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

"For everything there is a season and
a time for every purpose
under heaven."
-Ecclesiastes

Moving as we are towards the summer months, I've been thinking about these words and in particular, my feeling that this is a season for us as a congregation to slow down and pay attention, to look and to listen. We've been so busy since the first of the year, with the capital campaign, Lent and Easter seasons, our regular program of education, small groups, mission and a variety of ministries. Add those to the rather frantic pace we now lead as a society and there are times when we are tempted to lose sight of the need for us to tend our souls. The Benedictine monastic, Joan Chittister wrote:

> "It is so easy to simply get too busy to grow. It is so easy to commit ourselves to this centuries demand for product and action until the produce consumes us and the actions exhaust us and we can no longer even remember why we set out to do them in the first place."

I find these words to be true for me. I am a product of the Protestant work ethic and the mistaken belief that growth occurs when I "get busy," when I'm doing something, thinking some profound or not-so-profound thoughts, creating something new and different. So is the Church. I'm glad we're a "busy" church. I'm glad there is energy and enthusiasm and excitement about what God is doing in our midst. And I am also glad that we have in our faith tradition, people like Meister Eckhart who said, "God is not found in the soul by adding anything but by subtracting."

Perhaps this is our season of subtracting, of emptying ourselves of our busy-ness to let God be God in our lives. Besides, when we are empty, we really aren't empty. In the words of St. Hilary, a 4th century bishop: "Everything that seems empty is full of the angels of God."

May you have an empty, full life.

Peace,

Tom

Tom

A Note from Tom Carr

The evening of June 3rd, I fly from Newark airport to Athens, Greece to participate in an International symposium, "Green Attica," on climate change, the refugee crisis and poverty. The symposium, from June 5th – 8th, is sponsored by His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, in cooperation with the government of Greece and the Vatican. There will be 180 representatives from religious communities, government, business and environmental groups, mostly from North America, Greece, Turkey and Great Britain. I am privileged and honored to be part of these conversations (see the link for the program and participants - https://greenattica.patriarchate.org. Peg will be flying to Athens the last day of the symposium and then we will spend a few days touring Greece. We will return to Suffield on June 13th. In my absence, the Reverend Scott Seabury, Suffield resident and Episcopal priest, will be available for any pastoral emergencies

Our Doors are Open – Let It Shine! Capital Campaign - June 2018 Update

The Capital Campaign at Second Baptist Church is well underway - some of the capital improvements have been completed, others are in process, and still others have yet to get started. Our hope is to have a majority of the projects completed, or close to completed, by the end of the summer season.

As the June edition of the Crier was going to publication, we have received 64 pledges and/or gifts totaling $312,617. Applications for two grants - from the Amiel P. Zak Public Service Fund and Friends of Suffield – were also submitted and the church has been awarded $12,085 in grant money which is earmarked to increase the accessibility of the church at the lower level. In total we have $324,702 towards the campaign goal of $350,000. Any monies raised above the stated goal has been earmarked to increase the accessibility of several spaces within the building that were not included in scope of the original project.

We are so grateful for those who have given to this important work for the ministry of the congregation. We encourage all to prayerfully consider giving to the restoration and enhancement of our church building as we continue to serve as a home for many ministries within our church as well as the community.

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June Flower Rep.: Peggy Robards

June 3

Ushers: **TEAM B**: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn, RC Hubbard & Greg Bassos
Worship Leader: Kris Pryce
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber
Fellowship Time: Available
Flowers: David & Evelyne Battle

June 10

Ushers: **TEAM C:** Tucker Killam, Walt Malec Barry Sisk & David Burnaford
Worship Leader: Lucille Miller
Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala
Fellowship Time: Available
Flowers: Christine Ahrens

June 17 Father's Day

Ushers: **TEAM D**: Bob Davis, Jim Grant, Derek Burnaford & Laurie Gokey
Worship Leader: Mardi Newman
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Available
Flowers: Available

June24

Ushers: **TEAM A**: Howard Beal, Richard Rinaldi & Kaden Rinaldi
Worship Leader: Linda Isham
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Available
Flowers: Available

Book Group June 17th

The Book Group will be meeting on Sunday, June 17th at 6:30 pm to continue our conversation of the book, "Radical Amazement," by Judy Cannato. All are invited to join in the conversation.

