



# THE CRIER

MARCH 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

## Welcome

### Reverend Dr. Michael Newheart

Reverend Dr. Michael Newheart, our Interim Pastor, began his ministry with us on February 20, 2022. He comes to Second Baptist after completing his service as Sr. Bridge/Interim Pastor at West Hartford's First Church of Christ Congregational. Prior to that, he served as Interim/Transitional Pastor in Madison, Wisconsin, Shawnee Mission, KS and St. Joseph, MO. In other ministerial roles, Dr. Newheart has served as a Youth Minister as well as several stints as an Associate Pastor.

After earning both his MDiv (1981) and PhD (1985) from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, the latter in New Testament Language and Literature, Dr. Newheart joined the faculty at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC. An Assistant Professor of New Testament Language and Literature in 1991, he rose to the rank of full Professor in 2005 and since 2017 has been Professor Emeritus. Three books and numerous articles have been published as a result of his research. His books include, *My Name is Legion: The Story and Soul of the Gerasene Demoniac* as well as *Word and Soul: A Psychological, Literary, and Cultural Reading of the Fourth Gospel*. Dr. Newheart has also contributed a well-regarded chapter in a book about Glen Stassen titled, *Ethics as if Jesus Mattered*.

The members of the Interim Search Task Force that called Rev. Dr. Newheart were David Battle, Laura Burnaford, Molly Drenzek, Barry Sisk, and Dave Jones, chair of the Task Force.

If you wish to contact  
the Reverend Dr. Michael Newheart, his email  
address is [interim@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:interim@secondbaptistsuffield.org) or  
call the church office, 860 668-1661.



**TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 6-7:30PM.  
JOIN US FOR A FAT TUESDAY  
CELEBRATION.**

"MINUTE TO WIN IT" TABLE GAMES FOR  
ALL AGES

"BURYING OUR ALLELUIAS", A CRAFT  
THAT WILL TOUCH YOUR HEART

PACZKI'S FOR EVERYONE WITH  
COFFEE, TEA, HOT COCOA OR MILK

**JOIN US IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM  
TUESDAY, MAR. 1ST, 6-7:30PM**

CALL SUE 860-402-7813 TO LET US KNOW  
YOU'RE COMING, INVITE A FRIEND AND  
RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE PACZKI FLAVOR  
(LEMON, RASPBERRY OR CREAM FILLED)



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, is the  
first day of the season of Lent – a time  
in the Christian calendar that  
eventually leads to Holy Week, or the  
week between Palm Sunday and  
Easter. Lent lasts 40 days, excluding  
Sundays, and emphasizes  
repentance, confession and fasting.

Here at Second Baptist Church, we  
have two wonderful opportunities for  
celebrating Ash Wednesday. In the  
morning, a quick stop for a food grab  
& go and the imposition of ashes, and  
in the evening, Pastor Michael will  
have an in-person short service in the  
Common Room. All are welcome.  
Come Celebrate Ash Wednesday with  
us! More info to come.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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The Deacons of SBC gladly welcome our dear friends from the Enfield American Baptist Church and look forward to celebrating the merger of our two churches on a date to be determined near the end of March.



**Flower Contact:** Bev Sikes

### March 6

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

**Scripture Leader:** Kathy Sylvia

**Flowers:** Available

### March 13

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

**Scripture Leader:** Scott Sylvia

**Flowers:** Available

### March 20

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

**Scripture Leader:** Laura Burnaford

**Flowers:** Available

### March 27

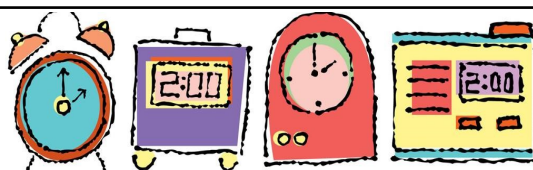
**Ushers: TEAM D:** Jim Grant, Derek Burnaford,  
Jean Rinaldi & Richard Rinaldi

**Scripture Leader:** Sue Schneller

**Flowers:** Available



A big Thank You to the D'Otreppe's ,  
donators and team for a fabulous job  
transforming the parsonage from empty  
to warm and homey!



**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS**

**March 13th!**

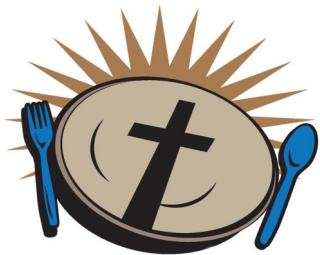


David Jones and Jean Aldrich-Jones would like to thank everyone for sympathy cards, phone calls and expressions of support and love following the passing of Dave's sister, Susan Hall. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.



