

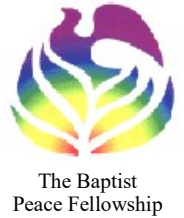
# THE CRIER

*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 end of October marked the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, most famously remembered by Martin Luther's nailing of the "95 Theses" on the church door in

Wittenburg, Germany. The Reformation was a movement that radically transformed the church, and is a reminder that the Church and each of us individually, is called to be awoken and respond to the evolving, changing nature of life, our lives and how it impacts our faith.

Recently, I was looking through a book I've had since my seminary days, "The Martin Luther Christmas Book," which is a collection of reflections by Luther on the meaning of the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. One reflection is called "Nativity" and through the years, I have underlined it, highlighted it and made notes in the margins because it has touched me, in some way, every time I read it. I share parts of "Nativity" with you for your Advent and Christmas reflections.

"I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. ...

"Behold Christ lying in the lap of his young mother. What can be sweeter than the Babe, what more lovely than the mother! . . . Look at the Child, knowing nothing. Yet all that is, belongs to him, so that your conscience should not fear but take comfort in him. Doubt nothing. Watch him springing in the lap of the maiden. Laugh with him. Look upon this Lord of Peace and your spirit will be at peace. See how God invites you in many ways. He places before you a Babe with whom you may take refuge. You cannot fear him, for nothing is more appealing to [people] than a babe."Are you affrighted? Then come to him, lying in the lap of the fairest and sweetest maid. You will see how great is the divine goodness, which seeks above all else that you should not despair. Trust him! Trust him! Here is the Child in whom is salvation. . . . Who is there whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell,

conscience, and guilt, if you come to this gurgling Babe and [know] that he is come, not to judge you, but to save."

This is the "Babe" we await during our Advent journey. How will you anticipate his coming and receive him in your life, this year?

Peace.

Tom

## A Season of Stewardship – Thank You

A heart-felt **Thank You** to all who participated in this year's 2018 Stewardship Commitment campaign. This year, our theme was "The Three 'T's of Stewardship: Our Time, Talents and Treasures," and along with our Estimate of Financial Giving, we considered how we would share our Time and Talents for the ministries of the congregation. Though this edition of the Crier was "going to press" before everyone has had a chance to state their Estimate of Giving, and their Action Commitments for next year, we are grateful to all who prayerfully considered their gifts, pledges and estimates of giving in response to God's love in their lives. Thank you for your faithful support as, together, we work to sustain and move forward the ministry of the Second Baptist Church.

## Save the Date!

### SBC Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 29th**

Immediately following worship service.

Beat the holiday rush!

Annual reports are due on or  
before December 31st.

(financial reports are not due  
until mid-January)

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**December Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes**

**December 3**

**Advent I**

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

**Worship Leader:** Peg Carr

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sue Sheiber

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

**December 10**

**Advent II**

**Ushers: TEAM A:** Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien,  
Richard Rinaldi & Kaden Rinaldi

**Worship Leader:** Gloria Magliozzi

**Nursery Volunteer:** Heather Piezchala

**Fellowship Time:** Robin & Jessica Wachs

**Flowers:** Bob & Gail Davis

**December 17**

**Advent III**

**Ushers: TEAM B:** Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,  
RC Hubbard & Greg Bassos

**Worship Leader:** David Jones

**Nursery Volunteer:** Mary Nelsen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Memorial Flowers:** Available

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

**Advent IV**

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

**Worship Leader:** Natalie Das

**Nursery Volunteer:** Kirsten Johannassen

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** POINSETTIAS

**New Year's Eve, December 31**

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

**Worship Leader:** Tina Berrien

**Nursery Volunteer:** Sarah Hubbard

**Fellowship Time:** Available

**Flowers:** Available



## 14th Annual SBC Christmas Concert Saturday, December 16th in the Sanctuary

The Second Baptist Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, and the SBC Singers will be among the musical groups featured in the concert this year. They will be joined by special guest groups including performers from Suffield High School, Suffield Middle School, and Hall High School. Jean Aldrich Jones will accompany the Second Baptist vocal choirs.

As always, the most popular group to be featured has always been the assembled audience! It has become a tradition for everyone to join in and sing familiar carols throughout the concert. Very few - if any - concerts feature "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as performed at this event. Anyone who has attended this show can attest to the enthusiasm and joy this especially interactive piece promotes - you need to come experience it for yourself.

The community spirit continues after the concert when all are invited to a reception of light refreshments in the Church's Fellowship Hall. The reception offers everyone the opportunity of visiting with each other as well as the various performers.

Come join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of Christmas music, cheer, friendship, and fun. Feel free to tap your foot, sing along, hum under your breath, or just smile while you enjoy the music of the season.



