

# 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



A new program year is just around the corner and there are so many opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, outreach, making a difference in and for the world, and caring for others within the life of the Second Baptist Church community. The Church School year begins the Sunday after Suffield on the Green, which is September 11<sup>th</sup>. As the choirs return, they will be once again bringing their music leadership to our worship life (and if you're thinking of being part of the choir/s, please contact Evelyne Battle or Jean Jones!). The Mission Committee will be offering a new way to make a huge impact in the life of people around the world through "Micro-loans" (watch for information in October). You will be invited to contribute a story, thought or saying to this year's Advent devotional book. The many small groups will resume, some in September, others in October. And there will be other ways for us, as a community of faith to live in and live out our commitment to Christ. I am looking forward to this, the beginning of my fourth year with you.

I state the obvious when I say that these are difficult times in the life of our country and the world, not only for human civilizations but the created order we call Earth. There are some who look at our circumstances and deny that there are problems, deny the reality of our situation or say the problems are so big "I can't do anything about it" - so they do nothing. Others play the blame game, point to others or other groups of people and claim that THEY are the ones responsible for our troubles. Still others say that we just have to make a few minor corrections, which the way we're living is the best way but "we're just off track right

now." Then, there are those who know we have problems, recognize and accept reality as it is, don't point the finger at someone else and roll up their sleeves to get to work with and alongside of others who long for a world of peace, justice and the integrity of creation. They go and do what they can for the good of the whole, particularly the ones Jesus called "the least of these my brothers and sisters." It is, I believe, what we are called to do as followers of Jesus and his Way of Love.

I am reminded of a poem by Edward Everett Hale; "I Am One."

"I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but I can do something.

And I will not let what I cannot do  
interfere with what I can do."

As the late Archbishop Oscar Romero wrote in this prayer/poem, "A Future Not Our Own,"

"We are workers, not master builders,  
ministers, not messiahs."

How will you and I - all of us ministers of the Gospel of Love - do the work God calls us to do, as we are, right where we are? I look forward to doing the work alongside of you this year.

Peace,

Tom

### Meeting Reminder

The next Council of Ministries meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, 11:30 in the Parlor.

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Interested in  
taking  
yoga classes?

Please see Nancy Drenzek



## September Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

### September 4

**Worship Service is to be held at  
First Baptist Church**

### September 11

**Ushers: TEAM A:** Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien & Alec Pryce

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Tina Berrien

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sarah Hubbard

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

### September 18

**Ushers: TEAM B:** Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,  
John Killam & Robbie Tobiaz

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Peter Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

### September 25

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

**Worship/Scripture Leader:** Howard Beal

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available



## About Our Community

- ♥ **Bill Connelly** passed away on July 12th. His memorial service was held at SBC on July 24th.
- ♥ **Lucille Miller's father Richard** passed away on August 1st.



## Book Group Sunday, September 25th

The Book Group will meet on Sunday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will be discussing some of the writings found in the book, **"What The Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self"** by **Richard Rohr**. The book is filled with short stories, sayings and reflections on seven particular "pathways" in which Rohr says we can discover the God who is closer to us than we are to ourselves. Those seven pathways are: 1) The Enlightenment You Seek Already Dwells Within You; 2) God is Found in Imperfection; 3) From Profound Suffering Comes Great Wisdom and Joy; 4) The Mystical Path is a Celebration of Paradox; 5) Contemplation Means Practicing Heaven Now; 6) To Discover the Truth, You Must Become the Truth; and, 7) When You are Transformed, Others Will be Transformed Through You. All are invited to join us on the 25<sup>th</sup>



## Adult Education begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday morning Adult Education resumes on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** We will continue our discussion of the Gospel of John, picking up the narrative in Chapter 12. The gatherings are led by the Reverend Carr. All are invited and encouraged to be part of these lively conversations on the Fourth Gospel.