SBC Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, June 10th
Immediately following the Congregational Meeting

About Our Community

- **Rose Marie Hubbard was born on May 8th. Rose is the daughter of Sarah and RC Hubbard, granddaughter of Judy Johnson and great granddaughter of Winnie Johnson and Betty Dalgleish.**

Second Baptist Water Bottles They're In!

The Green Team has purchased water bottles with a Second Baptist logo embossed on the bottle and are available to purchase for $5 each. Using reusable water bottles is one way to do our part in helping to preserve, conserve and restore God's creation. Not only is this one way to practice faithful stewardship, it also helps promote the ministries of our congregation as the bottles are taken to many places. You may pick up a bottle or two from the church office. Please email or call the office to reserve your bottle – office@secondbaptistsuffield.org; 860-668-1661.

Great Courses June and July

The Great Courses will be offered throughout the month of June on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Parlor. We will begin a new topic: "Great Figures of the New Testament" with 30 minute lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine followed by conversations led by the Reverend Carr. We will be meeting on May 30th, June 20th, 27th and throughout the month of July, except for July 4th which is a Wednesday this year. All are welcome to join us.

Adult Education Sunday Mornings

At 9:00 am each Sunday, adults of every age are invited to join in to reflect on a variety of biblical texts. This is an open and prayerful conversation, led by the Reverend Carr, a time to seek out the places where your heart and mind are moving. In June, we continue our conversation on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome.

Summer Worship Services July and August

During the month of July, we will be joining with our friends from First Church Congregational for worship 10:00 am. Worship services on July 1, 15, 22 and 29 will be held in our air conditioned sanctuary and on July 8th, 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 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 on Hill Street at 10:00 am.

On the first three Sundays of August, you are invited to informal worship time of prayers, song, scripture readings and reflections outside of our building at 9:00 am. This will be a brief, thirty- minute gathering in order for all who wish to attend the services at First Baptist will have plenty of time. Bring a lawn chair.

Advancement Sunday June 10th

On Sunday morning, June 10th, we will celebrate with our children and recognize graduates and enjoy an all-church picnic following the very brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. Our children and youth will lead our worship service at 10:00 am. Join us!

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".

Backyard BBQs Save the Dates!

The summer Backyard Barbeques are coming, Wednesday evenings, July 11th, 18th, & 25th at 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. 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.

A big thank you to Christine Ahrens & Kathy Remington for the new plantings in the garden outside of the Welcome Center.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Jonah Berrien
Suffield High School

Mikey Barron
Suffield High School

Lindsie Gero
Suffield High School

John Killam
Suffield Academy

Heather Mansur
Masters of Science Degree in Finance
Southern New Hampshire University

Tina Oyeniya
MIT Graduate School of Engineering &
MIT Sloan School of Management.
Master of Science System Design and Management
(This is Tina's second Master's Degree)

Joshua Quinn
Suffield High School

Kate Rookey
Suffield Academy

Melissa Santi
University of Rhode Island School of Engineering
Major in Biomedical engineering &
minor in Mechanical Engineering

Robbie Tobiasz
Suffield High School

Matt Vindigni
Suffield High School

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.

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the July/August edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Monday, June 18th.

COOK FOR LIFE

Second in a series of programs to help recent school and college graduates to transition to independent living and meaningful employment.

Will meet 11:00 to 2:00 at the Second Baptist Church commercial kitchen next to Fellowship Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 10 – August 10, 2018. The program will consist of cooking classes, meals with colleagues and coaches, and time for mentoring. Cost $80 to cover supplies.

To register, please contact Caroline d'Otreppe at 860-668-2585 or caroline.dotreppe@gmail.com. From May 18-June 6, contact Alison Hardy-Dusto at office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Enrollment is limited.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amzon.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.

Join Us for an Evening of Card Making at Second Baptist Church

On June 29th, we will be making greeting cards to send to church members that need their spirits uplifted. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. All supplies including paper, inks, stamps, cutting dies, punches etc. will be provided. We plan to make 3 or 4 uniquely designed cards.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your adhesive of choice. The most common adhesive used for paper crafting is a tape runner. But clear glue is another option.

