

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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Carr's
Comments

Gratitude is a year-long, life-long practice. Gratitude for blessings great and small is a gift – for those who nurture it, know it in their hearts and live it every day, and for those who receive the spirit of gratitude from others. It is, to borrow a well-known phrase, a “habit of the heart” seeing life through the lens of blessing, abundance and giving. I know people who live gratitude and when I am in their presence, I can *feel* gratefulness for life. Their lives reflect the Psalmist who sings:

“O give thanks to the Lord for God is good;
the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.”

Like many of you, Thanksgiving Day has always been a special time for me to be aware of blessings and to nurture a spirit of gratitude. A former pastor of mine from Michigan used to send, not Christmas cards to his list of many throughout the country and world, but cards of Thanksgiving as a way to remind both family, friends and others who received them and himself of all that he was grateful for throughout the year. The theme of the 2020 stewardship campaign is a way of reflecting our gratitude: Open Hearts, Open Doors: Let It Shine. Our living, giving and gratitude flows from the joy received from relationship with God and our service to one another. This involves not only in the financial realm but in giving of one’s time (Will you listen to a lonely soul who needs someone to talk to?), in acts of forgiveness (Can I forgive the one who cuts in front of me in line, the one who speaks a hurtful word, those who use violence as a means to get their way?), by being patient with another, to look into and through areas of deep disagreement and see that the other is a child of God, just as I am?

Perhaps in this season of thanksgiving you will take time to make the space within yourself to nurture a spirit of gratitude:

- keep a gratitude journal;
- take 10 minutes at the beginning, end or middle of the day to be silent allowing yourself to know God’s presence;
- make an intentional effort to speak with someone you love and with someone you have difficulty with and tell them what you appreciate about them, the glimpses of God you see in them;

- give without calculation – of your time, talents or money – to some organization, group or cause you believe in that brings goodness and life to the world.

In the third chapter of Colossians, Paul writes these words:

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; ... and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

May this season be one of thankfulness, joy and gratitude.

Peace,

Tom

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Save the Date!

**Second Baptist Church
Thanksgiving Dinner**

Saturday, November 23 at 4 pm

**Please call or email the Church
office to make your reservations**

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Congratulations to Laura & Adam Wood on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth who was born on

Expressing Our Gratitude

On Sunday, November 24 during morning worship we will have the opportunity, again this year, to express our gratitude for the abundance in our lives. We are invited to bring items of fresh produce that will supplement Suffield Community Aid Thanksgiving boxes. During the service we will be invited to bring forward our gifts of thanksgiving. Just a reminder. Bring things such as apples, oranges, winter squash, onions, raisins, turnips, kohlrabi, that aren't overly perishable. Please, this year no potatoes, as they are already included in the boxes.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

November Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

November 3

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

Worship Leader: Kris Pryce

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

November 10

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec, Barry Sisk, & David Burnaford

Worship Leader: Len Kingsbury

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

November 17

Commitment Sunday

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

Worship Leader: Linda Isham

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

November 24

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

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Arrangement: Linda Isham

SBC Car For Sale

SBC has been donated a car. 1998 Volvo V70 5 cyl. Asking \$1,800. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Karen Santi cell 860-841-9124 or email karensanti@cox.net.



Deadlines

Weekly CRIER: Thursdays at 10 am

December CRIER: Monday, November 18th

Annual Reports (Not including the Financials):
 Sunday, December 1st

Join the "Anna Maria Divas"
for
"Partners With a Purpose"
A vocal concert
Saturday, November 9, 2019
3:00 PM

Featuring:

Evelyne Battle
Lorri Cetto
& Lori Davitt

Accompanied by
Jean Aldrich-Jones
& Ted Cetto

Second Baptist Church, 100 N. Main St., Suffield, CT

A freewill donation will be collected to benefit
Partnering to Reach Aspirations.






Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 24rd

The community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 24rd at 4 pm at Second Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council, this annual event is a wonderful opportunity to gather with people of a variety of religious faiths in the greater Suffield area to share expressions of thanksgiving. Invite your friends and neighbors to this community-wide Thanksgiving celebration.

If you would like to participate in the Interfaith Choir, please attend rehearsal on Sunday, November 17th from 1 pm to 3 pm.



A Time for Prayerful Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 17th

Each year during the fall season, we're called to consider our commitment to the work and ministry of our congregation. Stewardship – the vocation of each person to care for all that God has entrusted to us - is a year-long process, a life-long process, and each fall, part of that process means that we reflect on what will be our commitment to the Second Baptist Church of Suffield. Our congregation is the community of faith that helps nurture our spiritual lives and calls us to live in the Way of Jesus, the Way of Love; it is the community that supports us when we are in need, challenges us to keep growing, offers a place for us to worship the God we love, and is the people with whom we serve the world God so loves through the works of our hands and hearts, here and around the world.