### Please Join Us for Christmas Caroling!

'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!' We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall after worship on **Sunday, December 17th to go Christmas Caroling** at the homes of several of our church family members who are not able to get out during the holiday season. Please plan to join us! We will split up into groups so this will not be a long time commitment. Music will be provided. All you need are warm clothes and a joyful spirit!



### Advent Workshop "Peace On Earth"

December 3rd  
Come for Pizza & make Crafts  
There's something for everyone!  
Right after church in the Fellowship Hall.



### First Baptist Church Carol-Sing Sunday, December 10 at 4 pm

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



### Mid-Week Advent Worship Services Wednesdays – 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

#### Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent

This four-week worship opportunity is intended to allow us to come to a quiet place and help us set aside the looming distractions of the season - the lists, the commitments, the longings to make this the "best Christmas ever!" For a few minutes each week let us create space for God who invites us to choose a different way of living filled with prayer, reflection, meditation, scripture, and hymns of the season. Let us take this time to unwrap the pure gifts from God who invites us to prepare carefully for the coming of Christ, the birth of God's most precious gift to the world. Come join us on the four Wednesdays prior to Christmas at 7:00 pm to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.



## Book Group Sunday, December 3, 6:30 pm

The Book Group next meets on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will finish our conversations on "Sabbath" by Wayne Muller. Join us for a time of lively conversation and sharing.



## Great Courses Wednesdays at 9:30 am

The Great Courses Wednesday morning classes will meet throughout December and conclude our study of Buddhism, part of the Great World Religions series. We begin at 9:30 and conclude by 11:00 am. The group discussion following a 30 minute video lecture is led by the Reverend Tom Carr. All are welcome.

## Sunday Morning Adult Education in December

During the month of December, Sunday morning Adult Education will meet on December 3, 10 and 17. We will take a break on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve. We'll read, consider and discuss the Birth Stories found in Matthew 1-2, and Luke 1-2. All adults and youth are invited to join us. Crafts and other activities are available for children from 9:00 through 9:50 under the direction of Sue Schneller and other helpers.



## 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 January/February edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Friday, December 15th.**



## Help Give a Local Family a Wonderful Christmas

It is that time of year again when the members of Second Baptist Church can help give a local family a great holiday by donating food and gifts. This Christmas food and gift items for our five families will be due Sunday December 17th. You should include one or two items from the gift tags that will be available at coffee hour. Please leave the gift tags with the present so we know which family it belongs to. All gifts can be left in the church office. They should not be wrapped but you can give wrapping paper and tape along with your gift.

### Items Needed:

Stuffing for turkey	Mayonnaise
Cranberry sauce	Gravy
3 Canned or fresh vegetables	3 Canned or fresh fruit
Potatoes	Peanut Butter
Rolls or bread	Jelly
Cereal	Spaghetti Sauce
Soup	Pasta / Spaghetti
Tuna	Coffee / Tea / Hot Cocoa
Macaroni & Cheese	
Paper goods and personal care items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry and dish detergent, paper towels, napkins, bath tissue and facial tissues)	

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with the packing and sorting, please contact the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



**Blue  
Christmas**

**Community-Wide  
Blue Christmas Service**

## First Church of Christ, Congregational Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 pm

The service will include a time of remembrance for those we have lost over the past year or to mark a significant event. Names of loved ones will be read and families and friends are invited to light a candle in their memory. The service will end with candlelight and singing of Silent Night.





## Save the Dates!

**First Baptist Church  
Carol-Sing  
Sunday, December 10  
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 16 at 3 pm**

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is sing-  
ing 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 5:00 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 **10:00 pm on Christmas Eve** for a  
very special Candlelight Service of Lessons & Car-  
ols. You will enjoy a wonderful quiet celebration  
of the birth of Christ in our beautiful candle-lit  
sanctuary.



### **Cupcakes or Brownies for the Soup Kitchen**

The **Mission Committee** is always looking for people  
to bake 2 dozen cupcakes or brownies and volun-  
teers to join the team. **The next visit will be on Satur-  
day, December 9th.**

**Please contact the church office if you would like  
more information.**

**Nov. 29, 7:00pm Advent Worship Reflection**  
Come as you are on the Wednesday's in Advent, we meet in the sanctuary  
for an informal time of prayer, scripture, song and reflection

**Dec. 3, After Church Christmas Workshop**

Gather together in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, crafts and Santa

**Dec. 6, 7:00pm Advent Worship Reflection**

**Dec. 10, 4:00 pm First Baptist Church Carol Sing**

Traditional Sing -along fun for the whole family!

Followed by Hot Cocoa and cookies. All are welcome

**Dec. 13, Advent Worship Reflection**

**Dec. 16, 3:00 pm Community Christmas Concert**  
refreshments to follow..

Come spread the spirit of Hope, peace, love and joy.

