds us of the night before Je-

sus' trial and crucifixion, how he shared a meal with his followers, blessing them and us.



On Easter Sunday, we are invited to join with other Christians from the Greater Suffield area for a sunrise service at Sunrise Park at 6:00 am. This is a time to celebrate the risen Christ as the sun rises in the east, gathered with believers from many different Christian traditions.



10:00 am is the Second Baptist Easter celebration with worship in our beautiful Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Choir and Handbells will be joined by Brass instrumentalists for our joyous celebration of the risen Christ and resurrection life. Invite your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors to celebrate with you.



We're still working to grow a Technology & Videography Team!

Dave Jones, so far, has 1 volunteer who is looking at learning how to use the equipment. Would you like to be a part of this exciting team? Please reach out!



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

**Join us on Palm Sunday,
April 10, 2022**

10:00 am Worship Service

for

The Crown *and the Cross*

A Palm/Passion Sunday Suite



*Music Written, Arranged and
Orchestrated by*

Mark Hayes

Lyrics and Narration by

John Parker

Presented by:

The SBC Sanctuary Choir

Guest Musicians and Vocalists

Narrated by:

**Christopher Berrien, Elsa Berrien,
& Lucille Miller**

Women's Lunch Bunch



Women's Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, April 20th
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 Concinnity 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>



**Painting of the Sanctuary
has been completed!**

**Please join us on Sunday mornings
to see the beautiful restoration for yourself!**



Membership

**Are you interested in
MEMBERSHIP at
Second Baptist Church?**

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



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.



HOUSE RULES

**If you are not feeling well, Please Call, Join Remotely, or
Wait until you are feeling better.**

When to keep your mask on:

**If you are singing; If you were recently in contact with
someone that contracted Covid; If you are immune
compromised; If you are not vaccinated & no antibodies**

When to lower your mask:

**If you have checked with all those around you and they
are comfortable with your lowering mask.**

**Please keep 6 feet social distancing unless in your 'pod'
or 'negative' tested group**

Our Church Family Fosters a Loving Environment,
where we strive to meet your needs and encourage all
to be safe. We are enforcing that by allowing freedom
for those who don't need to wear a mask to do so but
to maintain a Loving Environment, with respect for all
by ensuring Mutual Consent by asking your neighbor
that you are sitting / standing next to if they are com-
fortable with you not having your mask on.

Example: If you are sitting in a pew & those to your
right and left are in agreement, lower your mask.
Please wear mask to sing in respect for those in church
who are immune compromised.

Feedback? Call Becky Tobiasz at 860-245-9232
Or email Office@secondbaptistsuffield.org

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



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 continue to support many local and international organizations throughout the year.

For the next month, the Mission Committee will be facilitating a 'Hope Tote' campaign to support the homeless men, women, and children in the greater Springfield area.

Operation Hope Tote is a campaign where many churches, schools, community organizations, work places, and individuals gather NEW toiletry and/or hygiene items for the homeless population. This campaign is held annually in the month of March by the Springfield Rescue Mission, but needs are so great this year, donations are being accepted throughout the spring.

Items needed include

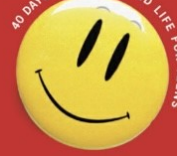
toothbrushes/paste, alcohol-free mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, soap/body wash, hand/body lotion, deodorant, lip balm, body powder, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine products, brush/comb, tissues, t-shirts and underwear

Purple plastic tote bags (any type of bag is acceptable) will be available at the back of the church and in the Fellowship room after the Sunday service on April 3rd. When the bags are filled, you can either drop your bag off at the church office, after Sunday church service in the Fellowship Room, or call Susan Ruddock (SBC Mission member) at #203-994-9917 to pick up the tote at your home. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Hope to hold on to!

CALLING ALL YOUTH! WEDNESDAY'S
AFTER SCHOOL! JOIN US!

THINK
4:8



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
TOMMY
NEWBERRY
with Lyn Smith

Call Sue for
more info
860-402-7813



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 The Common Room.

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.



ARC Blood Drive
Wednesday, April 6, Noon-5 pm
Call 800 RED CROSS to
schedule an appointment today!

