

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

In the Christian calendar, Easter is more than one day of the year. Easter is both a season, the seven Sundays leading to Pentecost, and the affirmation that every day is Easter, that dying and rising is an ongoing, continuing movement in the universe and in our lives. Death and resurrection are a constant in this evolving, ever-renewing life God created and continues to create each moment, of each day. We die and we are raised to new life, continuously – mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically. How we respond to these deaths, small and large, and how we live into the new life that is being born from our dying, is the joy and the challenge of our life's journey.

I believe that the most fruitful way to respond to our various ways of dying and the new life rising within us, is through intentional practice of the spiritual life. To engage in a discipline of prayer, meditation, silence, reading scripture, listening, spending time outside in "nature," and other practices, are ways to fertilize the soil of one's soul to receive the new seeds that God is always planting within us and the world. These practices are ways to "practice resurrection" each and every day.

I first heard the phrase, "practice resurrection," from a poem with that title, by Wendell Berry. His is more action-oriented than my brief list of practices, but the point is for us to engage in something that helps foster new life, resurrection life.

"So friends, everyday do something that won't compute.
Love the Lord, Love the world, Work for nothing.
Denounce the government and embrace the flag.

Ask questions that have no answers.

Laugh. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.
Practice Resurrection."

May you practice resurrection each and every day.

Peace.

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Holy Week Events



Palm Sunday worship is at 10:00 am. Come celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem as he moves towards his "Passion" at the beginning of Holy

Week. There will be a special Palm Sunday dramatic presentation from witnesses to that Palm Sunday event.



MAUNDY Thursday

The season of Lent culminates with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of Christ's resurrection and ours, on Easter Sunday. On Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm, we will hold our annual Maundy Thursday Communion service in our Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday reminds us of the night before Jesus' 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, 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.



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April Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

April 1

Easter

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

Worship Leader: David Jones

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: EASTER FLOWERS

April 8

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

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

April 15

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

Worship Leader: Tina Berrien

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Music Ministry

Flowers: Available

April 22

SBC Earth Day Observance

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

Worship Leader: Peter Das

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Green Team

Flowers: Carolyn Stabenow

April 29

Hot Cat Jazz

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

Worship Leader: David Battle

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Barry Sisk

About Our Community

- ♥ **Isabel Rumbold** passed away on March 4th.
- ♥ **Robin Wachs' father, Robert Hinckley**, passed away on March 12th.
- ♥ **Debbie Preli's mother, Florence "Honey" Barnard** passed away on March 16th.
- ♥ **Judith Spaulding** passed away on March 19th.
- ♥ **Sheryl Woods** passed away on March 21st. Her funeral is to be held at SBC on Tuesday, March 27th at 10:30 am.
- ♥ **Betty Ann Begin** was born on March 12th to Libby and Ernie Begin. Grandparents are Sue and Ray Schneller; great grandparents are Betty Dalglish and Dick and Mary Begin.
- ♥ Congratulations to **Samuel Sikes** achieving Eagle Scout rank.
- ♥ **Scott Schneider has been nominated by United Technologies Corporation for a Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Stellar Award.** The RNASA Stellar Award recognizes outstanding individuals and teams whose accomplishments have contributed greatly to the success of space exploration. Scott has been nominated as a result of his exceptional technical skills and leadership in Product Safety and Reliability engineering to support NASA space explorations. He is currently serving as the PSR Lead for Space Station and Next STEP. The awards ceremony will take place at NASA in Houston, TX on April 27th.

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

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 is moving. In April, we will begin focusing on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome.



Great Courses Wednesday Mornings

The Great Courses class meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parlor. In April we will continue our focus on "Why Evil Exists." 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.

Our Doors Are Open – Let It Shine! Capital Campaign Update

On Sunday, March 18th, the Second Baptist Capital Campaign "kicked off" with a luncheon and program in Fellowship Hall. There, the projects were described in detail, with the campaign goal of \$350,000 for the re-gilding of the gold dome, major building improvements and increased accessibility. As of March 21st, we have received gifts and/or pledge of \$207,200 or 59% towards the goal and are looking forward to receiving many other gifts in the coming weeks. The pledge commitments can be made over a three year period or as a one-time gift and there are multiple ways to contribute to this effort to make our building a wonderful place for ministry for our congregation and the larger Suffield community.