### 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.



### Lenten Breakfast

Please join us for **Lenten Breakfast Sunday, March 6th. More to following based on participation.** We will be exercising what has become standard for restaurant Covid guidelines: spacing, sitting in pods, and masks when not eating.

Please let us know if you will join us for this special **Food Fellowship** time, **March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am**, so we know how much food to buy. We typically start off with Pancakes + Eggs + Bacon + Potatoes + Fruit + Juice + Coffee. If we get a good response March 6<sup>th</sup>, we can continue with some of your other favorites, such as Waffles, Hot Cross Buns, and more.

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.

Call or email the office by March 3 at 860-668-1661 or [Office@SecondBaptistSuffield.org](mailto:Office@SecondBaptistSuffield.org) and say Yes, Count me IN for breakfast March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am! If you can't make it then but could the following week, please let us know that too. Thanks, Becky and Bev

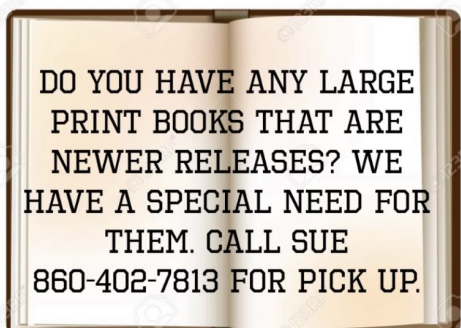
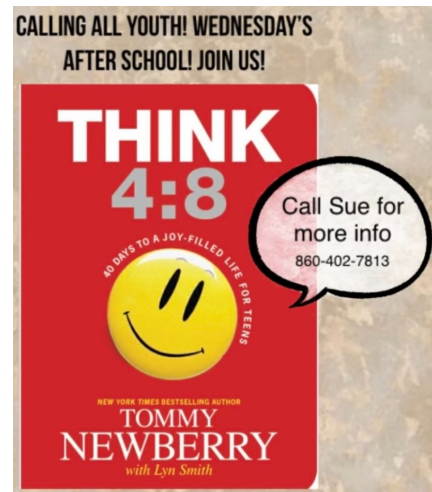


### About Our Community

- Jan Anderson passed away on December 21st. Her memorial service is scheduled for March 12th at 11:00 am at Nicholson & Carmon funeral Home, Suffield.
- George Martinez passed away on January 5th. His memorial service is scheduled for March 19th at SBC.
- Dick Begin passed away on January 13th. His memorial service will be held in the Spring.
- Dotty, mother of Laurie and Kathy, cousins of Gail Davis, passed February 17th.
- Neil Santi, Karen Santi husband Lloyd's brother passed on February 21st.
- Lin Remington is in Hartford Hospital
- Karen, friend of the Davis's was diagnosed with cancer
- Rejoice—Jessica Rybeck is walking around again, recovered from Hip surgery

### Growth and Outreach

There is SSOO Much happening we need to provide it to you in a separate mailing!!





## Pastoral Search Committee Update

I am happy to share an update from the Search Committee on where we are in the process to select a new pastor!

As mentioned in the January update, our Search members unanimously selected two candidates to bring forward for a second round interview. Following those interviews, we felt compelled to move to a third round, in person interview. One candidate has since withdrawn. We met with the other candidate on Saturday, February 19th.

Please continue to pray for our Search members as we look to feel the spirit within us, guiding our hearts through this important process!

Yours truly,

Tiffany Bianco-Christian



### Membership

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

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



Jean would like to say thanks a bunch for all of the sincere birthday wishes, cards, gifts, laughs and love. Being 80 isn't so bad!



### 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!



## HOUSE RULES Now, with significant Covid Cases in Suffield

**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 not fully vaccinated; If you are singing; If you were recently in contact with someone that contracted Covid; If you are immune compromised.**

**When to lower your mask:**

**If you are only with those in your 'pod' and none require a mask per guidelines above; If you have checked with all those around you and they are comfortable with your lowering mask.**

**Please keep 6 feet social distancing unless with your 'pod'.**

Our Church Family Fosters a Loving Environment, where we strive to meet your needs and of course encourage all to be safe all the time. 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, will have respect for all by ensuring Mutual Consent by asking your neighbor that you are sitting / standing next to if they are comfortable with you not having your mask on. If not, mask up or feel free to please move to another area.

Example: If you are sitting in a pew & those to your right and left agree, you can lower your mask. However, to sing, please put on your mask.

Feedback? Call Becky Tobiasz at 860-245-9232  
Or email [Office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto: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, March 15.**



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](http://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](mailto:okgokey@gmail.com).



**Women's Lunch Bunch**  
**Wednesday, March 16**  
**at noon**  
**Bring a sandwich and**  
**wear green for**  
**Saint Patrick's Day!**

RSVP 860-668-1661 or  
[office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org)



**Flamingo Yoga Class**  
**at Second Baptist Church**

Thursdays at 10 am  
There are openings  
available!

