

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

The summer months give me a bit more open time and I like to spend at least some of that time reading. Particularly in the summer, I like to read a variety of topics – some theological and/or spiritual in nature, others with only a “hint” of theology. Here’s my summer reading list.

“The Secret Wisdom of Nature: Trees, Animals, and the Extraordinary Balance of All Living Things,” by Peter Wohlleben. Wohlleben is a scientist, a forester from Germany who wrote another book I love, “The Hidden Life of Trees.” “The Secret Wisdom of Nature,” expands his earlier observations and shows how the natural systems make life on Earth possible through the interplay between animals and plants and how they influence, support and communicate with each other. He’s a great story-teller, rooted in scientific observation and studies, particularly from the regions of central Europe and North America.

“An Invisible Thread,” by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski, is a true story of an eleven year-old homeless child in New York City, a sales executive and their meeting and deep relationship that becomes a life-changing experience for both of them over decades. This was highly recommended by a friend.

“Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change,” by Dr. Jim Antal. Jim is a friend, recently retired UCC clergy person and long-time advocate for the church to be active in the work of environmental justice, particularly climate change.

“Silence: The Mystery of Wholeness,” by Robert Sardello. Sardello is a psychologist and teacher who deals particularly with spiritual psychology. His focus in this book is on the power of silence that can move us to let go of the clatter and chatter of our minds in order to feel the presence of the Holy, God.

I hope you find time this summer, and any time, to read books that entertain, encourage, make you think and challenge you.

Peace.

Tom



Summer Worship Services July and August

During the month of July, we will be joining with our friends from First Church Congregational and West Suffield Congregational and all others for worship at 10:00 am. Worship services on June 30th, July 7th, 21st and 28th will be held in our air conditioned Sanctuary and on July 14th, we will have a special **Blessing of the Animals** service on the Suffield town green (all are invited to be part of this service whether or not you have pets!). The clergy of both congregations will be sharing leadership in worship, and special music will be offered as well. As has been our custom for many years, throughout the month of August concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will worship at the historic First Baptist Church at 10:00 am on Hill Street.

Summer Worship Schedule		First Church of Christ, Congregational UCC	
June 16	Celebration Sunday		
June 23 - July 7	Second Baptist Church		100 North Main Street, Suffield
July 14	Blessing of the Animals		Suffield Town Green
July 21- 28	Second Baptist Church		100 North Main Street, Suffield
Aug 4th- Sept 1	First Baptist Church		Hill Street, Suffield
All Are Welcome!			

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Summer Office Hours

Please note the church office will be open on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm from June 24 to August 30.** The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

July Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

July 7

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

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Second Baptist

Flowers: Peg & Tom Carr

July 14

Blessing of the Animals on the Town Green

July 21

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

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Luncheon honoring Rev. Fiddler

Flowers: Bob & Gail Davis

July 28

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

Worship Leader: David Jones

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: First Church

Flowers: Available

Take a Break and Be Inspired

A pop-up complimentary refreshment center will be open between 2:00 and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday from July 15 to August 30 between the Second Baptist Church and Suffield Commons. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Suffield initiatives and how to engage in community events as Suffield nonprofits, *Partnering to Reach Aspirations*, *Foundation for Exceptional Children of Suffield*, and the *Suffield 350th Commission*, aim to build community interest and participation.

We hope you will stop by as you and your family come through town on a jog, walk, bicycle ride or while doing errands. We all deserve a break in our busy days and you may even leave inspired.

More information can be found on page 4.

Weddings



**Angela Moskwa and Walter John Malec III
were married on
June 8th
Saint Clements Castle in
Portland, Connecticut.**



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on Sunday June 30th at 6:30 pm at the home of Laurie Gokey. The focus of our discussion will be based on the book, "The Art of Living," by Thich Nhat Hanh, and we will discuss chapter 3.



**Katherine Battle and Sam Martin
were married on June 22
in Woodstock, Vermont.**

Plans are in motion for our double booth at Suffield on the Green!

Save the Dates: Saturday, Sept 7 and Sunday, Sept 8!

Save the Dates: SOTG Potluck -- July 31 at the Church Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

In addition to seeing and talking with each other; we will also be sharing and planning for the weekend. There are many ways to participate in Suffield on the Green this year: collecting items for our give away baskets, making bookmarks to give away, designing a brochure, being at the booth, etc, etc!