Everyone's gift matters – large, small and everywhere in-between. Every person and what she or he brings to our congregation has intrinsic value and worth: one's time, one's talents and one's financial treasure. One of our goals is to have 100% participation among members and friends of Second Baptist Church. If you have yet to make your pledge to the campaign and have questions, please speak with one of the campaign Steering Committee members:

Michele Brown-Quinn
Laura Burnaford
Reverend Tom Carr
Etienne d'Otreppe
Becki Fuller
Walt Malec
Karen Santi, Chair

We are so grateful to you, for the gift you are.



Book Group Sunday April 8 at 6:30 pm

The Book Group will continue our discussion on "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen on Sunday, April 8th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. The book is Nouwen's attempt to explain the spiritual life in terms that "non-religious people" can understand, avoiding technical theological language. He starts with the truth that everyone is God's beloved. All are invited.



The Hot Cat Jazz Band Celebrates Worship at Second Baptist Church

By Evelyn Battle

The **Hot Cat Jazz Band** is coming to **Second Baptist Church** on **Sunday, April 29th** 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, 100 North Main St., Suffield, CT**. 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.



Observing Earth Day at Second Baptist Sunday, April 22, 2018

The Green Team invites you to join us in carpooling, walking or biking to church on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Bring your reusable water bottle. Be prepared for some activities during Fellowship Time. Opportunities to make a commitment to participate in carpooling, walking or biking to church on the 22nd will be available on April 8 and 15. Make arrangements to join others in this observance of Earth Sunday. Its for all ages.



An Afternoon of Card- Making at Second Baptist

On Good Friday, March 30th, we will be making greeting cards to send to church members that need their spirits up- lifted. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM. All supplies, including paper, inks, stamps, cutting dies, punches, etc., will be provided. We plan to make 3 uniquely designed cards.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your adhesive of choice. The most common adhesive used for paper crafting is a tape runner. It can be purchased at Michael's (don't forget to use your Michael's coupon).

Paper crafting novices are welcome. There will be plenty of helpers to assist you with your cards. And please remember that we will be working with paper.....so if you make a mistake, you can turn your paper over and start again. No stress - - Just fun:-)

Kits containing the components of each card will need to be assembled before the meeting, so please call Laurie Gokey at 860-402-9292 by March 27th if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you on the 30th.



Fellowship Time, We've Made it Easy!

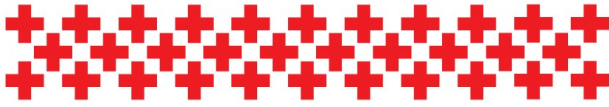
Please consider hosting a Fellowship Time.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

Second Baptist Church

Sponsored by Suffield Woman's Club
Held in Fellowship Hall
100 North Main Street, Suffield, CT 06078

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018
1:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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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 14th.**

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

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 20th.

Christian Education



Without a doubt things get pretty busy here at Second Baptist on a Sunday morning. If you wanted to, you could slip in and out and never be noticed. But God desires so much more for His church.

That's why you are so important. God has gifted everyone with special talents and resources to do great things right here on earth. But it all starts by getting involved!

Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in a while, consider making the kind of impact that only you can make. Decide for yourself the length of time you'll serve. We promise that you'll meet new friends, grow spiritually and maybe even learn something about yourself.

Ready to give it a try? Simply give the office a call.

God is doing something special here at SBC. Thank you for getting involved and giving back!



April- May The Sunday School children grades pk-8th grade will be working on the Unit called "Wonderfully Made" based on Psalm 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



GREAT NEWS! PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE

A podcast is a digital audio file made available on the Internet for listening or downloading. A way for you to listen to the Sunday service anywhere and any time. Go to our website secondbaptistsuffield.org and click the blue button that says "Listen to Sermon Podcast". Scroll through and choose the service you want to hear. Also, click on the button that says "Our YouTube Channel"