Questions? Please contact  
Diana Gunther at  
[dianayoga@gmail.com](mailto:dianayoga@gmail.com)

Attendees must be fully  
vaccinated.

## Missions News

Most of you are aware that the Missions Committee routinely provides financial support to organizations affiliated with Baptist ministries, as well as to local, national, and world-wide concerns. While we are pleased that we have the means to be able to write checks to assist these groups, our members have been considering how best to become actively involved in helping our local and regional neighbors in need.

In this endeavor, the Missions Committee is very excited about our most recent project, which was proposed by committee member Barbara Lawrence. We have purchased 100 yoga mats for distribution to the Enfield Warming Center, the Springfield Rescue Mission, and the Friends of the Homeless. Each of these organizations expressed great interest in the mats as a donation for homeless persons. The mats are ½ in thick, water resistant, and can be rolled up and secured with a carry strap for easy transport. Each mat is printed with telephone numbers for The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, and The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. If the mats are well received, we will make additional purchases if needed and, hopefully, widen our distribution.

Our committee is continuing to think about new opportunities to offer assistance to our community at large, and we will keep you informed about our future activities!

## Green Team

Green Team will be meeting on Wednesday,  
March 16th, in the church library at 2pm



# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> <b>Fat Tuesday</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	3 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm Suffield Land Conservancy Mtg.	4 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	5
6 <b>LENT WEEK I</b> 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	7 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Men's Small Grp 7:00 pm Women's Small Grp	8 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg	9 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	10 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	11 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	12 11:00 am Soup Kitchen
13 <b>LENT WEEK II</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 8:00 am TBD: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 Folk Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Sing-	14 7:00 pm Men's Small Grp 7:00 pm Women's Small Grp. 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA	15 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.	16 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 2:00 pm Green Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	17 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm BSA Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	18 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	19 Martinez Memorial Service
20 <b>LENT WEEK III</b> 8:00 am TBD: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	21 7:00 pm Men's Small Grp 7:00 pm Women's Small Grp. 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	22 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	23 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	24 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	25 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	26
27 <b>LENT WEEK IV</b> 8:00 am TBD: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	28 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm Men's Small Grp 7:00 pm Women's Small Grp.	29 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	30 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	31 <b>Office Open 9-12</b> 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir		



Shirley Edmonds VanAllen	5
Ernie Begin	10
James C. Harlow	10
Kate Remington	12
Ingrid Linke	13
Peter Das	13
Connor Blake	15
Gregory d'Otreppe	16
Barry Sisk	21
Melissa Sikes	21
Jennifer Loiseau Villani	23
Olivia Stanley	23
Karen Knapps Suller	28
Karen Santi	28
Renee Wood	30



Deb & Steve Preli 9



## Suffield PMC Kids Ride is Back!

Saturday, May 7, 2022

10 AM (9 AM check in)

McAlister Intermediate School

100% of the proceeds to  
The Jimmy Fund

\$380,000 raised since 2012

[kids.pmc.org/Suffield](http://kids.pmc.org/Suffield) for more info

Registration opens in early March.

## March Communion Offering



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 our **March** offering, we have chosen to support the '**America for Christ (AFC) Offering**'. The AFC Offering was launched by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) in 2021 "For the Purpose of Equipping Saints." Based on Ephesians 4:11-13, the theme focuses on ABHMS ministries that empower disciples, and equip leaders, to bring the word of Christ to as many communities as possible.

Contributions to **America for Christ Offering** allows ABHMS to provide needed support to communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Since the launching of the **AFC Offering**, the ABHMS has supported '*communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19, as the pandemic swept through our country and Puerto Rico.*'

In addition, the AFC offering helps families who have lost their homes to floods, wildfires, and storms, along with children and families living on the edge of poverty.

Donations will be collected each Sunday during the month of March. If giving online through the church PayPal account, please designate your donation to "Missions". If mailing a check, please send to the church office at: **Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main St. Suffield CT 06078 -Attn: Collector.**

Please note **AFC** in the check memo line.

Thank you for your continued support!  
SBC Missions Committee



of Giving





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 17th.

It is time to order plants to decorate our Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 17th**. 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 14th.**



**We Are Affiliated With**  
**The American Baptist Churches**  
**USA**  
**The Baptist Peace Fellowship**

## About Second Baptist Church

**Web Site** <http://www.secondbaptistsuffield.org>

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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

**Office** (860) 668-1661 [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org) **Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am to 12 pm

**Interim Pastor** (860) 668-1661 [interim@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:interim@secondbaptistsuffield.org)

### Staff

Interim Pastor: Reverend Dr. Michael Newheart  
Alison Hardy-Dusto, Congregation Liaison Manager  
Sue Schneller, Christian Education & Youth Coordinator

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