Monday Adult Book Group
Thank You Molly for being such a Great Moderator! I am really enjoying "Finding I Am—How Jesus fully satisfies the cry of your heart"

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 LENT WEEK V 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>4 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Small Grp</p>	<p>5 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 12:00 pm ARC Blood Drive 7:00 pm Growth and Outreach 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>7 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>8 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>9 11:00 am Soup Kitchen</p>
<p>10 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Singers</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm Small Group 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>12 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>13 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>14 MAUNDY THURSDAY Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>15 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 EASTER 6:00 am Sunrise Service 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>19 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.</p>	<p>20 12:00 pm Women's Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>21 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>22 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>23 CANADATE WEEKEND</p>
<p>24 HOT CAT SUNDAY & CANADATE WEEKEND 8:30 am Folk Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Singers Rehearsal</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Novi C/Voices Rehearsal 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>26 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club</p>	<p>28 Office Open 9-12 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>29 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>30 6:00 pm Novi C Voices Rehearsal</p>

APRIL Birthdays

April Loiseau Boccasile	1
Jim Grant	
Mikhail Petrov	3
Russ Harlow	4
Gary Powell	5
Andre LaRochele	6
Chris Bromson	10
Christopher Berrien	
Michael Gilbert	11
Tara Remington Beaulieu	
Joe Ralston	14
Jim Fuller	
Becky Aldrich	
Dian Kingsbury	15
Scott Sylvia	16
Douglas Vormstein-Schneider	
Jennifer Trowbridge Sikes	17
Ron Rookey	
Julia Remington Chagnot	19
Stacy & Jessica Christie	
Aidan Connors	
Mary Ann Grant	20
Molly Drenzek	21
Eric Remington	
Caroline d'Otreppe	
Ronnie Marquis	23
Sharon (Remington) Chagnot	26
Maxime Boccasile	
Gordon Swan	30

APRIL Anniversaries

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



April Communion Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing Ukraine Relief

Immediately after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, International Ministries (of ABC-USA) released an initial grant in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief to the European Baptist Federation to provide humanitarian aid for Ukrainian Baptists. This grant joined a larger, global Baptist response to this evolving situation. Since then, additional monies have become available to provide continuing support to the Baptist Union of Ukraine as they provide evacuation and humanitarian aid to people coming through or trapped in Western Ukraine. Additionally, IM missionaries in Hungary (Amanda and Jon Good, Carmella Jones, and Becky and Larry Stanton) are directly engaged in helping to provide relief for Ukrainian refugees coming into Hungary.

Members of the Missions Ministry at Second Baptist have authorized to immediately send \$1500 to OGHS to help in this effort. During the month of April, we are asking the congregation to help support our neighbors in Ukraine by giving generously. If paying by check please designate in the memo line to "OGHS – Ukraine Relief". If donating electronically go to the "Online Giving" link on the church website: www.secondbaptistsuffield.org and select "Communion Offering".

Financial funding is desperately needed to continue the ministries and humanitarian aid in this area. However, prayer is paramount. Please pray for the region and those serving God and their neighbors.

Thank you for your support!



Help church & shop at the same time! Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into your account. Then specify Second Baptist Church (location Suffield, CT) as your chosen charity. Our church will automatically receives 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible Amazon Smile items.

If you need help ,contact Laurie Gokey, 860-402-9292 or okgokey@gmail.com.



Growth & Outreach

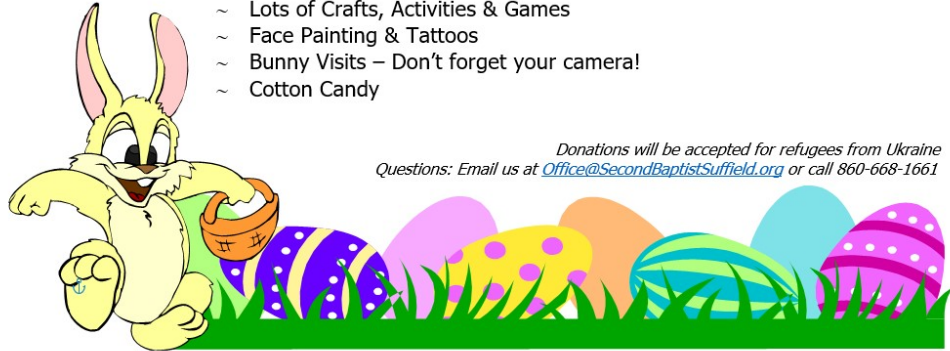
Welcome Spring! Egg Hunt & Bunny Visit

Town-wide Community Event for Children up to Age 8

Saturday, April 2nd ~ 1 – 3 p.m.

Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street, Suffield

- ~ Egg Hunts throughout the afternoon (please bring a basket or bag from home)
- ~ Lots of Crafts, Activities & Games
- ~ Face Painting & Tattoos
- ~ Bunny Visits – Don't forget your camera!
- ~ Cotton Candy



Donations will be accepted for refugees from Ukraine
Questions: Email us at Office@SecondBaptistSuffield.org or call 860-668-1661

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOW HOSTING this town-wide community event 2-Apr!
We are doing a **Ukrainian Fundraiser BAKE SALE** at the event. PLEASE bring a baked good—buy a baked good—and don't forget to bring a kid so you can **HAVE SOME FUN!**



The Baptist Peace Fellowship

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USA
The Baptist Peace Fellowship

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