**Dec. 17, After Church Caroling to the Homebound**

We will break up into small groups and share the music of Christmas

**Dec. 20, 7:00pm Advent Worship Reflection**

**Dec. 21, 7:00pm "Blue Christmas Service"**

Call the church office for more details

**Dec. 24, 10:00 am Sunday Service**

**5:00 pm Christmas Eve Pageant**

The children will all participate in the nativity story.

Costumes will be provided. Everyone welcome.

**10:00 pm Candlelight Service**

A special Service in our candle-lit sanctuary.

" Lessons & Carols "

A wonderful quiet celebration of the birth of Christ.



### **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.**

### **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 anytime. Go to our  
website [secondbaptistsuffield.org](http://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"





## Christian Education's Upcoming Events

**Nov. 26--Deborah** – Teach kids about honor through the story of Deborah. Judges 4:4-16

**Dec. 3- Junior Church**

**Dec. 10-Gideon** – Teach kids how the cowardly Gideon became a hero when he started to place his confidence in the Lord. Judges 7

**Dec. 24- Christmas Pageant rehearsal and Pageant**

**Dec. 31- Movie Day**

**Jan. 7 Junior Church**

**Jan.14-Ruth** – Teach kids about loyalty through the story of Ruth. Ruth 1

**Jan. 21-David** – Teach kids about self-control through the story of David. 1 Samuel 24

**Jan. 28-Solomon** – Teach kids about gaining wisdom to make a wise choice through the story of Solomon. 1 Kings 3:16-28

**Feb. 4- Junior Church**

**Feb.11-Peter** – Teach kids about courage through the story of Peter, Acts 4:5-22

**Feb. 18-Paul** – Teach kids about joyfulness through the story of Paul, Acts 16:16-36



Helping Hands for **Grades 6-8** will meet each Thursday after school, a time of service and activities.

Helping Hands for **Grades 9-12** will meet each Wednesday after school, a time of service and activities.

Call Sue if you're interested. All children in these age groups are welcome; it's an interdenominational program.



### Please Help If You Can...

On Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> we are going to the Dominican Republic. Each year we go to small villages, deliver school supplies and medicine and work with our partner in Christ. If you would like to go, please let Sue know ASAP.



The West Suffield Congregational Church, UCC, in conjunction with the Suffield Interfaith Council, will be hosting an interfaith program,

***"Mary in the Bible and Maryam in the Qu'ran;***

***An Evening of Reflection on the Mother of Jesus,***

***A Role Model for Christians and Muslims Alike."***

**Wednesday December 13th at 6:30 pm**

**West Suffield Congregational Church**

We will explore the story of Mary in these two sacred texts. During the Christian season of Advent, Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus, who calls Christians to be neighbors to all people. What better way for Christians and Muslims to learn more about each other, as neighbors, than to come together to learn how the Mother of Jesus is respected in both Christianity and Islam.

Pastor Lisa Eleck, M.Div., and Colleen Keyes, Ph.D. will lead this time of scripture, reflection, and prayer. Lisa Eleck, who attended the Cooperative M.Div. Program at Hartford Seminary and completed her M.Div. at Yale Divinity School, and Colleen Keyes, who earned her Ph.D. from the University of Exeter and an M.A. in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations from the Hartford Seminary and the M.A. in Second Language and Multicultural Education from Fairfield University, are both passionate about interfaith relations and social justice. They are excited about being able to share their faiths during this holy season.

This program is open to all people in the Suffield area who are interested in coming together to learn about how Mary, this special woman in Christianity and Islam, is a source of inspiration for each faith tradition.

**Please join us on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm at West Suffield Congregational Church, UCC, 1048 Mountain Rd. West Suffield, CT 06093. Light refreshments will be provided. All Are Welcome!**

# Spotlight on Our Community

## Save the Date!



**Suffield Youth Theater  
A Very Merry Christmas  
Sunday, December 10th  
7 pm Fellowship Hall**

Back again, this timeless SYT tradition brings you an assortment of holiday themed skits, songs, dances comedy and more! All complimented by delectable Winter treats!



**Kent Memorial Library  
Presents  
Gingerbread Decorating**

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am children ages 5 – 15 are invited to decorate a pre-assembled Gingerbread House. The gingerbread house, frosting and candy will be provided. Registration is limited and you can register online at [www.suffield-library.org](http://www.suffield-library.org) or by calling Kent Memorial Library at (860) 668-3896. This program will be held at Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street, Suffield CT. Funded by the Friends of Kent Memorial Library. Suffield residents only.



## Suffield Garden Club

Suffield Garden Club meetings are held at the Second Baptist Church on the first Monday of each month from October to June, with the exception of January.