Paper crafting novices are welcome. There will be plenty of helpers to assist you with yourcards. And please remember that we will be working with paper.....so if you make a mistake you can turn your paper over and start again. No stress - - Just fun:-)

Appetizers or desserts to share are greatly appreciated. We will need nourishment as we work:-)

Kits containing the components of each card will need to be assembled before the meeting, so please call Laurie Gokey at 860-402-9292 by June 25th if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th.

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

Dominican Republic Missions Trip
Where Faith and Adventure Meet
Summer of 2018

Second Baptist Church is looking for High School kids to join us on our mission trips.. For over 15 years Second Baptist Church has been traveling to the Dominican Republic. We have seen our mission trips play a crucial role in the lives of countless teenagers and we continue to believe *every* teenager should experience a mission trip.

If you've ever been on a retreat, you know how that experience can build community. We travel together, play together, eat together, stay up late together, get up tired together… "Together" is a powerful word. Our mission trips apply "together" to students' sense of adventure, their desire to serve, their relationship with God, their daily experiences, and their broken comfort zones .

Teenagers might be more connected than ever with what's happening around the world, but have they seen what it's like to live below the poverty line? Or experienced the energy and exhaustion of a hard day's work? Pulling teenagers from their typical context helps them understand that the world is larger than their daily lives would have them believe.

Beyond broadening perspectives, mission trips demand that teenagers participate. Painting a house, playing with kids, serving a meal, experiencing a new culture – these are a few examples of ways comfort zones are crossed. But when coupled with intentional processing and worship, mission trips have the unique ability to challenge students' comfortable perceptions of God and the world. Faith steps beyond the doors of the church and demands to be applied to real-world living.

God is doing incredible work through Second Baptist Church. The energy, authenticity, fresh perspective, and passion teenagers bring are a vibrant part of our church. Mission trips help students take ownership and initiative. Eyes are opened. Passions are ignited. Possibilities are exposed. Pursuits begin. Mission trips help teenagers see what they are capable of doing.

For many teenagers, mission trips represent a time and a place when God worked in and through their lives. More than a mere mountain-top high, a mission trip can both anchor students in their faith and propel them forward in their relationship with God. Even in times of trouble, teenagers often point toward their mission trip experience and say, "That signifies God's faithfulness in my life."

QUALITY EXPERIENCES – We want mission trips to be much more than something students are *supposed* to do. We want our mission trips to be something students *want* to do. We care about teenagers, and we want them to love serving others as much as we do.

AFFORDABLE OPTIONS– We work hard to keep mission trip prices as low as possible because we don't want finances to be any teenager's excuse for staying home. Our average youth mission trip cost is about $1300.00 which includes flight, food, lodging and an awesome experience.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – When we hear about a specific student who is struggling to make it on a mission trip because of financial restraints, we do our best to work with them to find a solution.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in participating in a mission trip- Call Second Baptist Church at 860-668-1661 and join us for an informal meeting. It's not too late!

Register for Camp Wightman today

http://www.welovecamp.org/

Here's our Summer Program 2018 --
Hope to see you on Billings Lake this summer!

July 15-20: Wightman Spirit Week for ages 9-11, 12-14 & 15-17

June 24-29: Dangerous & Daring for ages 6-8, 9-12, & 13-16

July 1-6: S'more Joy for ages 8-10, 10-12 & 13-16

July 8-13: C.H.A.O.S for ages 8-10, 10-12 & 13-16

July 22-27: Campolodeon for ages 6-8, 9-11, & 12-13

July 29-August 10: LEAD for ages 15-18

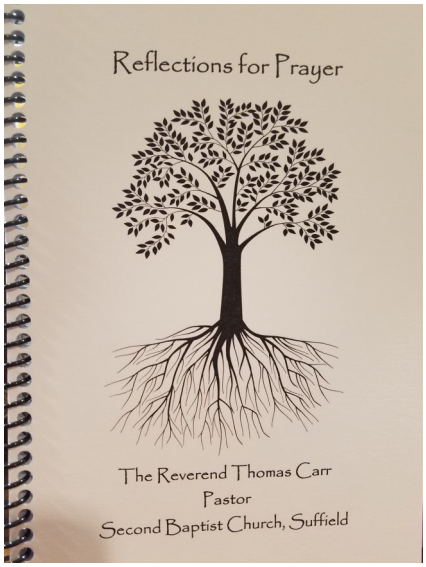
July 29-August 10 Outrageous T'weekers for ages 9-11, 12-14, & 15-18

