

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

Though the first three weeks of April finds us still in the season of Lent, the celebration of Easter is on the horizon, like the sun rising on the eastern horizon. And because it is, I'm thinking about Easter which, I am convinced is a time of transformation, a season of change, a time of forward movement. Easter reminds us to rejoice in the abundance and fullness of life given by God through Christ in the resurrection, which we are called to embrace and share.

The Psalmist sings:

"I will not die but live and declare the deeds of our God"

(Psalm 118: 17).

Reflecting on the meaning of Easter, I wonder: Have there been moments or periods in your life when you were afraid, fearful of the unknown around you, fearful of losing ... everything? The psalmist has known God's steadfast love, presence, compassion and responds with wonder and awe.

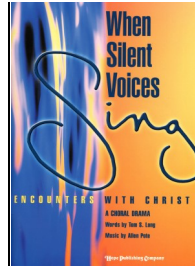
What about us? How do we experience and know the presence of God in our lives? Are we looking at the empty tomb, seeing the burial cloths through the lens of fear, as the end of all our hope? Easter calls us to see the burial cloths as a new beginning, calling us to look toward the possibility, abundance and transformation to which Jesus calls us.

I believe Easter is so much more than one day; it is a season – a season that lasts throughout the year! – for us to open our eyes, be attentive to our spirit, and roll up our sleeves to follow the Way of the living Jesus, the God of life. May the meaning and purpose of Easter dwell in you, always.

Peace.

Tom

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Please join us on Sunday, April 14th at 10:00 AM for a very special Palm Sunday service featuring the presentation of "When Silent Voices Sing", a choral drama by Tom Long and Allen Pote which is a fresh retelling of the gospel story from the perspective of three women: Mary, the mother of Jesus; Rachel, the woman caught in adultery; and Mary of Magdala.

The Second Baptist Church Sanctuary choir and guest vocalists will be directed by guest conductor Lorraine Cetto and accompanied by Jean Aldrich-Jones on piano, Celeste Cannon on flute, Harry Kliewe on oboe, Tom Gotwals on trumpet, and Chris Latournes on percussion.

Don't miss this powerful Holy Week presentation!



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, April 18 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 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.

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**Suffield on the Green meeting
Friday, March 29 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

For those interested in helping to plan the booth and activities for Suffield on the Green, join us at the Carr's house (860 North St, Suffield) to talk about banners, and finalize the size of the booth, activities, and other ideas. Beverages and snacks provided. Please contact Peg Carr if you are interested.



April Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

April 7 Lent Week V

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

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

April 14, Palm Sunday

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes RC Hubbard, Greg Basso & Michael Hubbard

Worship Leader: Tina Berrien

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Carolyn Stabenow

April 21 Easter

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

Worship Leader: Peter Das

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Peg Car

Flowers: Easter Flowers

April 28

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

Worship Leader: Gloria Magliozzi

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Barry Sisk



**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 13th.**

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



About Our Community

- ♥ **Nancy Reynolds, Wayne Pina's sister**, passed away on March 3th. Her memorial service was held at Second Baptist on Tuesday, March 12th.

Save the Date!



Hot Cat Jazz Band Sunday, May 5th



Great Courses Wednesdays at 9:00 am

The Great Courses gathers on **Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am**. We will continue the series of half-hour lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman on "The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon" followed by discussion. We will conclude each session by 10:30 am. All are invited!

Lenten Breakfast



The last two Sunday Lenten Breakfasts will be held on March 31st and April 7th. Join us at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal prepared by the Food Ministry.

Each week, there will be a devotional reflection. We are so grateful to the Food Ministry – Kaden Rinaldi, Rich Rinaldi, Bev Sikes, Nancy Drenzek, Carolyn d'Otreppe and Greg Bassos – along with Cliff Barron, Jamie Guilmette and Ark Sikes who have prepared and served these wonderful breakfasts. Thank You! Join these Lenten Breakfasts.

"Suffield Sings"



Come and enjoy the 2nd Annual Suffield Choral Festival:

**Suffield Middle School Auditorium
Sunday, April 7, 2019**



4:00pm



(doors open at 3:30pm)

Participating Choral Groups are from:



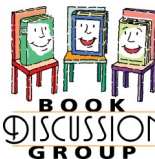
Suffield Academy
First Church of Christ
Suffield High School
Sacred Heart Church
Suffield Middle School
Second Baptist Church



Open to the Public!

FREE Admission!!!!

Don't Miss Out!



**The Book Group will meet on
Sunday, March 31st at 6:30 pm**

begin discussing the book, "The Art of Living," by the Buddhist monk, Thich Naht Hanh. The author is a world renowned spiritual teacher, interfaith advocate and activist. The book is a series of meditations meant to open up new perspectives on our lives and the interconnectedness of all people and all life. The focus of the book is to help us live deeply in each moment, right where we are. For more information, contact the Reverend Carr.

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	9:00 am Great Courses	4 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00 pm FFFolders	6
7 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 am Council of Ministries 4:00 pm Suffield Sings	8 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	9 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	10 9:00 am Great Courses 1:30 pm ARC Blood Drive	11 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 12:00 pm FFFolders	13 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scouts Den 8
14 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship & Cantata 11:15 am Fellowship Time	15 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	16 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	17 9:00 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Ministry	18 Maundy Thursday 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	19 Good Friday— Office Closed	20
21 EASTER 8:30 am Handbell Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	22 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm AA	23 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	24 9:00 am Great Courses	25 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 12:00 pm FFFolders	27 10:00 am KML Fancy Nancy Event
28 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Bylaws Review 6:30 pm Book Discussion Group	29 7:00 pm AA	30 2:30 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Boy Scouts				



April Loiseau Boccasile	1
Jim Grant	
Mikhail Petrov	3
Russ Harlow	4
Gary Powell	5
Andre LaRochelle	6
Chris Bromson	10
Christopher Berrien	
Michael Gilbert	11
Wayne Pina	
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	
Carolyn Stabenow	22
Ronnie Marquis	23
Sharon (Remington) Chagnot	26
Maxime Boccasile	
Gordon Swan	30



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

April Mission Offering Light of Hope Mission

The April Communion offering has been designated to the Light of Hope Mission. Light of Hope is the name of the biannual, seven-day mission trip to the Dominican Republic with a focus of connecting with individuals, schools, medical clinics, Pastors Joel and Elizabeth and the El Redil de Salvacion Church, and families of the Punta Cana region. Founded and led by Sue Schneller, for over 15 years, work with individuals and groups helping with housing needs and repair and improvements of homes and schools, clothes and with much needed medical assistance, has made this an important ministry of Second Baptist.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this vital mission.



Camp Wightman Second Baptist Scholarships

This summer, if you and others in your family are considering attending Camp Wightman, the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN), Second Baptist Church can provide scholarship assistance. All that's needed is to fill out a very simple application form and give it to the Mission Committee. You or a member of your family must complete an application to receive scholarship assistance. Application forms are in the church office.



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 19th.



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 21st.

It is time to order plants to decorate our Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 21**. 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 contribute to the Flower Fund. All donations are used to purchase plants which may be picked up after the service or they will be distributed to our homebound friends.

Please place your order no later than March 31st.



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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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