

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



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Peace Fellowship



Carr's

Comments

As I write, the season of Lent is just around the corner. It is the season of preparation for Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday (which is February 26th). In many respects, Lent is like Advent as it is a time of both being in the moment and looking forward in hope and expectation. It is a time of intentionality about one's prayer and spiritual life, a time for reflection on one's life and work, a time to commit to changes in the way you may be living to be consistent with the way and will of God. There are 40 days in the Lenten season which recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. However, if you look at the calendar, you'll notice that there are more than 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. This is because Sundays are not included in Lent. As Lent is a time for repentance – and prayer and fasting - every Sunday is a feast day, a day to celebrate the risen Christ.

For many, Lent is a container that helps one intentionally focus on one's relationship with God. It can be a season that calls one to spend time each day, often several times a day, alone in silence, or with a journal or Bible, or outside walking and being a part of "nature." It can be a time of just "being" with the One who seems so elusive in our often frantic days but who is always with us, living within us. For some, Lent becomes a "season of intentionality," a time of renewal in one's commitment to prayer.

Actually, I think poets say it best. The following is by Ann Weems from her book of poetry, "Kneeling in Jerusalem."

"Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his world,
a time to touch his robe
and to feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .
Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!"

Peace,

Tom

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Ash Wednesday Service February 26th at 7:00 pm

We begin our observation of the Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday service. Lent is the 40-day journey for followers of Jesus to the cross and resurrection, a season of introspection and searching, prayer and commitment to acts of love and justice. **On Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00pm**, we will hold a short, reflective service of scripture, hymns, prayers and the sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. The service will be held in the **Kneece Common Room Chapel**. Join us, as we take the first steps of our Lenten Journey together.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

March Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

March 1

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

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

March 8, Lent Week I

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

Worship Leader: Lucille Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

March 15, Lent Week II

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

Worship Leader: Barry Sisk

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

March 22, Lent Week III

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

Worship Leader: Linda Isham

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

March 29, Lent Week IV

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

Worship Leader: Peg Carr

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available



About Our Community

Wayne Pina pass away on January 18th . His memorial service was held at SBC on January 29th.

Lenten Breakfast



This year, there will be Six Sunday Lenten Breakfasts: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Join us at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal prepared by the

Kitchen Ministry. Each week, there will be a devotional reflection on the theme "God's Creation: Our Call to Love, Serve and Care." Join us for all, one or some of these Lenten Break-



Want to Learn More About Second Baptist Church? Considering uniting in membership?

For those who are interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Second Baptist Church and/or desiring to unite in membership with us, classes will be offered on **Sundays March 8th, 15th and 22nd**. We will meet in the **Library** following morning worship from **11:15 through noon** with the classes led by the Reverend Carr. No advanced preparation is necessary.

For more information, contact Reverend Carr or one of our Deacons.



Our Music Ministry is preparing for a special musical experience on Easter Sunday! If you would like to participate in the choir for this event or for

the entire Lenten season, please contact Evelyne Battle.



Come, Learn to Assemble a Bluebird House!

On Sunday afternoon, February 23rd at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of Second Baptist Church (100 N. Main St),

Richard Binns will be leading a workshop on assembling Bluebird houses.

Richard is an advocate of the Gilbertson Bluebird house design which is very accommodating to Bluebirds - but not at all to larger European House Sparrows (which can threaten Bluebird populations by occupying and thereby crowding them out of available nesting boxes.) The Gilbertson bird house has a small nesting cavity - large enough for most Bluebirds and small species of birds, but too small for (larger) House Sparrows that don't like the smaller space.

This workshop to assemble Bluebird houses is open to the whole community. It's an opportunity to learn about Bluebirds and the importance of providing suitable shelters that cannot be taken over by non-native European Sparrows.

If you would like to attend, please register by contacting the office at Suffield Baptist Church (tel: [860.668.1661](tel:860.668.1661); or email: office@secondbaptistsuffield.org).



Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm

"Paris to Pittsburgh" is a 2018 documentary film made from the

National Geographic Channel concerning the global climate change crisis. The film shows that while the situation is critical with little time for action, there is also inspiring opportunity and hope in how Americans are working towards a sustainable future. Tracking the devastating events world-wide, it also focuses on work being done on a local and state-wide level in Florida, Puerto Rico, Iowa, California and New Jersey. **The Second Baptist Green team is sponsoring this showing in the Kneece Chapel Common Room on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm, in cooperation with the Kent Memorial Library and the Sierra Club.**



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

On March 7th we will be making greeting cards to send to church members that need their spirits up lifted. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am in the Common Room. 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 you cards. 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:-)

Breakfast fare 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 March 2nd if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you on the 7th.



Hymn Sing Potluck Supper March 6 at 6pm In Fellowship Hall



POTLUCK Come join us for a fun evening of food and song! We'll eat, enjoy each other's company, and sing our favorite hymns! Bring food to share and start thinking of your favorite hymns!

