

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



As we move towards the close of one year and the opening of the new, I always think about three things. First, I ask, "What can we learn from the past – our personal histories, as a congregation, broader community, country and world?" In my estimation, to know history is absolutely critical not only so we don't "repeat the mistakes of the past," but also to consider what are the sparks within the past that can help move us forward in a way that is mutually enhancing for all. And to do this, we can't have a sanitized view of history or a narrow, myopic view; it needs to be inclusive and honest of what has been – the good, the bad and everything in-between. Any individual, community, culture, nation, religion, etc, that honestly looks itself in the mirror – not the "other guy" but oneself - has the potential to move into the future with hope. In these difficult, fear-filled times, this is more important than ever.

Secondly, at this time of the year, I think about resolutions – pledges, commitments, things to do differently in one's personal life and for the broader community. Many are skeptical of "New Year's resolutions;" I'm not. We need to dream and plan for new ways of doing what is best for our personal lives AND for the common good. Such dreams and plans, though they often fall short, bring energy to work that is meant to be beneficial for all. So I ask: what are OUR dreams, our plans, our hopes for our congregation, the Second Baptist Church of Suffield? How can our energy be directed for the common good, the good for all of God's creation?

Third, I think about what God may have in store for us – personally and collectively. It is true that God wants our love, our "YES" to Divine Love, God's presence and purpose for life. We actively participate with God so that the prayer that Jesus taught us might come to be: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven." At the very same time, God is moving within, through, over and underneath everything,

everyone and every situation in a way we can never fully understand (or even partially, as has been my experience!). There is always a great hiddenness, the unknowable about the ways and will of God; and I'm glad it's that way. At the same time, we are called, I believe, to prayerfully discern what God is doing, where God is moving in the world and make all haste to join God there. This call moves us to prayer, discernment and action – all at the same time – and then to humbly place ourselves in the service of Love. God is waiting for us to respond.

I'm looking forward to the year together. May we open the eyes of our hearts to the movement of the Spirit of the living, loving God.

Peace.



Tom

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 24th

The Annual Meeting of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield will be held on Sunday, January 24th following morning worship. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2016 financial budget, act on the report of the Nominating Committee and any other business to come before the congregation. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Please take note that all **Annual Reports are due** right after the holidays, **no later than Friday, January 8, 2016**. Write yours now and check it off your to-do list.

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January Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

Communion: Jerry Kingsbury, David Battle,
Howard Beal & Scott Miller

January 3 Epiphany

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Brown–Quinn,
Anna LaRochelle & Robbie Tobiaz

Worship/Scripture Leader: Gail Davis

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Peg Carr

Flowers: AVAILABLE

January 10

Ushers: TEAM C: Tom Killam, Walt Malec,
Barry Sisk & Wally Malec

Worship/Scripture Leader: Samantha Pryce

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Heather & Elsa Berrien

Flowers: AVAILABLE

January 17

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
Derek Burnaford & Joe Ralston

Worship/Scripture Leader: Mardi Newman

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE

January 24 **ANNUAL MEETING**

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, John Killam
Shiane Wilkins & Jonah Berrien

Worship/Scripture Leader: Peter Das

Nursery Volunteer: Becky Tobiasz

Fellowship Time: ANNUAL MEETING

Flowers: AVAILABLE

January 31

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Brown–Quinn,
Anna LaRochelle & Robbie Tobiaz

Worship/Scripture Leader: Tina Berrien

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE



February Flower Rep.: Marilyn Wilson

Communion: TBA

February 7

Ushers: TEAM C: Tom Killam, Walt Malec,
Barry Sisk & Wally Malec

Worship/Scripture Leader: Howard Beal

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE

February 14 Lent I

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
Derek Burnaford & Joe Ralston

Worship/Scripture Leader: David Battle

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Natalie & Peter Das

Flowers: Natalie & Peter Das

February 21 Lent II

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, John Killam
Shiane Wilkins & Jonah Berrien

Worship/Scripture Leader: Mardi Newman

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: Winnie Johnson

February 28 Lent III

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Brown–Quinn,
Anna LaRochelle & Robbie Tobiaz

Worship/Scripture Leader: Lucille Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Becky Tobiasz

Fellowship Time: AVAILABLE

Flowers: AVAILABLE

2016 Offering Envelopes Available



Offering envelopes for 2016 are now available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not used envelopes in the past and are interested in receiving a set, please contact Mary Begin at mbegin@cox.net.



Join Us for LEGO/Game Night Potluck!

Join friends from Second Baptist for the first **Lego-Potluck** on Saturday, January 24th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is for all ages and skills, a time to have fun “creating” whatever might arise in our imaginations around the table. Bring a dish to share and invite your friends and neighbors. For more information, contact Peg Carr or Lauren O’Hara.



Upcoming Dominican Trip

Please consider making a donation to Light of Hope so that we can continue to let our light shine in the Dominican Republic.

For more information call
Sue (860) 402-7813.



Great Courses Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 am

The Great Courses DVD Bible study gatherings will continue throughout the months of January & February to reflect on the Gospels and other parts of the New Testament. Professor Bart Ehrman gives a 30 minute lecture and then we engage in conversation around particular biblical texts, stories, meanings and troubling, upsetting and exciting issues that emerge. **We begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 11:00 each Wednesday** in the Parlor of the church. Everyone is welcome. The Reverend Carr leads the conversation so if you have any questions, contact him.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service

The Greater Suffield Interfaith Council will sponsor the **2016 King Holiday Observance** on **January 17 at 4 p.m.** at Third Baptist Church, 188 Kent Avenue. Everyone in Suffield and the surrounding towns is invited. The speaker will be William H. Smith, Ed. D., Founding Executive Director, National Center for Race Amity, based at Wheelock College in Boston, MA. His prior higher education assignment was as Executive Director of the Center for Diversity in the Communications industries at Emerson College in Boston, MA.