We plan to have 'stations' in the booth; so far the following are planned:

Prayer Shawl - Lucille Miller

Dominican Republic - Sue Schneller

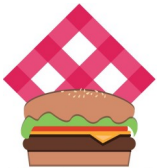
Book Group - Peg Carr

Green Team - ?

BUM (Building Use Ministry) - ?

Morning Awakening books

If you have an idea for a 'station', or are interested in helping, please let Peg Carr know. See you at the Potluck!



Backyard BBQs Save the Dates!

Backyard Barbeques

The summer Backyard Barbeques are coming, Wednesday evenings, July 10th, 17th and 24th 6:00 pm at the Carr's, 680 North Street. Bring a dish to share; hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and other grilled goodies and drinks will be provided at \$2 per person. Everyone is invited.



Yoga Class Continues

We encourage you to join us as we build strength and flexibility in an inspirational environment.

See Nancy Drenzek for more information.



Morning Awakenings By Wanda Harris Couch Article by Karen Santi

Morning Awakenings was my mother's way to keep focused on God and stay connected with friends and family during difficult

times in her life. It started as a personal devotion then she started sharing. I remember these meant so much to family as we got her daily emails in 2001 as my dad battled cancer - she was his at home care giver. Her Morning Awakenings kept her connected after his passing and her email lists grew to over 200 people including those in my Bible studies at Second Baptist. As we discussed the upcoming 350th Anniversary of Suffield, I approached my mother about doing a book to commemorate the celebration. She was thrilled and worked diligently to write a new set of Morning Awakening for this effort. Special thanks to her neighbor, Maureen, a retired teacher who proofed all 365 pages. These books plan to be sold at Suffield on the Green for \$10 at the Second Baptist Church booth. Hoping to see you at SOG!

Newest Nonprofit in Town Will Change Lives

Suffield-based **Partnering to Reach Aspirations** recently received tax-exempt status as the non-profit aims to transition recent graduates with mild Autism Spectrum Disorder from student life to independent living. An Amiel P. Zak Public Service Grant will provide educational opportunities to Suffield residents, educators and business leaders in order to better understand the strengths and needs of our young adults on the Spectrum.

"We want to encourage local businesses to work with us to provide these young adults opportunities to pursue their strengths and interests in an employment setting," explained the organizations director, Caroline Bissell d'Otreppe. "Currently, one out of every twenty-nine students in Suffield has been diagnosed as being *On the Spectrum* and it is by creating a supportive, accepting, and inspiring community around them that they are going to find their place and make the positive contributions they are capable of."

Aspirations will follow educational events for the general public with programs and opportunities for instruction in life/work skills development for our recent graduates with ASD. Underutilized space in town will be used until a permanent location for both residential and day programs is acquired. Fundraising events around the theme of *A Town with Heart* will serve as invitations to all Suffield residents to become involved in changing lives.

To kick-off this amazing endeavor, **Aspirations** will host a pop-up complimentary Refreshment Center at the Second Baptist Church on Main Street from mid-July to late August Monday through Friday, 2:00 to 5:00. Representatives from *Partnering to Reach Aspirations* and the *Foundation for Exceptional Children of Suffield* will be on-hand to share information about ASD as well as begin a dialogue about how the Town of Suffield can come together to support its talented ASD community.

"We hope you will stop by as you and your family come through town on a jog, walk, bicycle ride or while doing errands. We all deserve a break in our busy days," said d'Otreppe. "For our town and the ASD community, this can be life changing."

For more information contact:
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Save Your Pull Tabs!

Please save your pull tabs from juice, soda and beer cans. Put them in the bear container on the table in the Welcome Center. They will be taken to Shriners Hospital where they will be sold and the money used to benefit the kids there.



You can now make your donations to Second Baptist Church using your credit card online!

Go to our website, secondbaptistsuffield.org and click on the green "Online Giving" box. Then click on either the Yearly Pledge or Capital Campaign "Donate" button and follow the instructions to make your contribution. Be sure to note what your specific donation is for by clicking on "Add special instructions to the seller".



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 bookmark 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.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, July 14th 10 am on the Suffield Green

Bring your pet for a special blessing but the service is for everyone – whether or not you have pets.



Great Courses

The Wednesday morning Great Courses program will not be meeting in July and August. We will resume our time on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:30 am in the Parlor. We conclude each session of lecture and conversation by 11:00 am and throughout September and October, we will be focusing on the book of Genesis.