If you are a Suffield resident and would like to learn more about membership, please contact them at:

Suffield Garden Club  
OP Box 164  
Suffield CT 06078  
[suffieldgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:suffieldgardenclub@gmail.com)



The next meeting of the

**Suffield Local  
Prevention Council**  
is scheduled for

**Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm  
at the Suffield Senior Center**

Please contact Ernie Petkovich for more information. [ern22pet@outlook.com](mailto:ern22pet@outlook.com)

Please come out on **Thursday, Dec 7th** to **Suffield High School** to hear from Jeff Yalden. He is a youth motivational speaker who will be at the high school for the day, working with kids and teachers on suicide awareness and prevention. **There will be a presentation for the public at 6:30 pm.** Mental health is so important and is tied into so many other aspects of life. Please take the time to learn about some signs and symptoms.

## "Suffield Sings"



Come and enjoy the new Suffield Choral Festival:

**Suffield High School Auditorium  
Sunday, February 11, 2018**



**4:00pm**  
(doors open at 3:30pm)



Participating Choral Groups are from:



**Suffield Academy  
First Church of Christ  
Suffield High School  
Sacred Heart Church  
Suffield Middle School  
Second Baptist Church**



*Open to the Public!*

**FREE Admission!!!!**

*Don't Miss Out!*



# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 Advent Week I</b> 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Finance Team 12:00 pm Advent Workshop 6:30 pm Book Discussion Group	4 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm SBC Singers Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA	5 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 5:30 pm Building Usage Mtg. 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Advent Worship Reflection 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm SLPC Suicide Prevention Presentation at SHS 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	1 12:00 pm FFFolders	2 9:30 am SBC Christmas Concert Rehearsal 10:30 am KML Gingerbread House Decorating 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 3:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 266 Meeting
<b>10 Advent Week II</b> 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 7:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater Show 4:00 pm 1st Baptist Carol Sing	11 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	12 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	13 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Advent Worship Reflection 6:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:30 pm GSIC Event	14 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 12:00 pm FFFolders	16 3:00 pm SBC Christmas Concert
<b>17 Advent Week III</b> 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Caroling to the Homebound 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service	18 7:00 pm AA	19 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	20 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling and Caring Ministry 2:00 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Advent Worship Reflection	21 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	22 12:00 pm FFFolders	23
<b>24 Advent Week IV Christmas Eve</b> 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 5:00 pm Christmas Pageant 10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day - Office Closed	26 Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30 am Great Courses	28 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	29 12:00 pm FFFolders	30
<b>31 New Years Eve</b> 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time						





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Signe Wright	
Judy Johnson	5
Patrick Stiles	7
Joe Sylvia	8
Lindsie Gero	
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Karen [Sullivan] Kaczmarczyk	9
Bill Brennan	10
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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](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.com) so we can add it to our list!*

## December Communion Offering Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

This month, our Communion Offering will be designated to support our retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries through the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). Since the mid-1930s, American Baptist congregations have received a Communion offering to support needy and elderly clergy within their congregations and those who have retired after years of service in our churches and throughout the world. This offering provided financial assistance to our denominations' retired clergy and their spouses in need as well as providing "Thank You" gifts. In 1977, the American Baptist Churches, USA officially launched the RMMO to continue this tradition of love, support and thankfulness.

The RMMO is a personal offering, one rooted in thanks for the countless ways ministers and missionaries guide members of congregations along their spiritual journey. It provides a tangible way for us to say "Thank you for . . ." the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. As you consider your gift to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, remember those who served, those who helped lead, guide, comfort and inspire you on your own journey of faith in Christ.

## Communion Offering for December Christmas Eve Offering

One way to extend the joy and hope of Christmas is to help meet the needs of those who are suffering. Two months after the devastating hurricane, the people of Puerto Rico continue to struggle to meet basic needs and rebuild. Immediately following the hurricane, Second Baptist Church collected and sent almost \$4,500 through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to help. We are deeply grateful for this generous response. At its November meeting, the Diaconate discussed and decided that at the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service, we will have another opportunity to assist the people of Puerto Rico by receiving a second offering for OGHS. Please prayerfully consider a gift to be used for the continuing needs of so many of our brothers and sisters. If you are unable to attend the 10:00 pm service, you may contribute by making out checks to Second Baptist Church with "OGHS Puerto Rico" in the memo-line and sending them to the church office. In this season of giving, we thank you for your generous gifts.

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 24.**



**Deadline for placing orders: Sunday, December 10.**

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 24.

**Please return this form to the church office.**



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**The Baptist Peace Fellowship**

## About Second Baptist Church

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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

**Office** (860) 668-1661 [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org) **Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

**Pastor** (860) 668-1661 [pastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:pastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org)

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	Sue Schneller, Christian Education & Youth Coordinator	Jennifer Sikes, Custodian