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 8:30 Folk Group 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship Time	2 1:00 am Suffield Academy 6:00 pm Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm AA	3 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Capital Campaign Committee 7:30 pm Samuel Sikes Eagle	4 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	5 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 12:00 pm FFFolders	7 11:00 am Cub Scout Den 8
8 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 Council of Ministries 6:30 pm Book Group	9 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	10 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11 9:30 am Great Courses 1:30 pm ARC Blood Drive 2:00 pm Helping Hands	12 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 pm FFFolders	14 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
15 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry	16 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Den 8 7:00 pm AA	17 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	18 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 2:00 pm Helping Hands	19 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	20 12:00 pm FFFolders	21
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April Loiseau Boccasile	1
Danielle Sica	
Jim Grant	
Mikhail Petrov	3
Russ Harlow	4
Gary Powell	5
Andre LaRochele	6
Robert Avena	8
Randy Parker	9
Chris Bromson	10
Shannon Smith	
Christopher Berrien	
Michael Gilbert	11
Tara Remington Beaulieu	
Erica Wimber Avena	14
Joe Ralston	
Jim Fuller	
Becky Aldrich	
Ethel Evans	15
Dian Kingsbury	
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	
Carolyn Stabenow	22
Ronnie Marquis	23
Matthew Reed-Brown	24
Sharon (Remington) Chagnot	26
Maxime Boccasile	
Gordon Swan	30



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

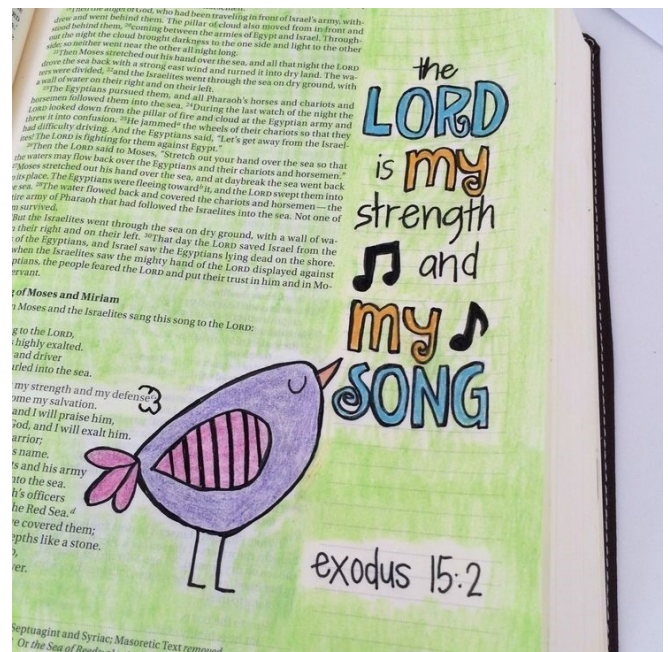
If you know of a birthday or anniversary within the church that is not listed, please call the church office, (860) 668-1661, or send us an e-mail at office@secondbaptistsuffield.com so we can add it to our list!



April Communion Offering Camp Wightman

The Mission Team has designated the April Communion offering to be given to Camp Wightman, our Connecticut American Baptist Camp in North Stonington. For over 60 years, Camp Wightman has been a place to "challenge and train youth and adults for greater service to God." Summer Christian camping programs for children, youth and adults, retreats, workshops, educational opportunities, recreation and worship experiences help guide, shape, nurture and empower people of all ages to grow in their spiritual lives as they journey on the Way of Jesus. Members and friends of Second Baptist Church have had transformative and nurturing experiences at Camp Wightman over the six decades of ministry there. Each year, the Mission Team provides scholarship assistance for individuals and families in order for their children and youth to be part of the larger Camp Wightman community.

On Sunday, April 15th following worship, the Mission Team will be having a special program on Camp Wightman and its impact on people's lives in our congregation. We hope you can attend as you prayerfully consider your gift to this important ministry in Connecticut.



Interested in Bible Journaling?
Call Sue 860-402-7813

THE JAMES COGGINS, JR.
\$1,000.00
ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



- Are you a Suffield Resident?
- Are you graduating from high school?
- Do you give of your time for the benefit of others?
- Are you willing to submit a 500-word essay detailing your volunteer activities?

If the answer to all these questions is "YES", you may be selected to receive a \$1,000 award in memory of a former board member & volunteer of the Emergency Aid Association of Suffield.

Applicants are required to submit no more than a 500-word essay describing their volunteer activities to the EAA Scholarship Committee at 450 South Street, Suffield, 06078 or email to Janetf@suffieldeaa.org
For more information, call 860-668-1986.

Applications must be received by midnight on Monday, May 14, 2018

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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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