Although last year’s service was postponed due to inclement weather, 2016 will be the 23rd year that the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council has sponsored a community event to observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year marks the 87th birthday of Dr. King and the 31st National Holiday in his honor which is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world.

Adult Education January and February

During the months of January and February, all adults are invited to Adult Education at 9:00 am on Sundays in the Parlor. **We will pick up after the Christmas season on Sunday, January 10th.** The class is led by the Reverend Carr and we discuss various biblical stories and sayings from a variety of perspectives. Everyone is welcome and there is “Kids for Christ” with Sue Schneller. Any questions? See the Reverend Carr.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Group will continue our discussion of “Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara Brown Taylor on **Sunday, January 10th at 6:30 pm** in the Parlor. We will focus on chapters 6 and 7, “Entering the Stone” and “The Dark Night of the Soul.” Everyone is welcome. Taylor is a wonderful writer, an excellent story-teller. Join us! The date for our February gathering will be determined in January.



Members of the SBC Choir performed at this year's Thanksgiving Dinner.



Ash Wednesday Service February 10th

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is the 40 day journey for followers of Jesus to the cross and resurrection, a season of personal reflection, prayer and commitment to acts of love and justice. **On Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in Kneese Chapel**, there will be a brief, intimate service of scripture, hymns, prayers and the sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

SAVE the DATE! Hymn Sing Potluck!

When: Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm
Where: Fellowship Hall

More information will be forthcoming.



Cupcakes or Brownies for the Soup Kitchen

The **Mission Committee** is always looking for people to bake 2 dozen cupcakes and volunteers to join the team. The next two visits will be on Saturday, January 9th & February 13th.

Please contact **Diane Lewis** if you would like more information.



January Communion Offering

CWS (Church World Service):
Assisting refugees in crisis

We are facing the worst refugee crisis since World War II.

CWS's work began in 1946, in the aftermath of the Second World War, with a mission to feed the hungry and help those in need. CWS has learned that one of the greatest things it can do around the world is to help those in peril where they live, to gain legal status where it is lacking, find safety from external threats, and, if need be, to resettle to another country.

Every five seconds, a person is displaced in the world today. The situation in Syria is particularly horrific. Over 4 million Syrians are now refugees, seeking safety in countries across the Middle East, Europe and the United States. Another 6.5+ million are displaced within Syria, forced from their homes due to violence and persecution. These are men, women and children who have survived war, violence, persecution, torture, hunger, illness and often decades subsisting in makeshift camps. Our values call us to answer their desperate pleas for safety and assistance in their darkest hour.

This month, the Missions Committee is urging you, beginning with the January communion offering, to donate to CWS. Please give generously to the cause of providing desperately needed aid and assistance to refugees in Syria and elsewhere around the world. Kindly make checks payable to Second Baptist Church and write "CWS Refugees" on the memo line (and any cash donations will likewise be applied toward funding this effort).



The SBC Folk Group performed a beautiful rendition of "Hallelujah" during the December 13th worship service.



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Steve Senter
- 2 David Battle
- 4 Sarah Johnson Hubbard
- 6 Amy Gettings
Justin Drenzek
- 7 Carolyn Samplatsky
- 8 Heather Pierzchala
- 10 Jan Anderson
- 11 Jim Wood
- 14 Ryan John Rookey
Adelaide Elizabeth Begin
- 16 Daisy Saunders
- 17 Jason Lambert
Jacob Quinn
- 18 Robin Arsenault
- 20 Lois Gracey
Christine Ahrens
- 22 Ruth Thompson
Michele Brown-Quinn
- 23 Whitney Edmonds
Jack & Jeffrey Arnold
- 24 Kathy Remington
Jason Jamrog
- 25 Becki Fuller
- 26 Jean Aldrich-Jones
Destiny Cromblehome
- 28 Arlene Sikes
Betsy Carr
Sheryl Woods

Happy Anniversary!

- 23 Jim & Melinda Fuller

If you know of a birthday or anniversary within the church that is not listed, our apologies; 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!



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Mark Bednarz
- 2 Chuck Linke
Annie Arnold
- 3 Debbie Preli
- 4 Matt Brown
- 5 Bob Davis
Rachel Powell
- 6 Elissa Nasiatka
- 7 Robbie Tobiasz
Heather Grant
- 9 Marcia Killam
- 10 Britney Hinckley
- 11 Win Senter
Bruce Remington
- 12 Betty Dalglish
Hunter Boxall
- 13 Meredith Quitno
- 16 Lin Remington
Lee LaRochelle
- 18 Jane Campbell
- 19 Steve Smith
- 20 Ryan Price
Susan Boxall
- 21 Gloria Magliozzi
Cliff Barron
- 22 Nancy Drenzek
Sue Roy
Patsy Senter
- 25 Cedric LaRochelle
- 26 Ryan Waterman
Joyce Munson
- 27 Henry Windsor
Corey Parker
- 28 Emily Bochman

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

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day Office Closed	2
3 Epiphany 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 6:30 pm Youth Group	4 7:00 pm AA	5 7:00 pm Board of CE 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am Great Courses 2:15 pm Helping Hands	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:15 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Folk Group 6:15 pm Handbells 7:15 pm Adult Choir	8 12:00 pm FFFolders	9 11:15 am Spfld. Soup Kitchen
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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.



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Yoga Class Continues

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

Call Nancy Drenzek for more information
at 860-668-6191.

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Sunday Worship service 10 am September – July. Child care 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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