During worship in the month of October, we will hear from members of Second Baptist Church who will tell us why they are committed to and support the ministries of our congregation which will lead us to Commitment Sunday on November 17th when we will bring our pledges and/or our financial commitments for the 2020 year.

Throughout the months of October and November, you are invited to prayerfully consider their commitment to the ministry of our congregation, what you may pledge to give to our church for the 2020 year. Giving is one response to the love and grace of God in our lives. May we all respond in faith.



"Partnering With a Purpose"

Join us on Saturday, November 9th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, 100 N Main St., Suffield, for a very special vocal cabaret featuring three local sopranos. Longtime college friends and musicians, Evelyne Battle, Lorri Cetto and Lori Davitt will entertain us in a range of styles from opera and Broadway to jazz. They will be accompanied on the piano by our own organist, Jean Aldrich-Jones and Lorri's brother, Ted Cetto.

A freewill donation will be collected to benefit Partnering To Reach Aspirations, a local non-profit organization which aims to transition recent graduates with mild Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from student life to independent living.

A light reception will follow in our Fellowship Hall hosted by the Music Ministry of Second Baptist Church. If you have any questions, please contact our church office at 860 668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Hooray it's time for the FAIR!!! Saturday, November 2nd



LUNCH- homemade soup and hotdogs

BAKED GOODS - We hope every family will contribute at least one item to the bake table.

STITCHERY - We hope you have been knitting, crocheting and sewing during the summer. If not, there is still time to get started.

HANDMADE CRAFTS & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- Surprise us with your talents.

JELLIES - Save some jellies, pickles and relishes for us.



PLANTS - Please take cuttings from your house plants.

COSTUME JEWELRY - Please check through your jewelry box for things you no longer wear.

ATTIC TREASURES - Dust off those discarded "treasures" and clean them up good, drop them off at the Church!



We have quite a few outside vendors joining us this year. Great time to start your holiday shopping



Meet the Author Saturday November 2nd Wanda Couch newest work "2020 Morning Awakenings"

Come meet the author Wanda Couch on Saturday November 2nd 9am to 4 pm at Second Baptist Church Fair. Wanda authored a special 2020 Morning Awakening daily Calendar in commemoration of **Suffield's 350th Anniversary Celebration** featuring photos of historic Second Baptist Church in the center of Suffield. Wanda has published four daily meditation calendars called "Morning Awakenings" in addition to a family history novel and many other articles and poems that were published in local and national publications including Readers Digest. Wanda also won several awards throughout her career working at town newspaper "The Middletown Journal" in Middletown Ohio. Wanda is now retired and resides full-time in Florida. She enjoys her visits to Suffield with daughter Karen Santi and her husband, Lloyd Santi. Wanda is also the proud grandmother of Allison Santi-Nichols of Virginia and Melissa Santi of Rhode Island, graduates of Suffield High School 2011 and 2014.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Do you shop on Amazon? 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.



Save Your Pull Tabs!

Please save your pull tabs from juice, soda and beer cans. Put them in the bear container on the table in the Welcome Center. They will be taken to Shriners Hospital where they will be sold and the money used to benefit the kids there.



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".



Save the Dates!

**First Baptist Church
Carol-Sing
Sunday, December 8
at 4 pm**

Traditional Sing-along fun for the whole family! Hot Cocoa and cookies will be served following the Sing. All are welcome!

Annual SBC Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14th at 3 pm

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!” (Buddy the Elf) Come and help our church and local school musicians spread the spirit of hope, peace, love and joy!

Christmas Eve Pageant December 24th at 5 pm

Come make a Joyful Noise with some familiar songs, special music, and cuteness all around while kids share the story of the birth of Jesus. **Kids of ALL ages are welcome to participate.** We'll find an appropriate part for you. If you play an instrument and would like to play, please let Sue know. The more the merrier!

Candlelight Service December 24th at 10 pm

Please join us at **10 pm on Christmas Eve** for a very special Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols. You will enjoy a wonderful quiet celebration of the birth of Christ in our beautiful candle-lit Sanctuary.



The Choir needs you for the Advent Season!

If you like to sing, but can't make a full-time commitment to the choir, why not **join us for the Advent season**, or just for our **Annual Christmas Concert on December 14th?**

Starting on **Thursday, November 7th at 7:15 pm**, we will begin rehearsals with Advent music so that you only need to stay for the beginning of the rehearsal. We welcome anyone who wants to praise God in song! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Evelyne Battle at 860 668-1661 or Office@SecondBaptistSuffield.org.



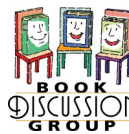
Thanksgiving Baskets

Suffield Community Aid is kicking off its annual Thanksgiving basket drive. This is a great opportunity for everyone at Second Baptist to get involved in an event that supports the greater

Suffield Community. Last year through their holiday basket program Community Aid helped 266 individuals in Suffield. This year Second Baptist will help by providing food and paper goods to local families.

The following items are due Sunday, November 24, 2019. They can be left in the Missions room in the old wing of the church.