Baptism classes are starting in September. Please call the church office if you would like more information. 860 668-1661

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the September edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Friday, August 16th.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 7:00 pm The Grapevine Group (AA)	2 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	3 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA)	4. Independence Day Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA)	5. Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA)	6.
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14 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	15 Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 7:00 pm The Grapevine Group (AA)	16 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	17 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 6:00 pm Backyard BBQ's at The Carr's	18 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center	13 Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center	19 3:00 pm Rinaldi Party
21 10:00 am Joint Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry	22 Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 7:00 pm The Grapevine Group (AA)	23 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	24 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center 6:00 pm Backyard BBQ's at the Carr's	25 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center	26 Office Closed 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA) 2:00 pm Pop-up Refreshment Center	27
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**Register for
Camp Wightman Today!**
www.campwightman.org

Save the Date!
Sunday, September 15th
**Hot Cats Jazz &
Christian Ed Kick Off!**



**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.



**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 web-site:

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"

July Communion Offering Crossroads Food Pantry

**Help to Alleviate Hunger
in our Community!**

The Communion offering in July is for the Crossroads Food Pantry operated 100% by the volunteers of West Suffield Congregational Church (WSCC).

The mission of the Crossroads Food Pantry is to **help alleviate hunger by providing food assistance (without restrictions or requirements) to nearby Connecticut residents.**

Crossroads Food Pantry partners with Foodshare – the largest anti-hunger organization in the Greater Hartford area. Under this partnership, Foodshare charges WSCC only \$95 for each ton (2,000 lbs) of food that WSCC purchases for its food pantry in West Suffield! Put differently, Crossroads Food Pantry is able to buy 21 pounds of food (from Foodshare) for only \$1.

This supply of discounted fresh and nutritious food can make the difference between hunger and health for the 80-100 families who are served by Crossroads every month - many of which include 3 or more children. This amounts to giving away about 3,000 pounds of food per month.

Every dollar you contribute to the July Communion Offering is so desperately needed. Your donation will go directly to helping WSCC supply food for our Connecticut neighbors who suffer daily from chronic hunger.

Please give as generously as possible to this offering!





Earl Colson (Rusty)	1
Erin Gilbert	
Evelyne Battle	
Tim Connors	
Larry Peters	
Peg Carr	
Eileen Connors	2
Anna LaRochelle	4
Eric Chagnot	6
Rory Thomas Pierzchala	
Tammy Melhorn	8
Andrea Jamrog	10
Susan Kycia Barron	11
Rachel Burnaford	14
David Jones	
Matthew Craig	
Cynthia Hill	15
Mary Begin	17
Amy Orr Arnold	19
Kate Rookey	22
Lilly Ann Hubbard	
Libby Begin	
James Remington	29
David Burnaford	
Kris Remington Pryce	30
Elsa Berrien	31



Nathan Sikes	1
June Hodges	7
Mickey Barron	9
Melissa Senter	10
Melissa Santi	
R.C. Hubbard	12
Laura Burnaford	14
Anne Harry	15
Cindy Smith	
Duane Melhorn	17
Marcy Rookey	
Russell W. Harlow, III	19
Benjamin Preli	21
Claudia Hepner	
Gregory Wright	26
Derek Burnaford	
Brady Andrew Melhorn	
Hope Kraiza	27
Valerie Mercey	28
Joseph Harry	29
Richard Binns	
Jane Christie	30
Ara Washington	31



Ellie & Denis Petrov	6
Andrea & Jason Jamrog	19
Scott & Kathy Sylvia	20
Ruth & Howard Beal	27
Mary & Dick Begin	27
Ted & My Fuller	27
Gail & Bob Davis	30



Tim & Eileen Connors	5
Edith & Gordon Swan	7
Heather & Peter Pierzchala	8
Betsy & Joseph Carr	11
Anne & Joe Harry	19
Gloria & Bernhard Magliozzi	24
Laura & Dave Burnaford	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!



**Second Baptist Church Presents:
Fixer Upper
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 8-12th, 2019
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
\$15 per child**

Register your kids today or sign up to volunteer (age 5-6th grade with volunteer and community service hours for Middle School and High Schoolers) by calling Sue @ 860-402-7813 or our church office 860-668-1661.

**God wants us to,
"Be All That We Can Be"**



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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 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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