First-timer? Options for our youngest campers
(ages 6-8 years) **June 26-29: Mini Wightman Spirit**

June 24-27: Mini Dangerous and Daring

July 22-25: Mini Campo

Look! We have a new water cooler!
Thanks to the House Committee and funded by the Memorial Fund!
It is located on the first floor outside of Fellowship Hall.
Stop by and rehydrate today!



There are only a few copies left of
"Reflections for Prayer" Only $5!
If you would like to
reserve a copy, please call the church office.
860 668-1661.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00 pm FFFolders	2 9:00 am Jo Ann Bouquard
3 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 Council of Ministries	4 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm AA	5 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	8 12:00 pm FFFolders 2:00 pm Helping Hands Overnight Party	9 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
10 **Advancement Sunday** 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Congregational Meeting 11:30 am SBC Annual Picnic	11 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	12 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	13 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	14 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 12:00 pm FFFolders 6:00 pm Music Ministry Picnic	16
17 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry 6:30 pm Book Group	18 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den 8 7:00 pm AA	19 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	20 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Ministry 12:30 pm KML Event	21 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am SBC Staff Meeting 7:15 pm Boy Scout Board	22 12:00 pm FFFolders	23 9:00 am KML Event
24 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	25 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm AA	26 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm KML Event	28 10:00 am Yoga Class	29 12:00 pm FFFolders 5:30 pm Card Making Set-Up 6:30 pm Card Making Ministry	30

June BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Miller
2	Madelyn Grace Eckley
3	Gary Seger
5	David Senter, Jr.
	Richard Knapps
6	Katie Quitno
7	Elizabeth Ann Jamrog
8	Jennifer Sikes Harlow
	Lauren Ralston
9	Avery Pierzchala
	Jordan Stanley
10	Brian Colton
11	George Hastings
13	Steven Senter
15	Lois Vormstein-Schneider
17	Amy (Remington) Seiler
18	Jonathan Prajzner
24	Jonah Berrien
25	Jack Thomas Jamrog
	Landon Altieri
29	Allison Craig

June ANNIVERSARIES

2	Win & Patsy [Dodge] Senter
11	Nancy & Michael Drenzek
13	Tom & Peg Carr
19	Ted & Sue Sheiber
21	Chris & June Hodges
22	Tara & Chris Beaulieu
24	David & Jean Jones
25	Cliff & Susan Barron
26	Bev & Art Sikes
	Evelyne & David Battle
28	Robin (Colson) & Bob Arsenault

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!*

One Great Hour of Sharing June Communion Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing is the great ecumenical offering of many different Christian denominations including the American Baptist Churches, USA. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Projects are active in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. OGHS partners with organizations world-wide to provide access to clean water to help eradicate disease and transform communities, feed the hungry as a result of disaster, displacement or drought, and to empower men and women to provide for themselves and their families.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during the month of June. Write checks to "Second Baptist Church" with "OGHS" in the memo line. Thank you.

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 website: 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"

Second Baptist Church Presents:
Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 9-13th, 2018 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

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.

Schedule:

Day 1: God Made You (Psalm 139:14) – God lovingly creates people. (Genesis 1:26-2:4)
Day 2: God Is For You. (Romans 8:31) – Rehab believes in God's almighty power. (Joshua 1-2)
Day 3: God Is Always With You. (Joshua 1:9) – God is with Gideon. (Judges 6:11-7:25)
Day 4: God Will Always Love You. (Psalm. 89:2) – Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Luke 22:6-24:12)
Day 5: God Made You For A Reason(Jeremiah 29:11) – Abigail brings peace. (1 Samuel 25)

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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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