- Items needed:
- Coffee / Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Tuna
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Soup
- Cereal
- Cranberry Sauce
- 3 Cans of Vegetables
- 3 Cans of Fruit
- Potatoes
- Bread/ Rolls
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta / Spaghetti
- Pasta Sauce
- Mayo
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Bath Tissue
- Kleenex



Book Group

The Book Group continues our conversations on the book, “Tattoos on the Heart” on Sunday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. This is a book of powerful, true stories by the founder of Homeboy Industries, Father Gregory Boyle, a Roman Catholic priest. Boyle is a priest in the city of Los Angeles and founded this ministry to work with young people, many of whom are connected to gangs. The stories of delightful, heartbreaking, tough and tender – and all of them are true. We will discuss chapters 3 through 6 when we gather at the home of Laurie Gokey. All are invited

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 3:00 pm Cetto Chamber Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA) 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm CoM Sub Committee</p>	<p>5 Election Day 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 1:30 pm ARC Blood Drive 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Family Night 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>2 9:00 am Christmas in Suffield</p>
<p>10 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day Office Closed 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA) 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 10969 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA)</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA)</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Commitment Sunday 8:30 am Handbell Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./K FC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry 6:30 pm Book Group 7:00 pm Interfaith Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Grapevine grp. (AA)</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm 1st Cong. Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm Missions</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 12:30 pm Calling &Caring Ministry</p>	<p>21 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board Mtg. 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm The Phoenix Group (AA)</p>	<p>23 SBC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner</p>
<p>24 9:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Bylaws Review 4:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>25 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm House Committee 7:00 pm Grapevine Group (AA)</p>	<p>26 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Office Closed 12:00 pm Phoenix Group</p>	<p>29 Office Closed 12:00 pm Phoenix Group</p>	<p>30</p>



Nicole Haynes	2
Kathy Sylvia	3
Rachel Malec Eckley	4
Owen Alexander Kraiza	
Lloyd Santi	5
Rosie LaRochelle	8
Rebecca (Davis) Maio	9
Dorothy A. Spaulding	15
Len Kingsbury	16
Art Sikes, Jr.	18
Margot Craig	
Ellen Newman Petrov	20
Valerie Motter	
Corey Gauthier	23
Michael Hubbard	
Evelyn Rose Whitman	
Heather Vormstein-Schneider	25
Natalie Senez	
Marie Knapps	
Sue Begin Schneller	29



Cindy & Steve Smith	10
Kris & Rick Pryce	15



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, November 9th.**

Please contact the Church office if you would like more information.



November Communion Offering Suffield Community Aid

During November, our Communion Offering will be designated to the local Fuel Bank which is part of the Fuel Assistance program sponsored by Suffield Community Aid ("SCA"). SCA was formerly known as the Emergency Aid Association.

As we approach the cold winter months, we all appreciate the warmth that we enjoy in our homes. It is very easy to assume that all Suffield residents can likewise afford the cost of heating their homes. But the sobering reality is that many in Suffield cannot. Fortunately, SCA has a local program for those in financial need to help them gain vital access to heating fuel during the cold winter months. SCA's program is called the Fuel Bank which is funded by private resources and an allocation for fuel from SCA's General Budget.

Please prayerfully consider providing financial support to SCA's Fuel Bank initiative by contributing to our November Communion Offering. Your donation will significantly help neighbors who lack the financial resources needed for keeping their homes warm this winter.

Thank you.



Green Team News

November is the month of gratitude with trees throughout the region, showing off their beautiful colors, which is all the more reason to put our minds to preserving our environment. Join the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN) on **Sunday November 3** in Fairfield, CT for "A Flood of Ideas: A Symposium on Noah, the Great Flood and Climate Change" 3:30-6:30pm Sacred Heart University West Campus 3135 Eastern Turnpike, Fairfield CT. More info at shalomct.org/noah.

On **Friday, November 8** IREJN will offer a showing of the inspiring documentary "Paris to Pittsburgh," describing what American cities are doing to implement the Paris Climate Accord. The film will be followed by a visioning session on greening and solarizing the Asylum Hill neighborhood in Hartford, all starting at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT. This is a great way to find climate solutions together in community!

Save the date, Saturday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please call or email the Church office for your reservation: 860-668-1661 or Office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Once again, it is time to place orders for poinsettia plants which will decorate our Sanctuary the week before Christmas. Please use the following form to order plants, or if you prefer, you may make a donation to the Flower Fund. All donations are used to purchase plants. We would appreciate it if those picking up plants would do so following the morning service on **Sunday, December 22.**



Deadline for placing orders: Sunday, December 8.

I wish to order _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$10.00 each.

_____ I wish to make a contribution to the Flower Fund.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Donor _____

The plant is given in **memory** of _____

The plant is given in **honor** of _____

_____ Please take the plant to someone homebound.

_____ I will pick up the plant following the morning service on December 22.

Please return this form to the church office.



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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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