**We are always looking for new members for our choirs**

**Adult Choir  
Folk Group**

**Handbells  
Children's Choir**

**Please see Evelyn Battle  
for more information.**

## **Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 25th**

The Council of Ministries is calling for a second **congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> following worship in the Fellowship Hall.** This is the second meeting whose purpose is to consider the needs of our physical facilities, our church building and parsonage, and perhaps other projects desired by the congregation as we move into the future. As we discussed at the first meeting in July, we have significant needs for our church building that need to be addressed. But we also want this to be a brain-storming session for everyone and to discuss how we will deal with these and perhaps other ministry opportunities for our congregation and the greater Suf-field community. The Council and other groups have been talking about the possibility of a capital campaign to finance these needs as we discussed at the July meeting. I hope you will join us on September 25th to give your input and ideas at this second meeting to discern some of the needs we face as a congregation.

## **Join us for a Jazz Service with The Hot Cat Jazz Band! Sunday, September 18th 10:00 AM**



## **Great Courses to Begin Again Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Wednesday morning gatherings around the Great Courses series, begins again on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Parlor. As the group decided in June, we will be considering many of the ancient writings of the earliest Christians that didn't make it into the Bible. "Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles Over Authentication" is the series with lectures from Professor Bart Ehrman, New Testament scholar from the University of North Carolina. Each Wednesday morning, there will be a 30-minute DVD lecture from Professor Ehrman on some aspect of the diverse early Christians, their beliefs and practices which differed widely, and then a discussion led by the Reverend Carr on implications for our living at followers of the Way of Jesus. We end each session at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome.

## **Start gathering those memories, quotes, thoughts and prayer for the 2016 edition of our Advent Book**



**Featuring more scriptures  
and devotionals**

# September 2016

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

				1 10:00 am Yoga Class	2	3
4 10:00 am Worship at 1st Baptist	5 Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00 pm AA	6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7	8 10:00 am Yoga Class 5:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	9 12:00 pm FFFolders	10 10:00 am Suffield On the Green 11:15 am Suffield Soup Kitchen
11 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Suffield On the Green 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	12 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	13 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	14	15 10:00 am Yoga Class 5:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	16 12:00 pm FFFolders	17
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## Happy Birthday!

4	Diana Parker
5	Kelly Pleva Aleksi Newman Denisovich Petrov
7	Katherine T. Battle
10	Rick Carmon
12	Brenda Prajzner Natalie Das
13	Karl Saunders
16	Tatum LaRochele
17	Molly Baumann
18	Lamoya Franklin Luther Killam Krycia Harlow
19	Mardi Newman
20	Ryan Corrigan
22	Lisa Haynes Christopher Berrien
23	Ruth Beal
25	Bill Remington Tucker Killam Katie Killam Tommy Killam Melinda Fuller
26	Joel Parker Samantha Marquis
27	Connor Beaulieu
30	Dorothy Knowlton



## Happy Anniversary!

3	Caroline & Etienne d'Otreppe
5	Josh & Emily Bochman
6	George & JoEllen Allen Marcy & Ron Rookey
11	Lin & Bill Remington
12	Catherine & Randy Wright
14	Ernie & Libby Begin
17	Chris & Rick Carmon
23	Brenda & Gary Seger
25	Tina & Chris Berrien

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

## September Communion Offering Camp Wightman

The Mission Committee has designated the September Communion offering to support the ministry of our American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, Camp Wightman. Through the years, so many in our congregation – children, youth and adults – have been privileged to take part in the many ways one can experience camp. Through summer camp, retreats, workshops, volunteering, being part of the summer staff; worship, recreation, study, being outdoors, building lasting friendships, adventure; Camp Wightman changes lives, deepens faith, challenges people to serve the world by serving Christ. This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Camp Wightman. Please prayerfully consider your gift to Camp Wightman during the month of September. You may write checks payable to “Second Baptist Church” with “Camp Wightman” in the memo line.



## 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, September 10th.

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 October edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Monday, September 19th.**

Music Committee Presents

## Spud Night & Dessert Auction



## SOS: SAVE OUR SONGS!

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 1st at 6:00 pm for our first annual Spud Night and Dessert Auction fundraiser to benefit the Music Ministry of Second Baptist Church.

The cost for dinner will be \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and children under 12. Dinner will include a baked potato with all the fixings, salad, a drink and a brownie.

We ask that everyone bring your favorite dessert to be auctioned to the highest bidder after dinner. It promises to be a fun time of good food and fellowship, and quite a bit of entertainment!

To reserve your place, please contact the church office at [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org) or call [860-668-1661](tel:860-668-1661).



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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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