Questions? Call Tina Berrien at 860-803-0907

Lenten Devotional

The Diaconate and the Green Team, a task force of the Mission Committee, are providing Lenten Devotionals for use during this season of preparation as we move towards the cross and resurrection. "For the Beauty of the Earth," is designed to help us reflect on how caring for God's creation is connected to our faith. The devotional draws on the hymn of the same name and each week focuses on different aspects of nature's splendor and our call to care for Earth, God's planet our home. The devotional was written by Dr. Leah Schade, a Professor of Preaching at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky. You may pick up a copy on Sundays in the sanctuary and/or through the Church office.



Special Needs Fellowship guests were treated to a wonderful magic show at their January Gathering. Pictured here are Magician, Ed Cook and Assistant, Lisa Philibert.



On January 27, Jean Aldrich-Jones and Lucille Miller donated pull tabs weighing 5-3/4 pounds to Shriners Hospital in Springfield. The aluminum tabs will be sold with the proceeds used to benefit the children in the hospital.



Join us for Church Community Builder (CCB) Training!

Sunday, March 1st at 11:30 AM in the Kneece Chapel/Common Room

Have you been wondering just what “CCB” is? You may have heard it used in conversation around Second Baptist Church for some time now and may have even tried to log in! It stands for “Christian Community Builder” which is a cloud-based church management software that helps us to maintain records and communicate more efficiently with one another. It enables users to create organized systems and processes that can be accessed from anywhere.

We will be gathering for a short and simple training session on **March 1st at 11:30 AM in the Kneece Chapel/Common room**. All are welcome, and especially **anyone who is on a church committee is strongly encouraged to attend**.

Please bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop computer with you.

It would also be helpful to **be sure you have a CCB account before the training**. Go to the home page of secondbaptistsuffield.org and click on the gold box that says “Click to Login to Online Community”. You can then either login with your user id and password, click on “Request Account” if you don’t already have one, or click on “Forgot Password?” if you know your user id but not your password. You will receive an email with the new login information.



Take a look at the link below and read the article, “Paths to the Future of Vocation?”, written by the Reverend Dr. Rachael Lawrence for the American Baptist Churches USA magazine, “The Christian Citizen.” Rachael reflects on the call to ordained ministry, serving as a bi-vocational pastor with all the challenges and opportunities that presents. <https://christiancitizen.us/paths-to-the-future-of-vocation/>



The next gathering of the Book Group will be **Sunday, March 15th at 6:30pm**. We begin discussing a new book, “An Invisible Thread” by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. The book is a true story of a successful sales rep in Manhattan who meets and befriends an eleven-year-old homeless boy. They meet nearly every week for years and build an unexpected relationship that has lasted for 30 years. All are invited to join the lively conversation inspired by our reading.



Listen to our Podcasts!

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”

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LENT WEEK I 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	2 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	3 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	4 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	5 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Adult Choir	6 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Hymn Sing Potluck	7 9:00 am Cub Scout Pack 266 9:00 am Card Making
8 LENT WEEK II 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 3:00 pm Movie: From Paris to Pittsburgh	9 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 10969 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	10 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	11 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	12 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Adult Choir	13 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Lenten Small Group 7:00 pm Cetto Chamber Choir	14 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
15 LENT WEEK III 8:00 am Lenten Breakfast 8:30 am Folk Group 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	16 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	17 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	18 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Minis`try	19 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir	20 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Lenten Small Group 7:00 pm Cetto Chamber Choir	21
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MARCH Birthdays

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

MARCH Anniversaries

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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



If you are interested in hosting Fellowship Time, we would be so grateful! Hosting is simple! Sign up is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.

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 Monday, March 16th.

March Communion Offering America For Christ

Our March communion offering is designated to the America for Christ (AFC) annual campaign of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS).

Your contribution will help fund the efforts of dedicated missionaries who daily answer God's call in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The compassionate focus of their important ministry is to help suffering families who have lost their home to natural disasters and the limitations of extreme poverty. Additionally, the America for Christ offering awards grants to mission partners across the United States and Puerto Rico to transformationally fulfill the biblical mandate in Matthew 22:39: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These ministries make hugely positive differences in the lives of severely struggling individuals and families. With your help, we can bring God's restorative touch to many, many more.

Please give generously to this year's AFC offering as we continue our long history of supporting the vital work of American Baptist Home Mission Societies here in the USA and Puerto Rico.

Make checks payable to Second Baptist Church and indicate "AFC" on the memo line.



A Note from the American Red Cross:

I would like to express my thanks Second Baptist Church for its commitment to American Red Cross Blood Services. On behalf of the patients we serve, we thank you for hosting your blood drive.

Your drive resulted in 25 presenting blood donors, and we were able to collect 23 pints of lifesaving blood. Each of those donations could help **save up to 3 lives!**

Every day someone somewhere needs blood. Without sponsors like you serving as a vital link between the blood supply and those who need blood, the Red Cross could not carry out its lifesaving mission.

Christine Auletta
Account Manager | Recruitment and Outreach



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 12.

It is time to order plants to decorate our Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 12**. 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 by
March 22nd.**



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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 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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