

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 Three thoughts for your reflection. The first is our upcoming 2017 financial stewardship campaign which you'll read about in another place in this edition of the Crier. Each year, we are called and encouraged to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider what we will give of our financial resources to support the ministries and mission of our congregation. This is really a call that looks in three directions. First, it looks outward, to the hopes and dreams, the vision and mission of our congregation to live in and do the will of God in the world. Secondly, it's a call to reflect inward, to the deep places of our souls, of our experience of the presence of God in our lives and how we might personally respond to the presence of Love with our money, our financial resources. Third, it's a call to look both outward and inward to the God who makes his home in our heart, the One who dwells within us and within all existence, to the movement of the Spirit that is always doing something new, something life-giving, some remarkable work of Love. How will you look, and what will you see through the eyes of your heart as you consider your financial commitment to the ministry of Second Baptist Church?

Secondly, the upcoming election – nationally, statewide and locally. With all the media coverage of these campaigns, the thing that is sorely lacking, in my estimation, is a serious conversation about the moral, ethical and spiritual elements of the candidates' positions and policies. As a Christian and follower of the Way of Jesus, I ask myself whose policies and positions are most closely aligned to the Way of Love embodied by Jesus of Nazareth and the risen Christ of the Universe? Which policies and positions will lead the world to a more just, equitable and peaceful world, the

kingdom of God, the image Jesus uses most frequently? Which policies and positions will enhance the common good for all people and all creation? Which policies and positions will assist "the least of these [Christ's] brothers and sisters"? Which policies and positions will help or hinder individuals and groups of people to come to a deeper kinship with all life, or, in the words of Howard Thurman will assist us in recognizing that "we belong to life and the whole kingdom of life"?

Third. I've just finished reading a book about Meister Eckhart, the 14th century German mystic. He was part of the Dominican order, a teacher, preacher, spiritual director and social critic who was deeply involved in the life of the world of his day. I am coming to think that he is one of the most important "ancient" teachers for us today as followers of Jesus in these changing and often chaotic times. One of his teachings that strikes a deep chord in me is what is known as the Cosmic Christ where "Christ is all in all," to use a phrase from the Apostle Paul. Eckhart was particularly fond of John 1: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." In one of his many sermons on this text, Eckhart teaches that "all creatures are words of God" and "the purpose of a word is to reveal." All creatures – human and other than human – are revelations of God like Christ. The word God speaks is continuous, ongoing as creation is and it is spoken and unspoken, for "they all want to speak God." Teachers like Meister Eckhart reveal a God so much bigger than anything I can even imagine. I am grateful.

Peace.

Tom

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October Flower Rep.: David Battle

October 2

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
Derek Burnaford & Tom Killam
Worship/Scripture Leader: David Jones
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 9

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien & Alec Pryce
Worship/Scripture Leader: David Battle
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 16

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,
John Killam & Robbie Tobiaz
Worship/Scripture Leader: Kira Johannassen
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 23

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,
Barry Sisk & Wally Malec
Worship/Scripture Leader: Jerry Kingsbury
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: The Johnson Family

October 30

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
Derek Burnaford & Tom Killam
Worship/Scripture Leader: Kris Pryce
Nursery Volunteer: TBA
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available



Great Courses
Wednesdays at 9:30 am
in the Parlor
All are welcome!

About Our Community

- ♥ Congratulations to Kris Pryce who was recently named a Hometown Hero by the Hartford Current.
- ♥ Congratulations to Sheryl Woods on the birth of her granddaughter. Molly Katherine who was born on September 12th .

Volunteers Needed

Holiday Fair, November 5th

The Holiday Fair is fast approaching and we need your help organizing, manning tables and cleaning up. Please contact Sue Schneller or the church office if you would like more information or if you would be willing to lend a hand.



Book Group Sunday, September 25th

The Book Group will meet on Sunday evening, September 25th 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 25th

Save the Date!

Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner Saturday, November 12th

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, a time to give thanks to God and to celebrate our life together as a congregation will be held **on Saturday, November 12th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Once again, the men of the church, led by Cliff Barron and Scott Miller, will plan, prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We'll need to know how many are coming so you'll need to reserve space for you and/or your family. More details will follow in next month's Crier. For now: Save the Date!



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 or call [860-668-1661](tel:860-668-1661).



American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, October 11th from 1:30-6:30** in Fellowship Hall.

**Please call 1-800 givelife to
make your appointment!**

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



**Featuring more scriptures
and devotionals**

Commitment Sunday Following the Way of Love

“Following the Way of Love” is the theme of this year’s stewardship commitment campaign. If the theme sounds familiar to you that’s because it was the theme last year and we decided to continue with this emphasis because it is the very heart of our faith: following and living in the Way of Jesus which is the Way of Love. It is our hope that during the months of October and November (actually, every month and every day) you will be intentional in your prayer to remember that each one of us is both a living physical expression of God’s love and we have deep capacities for living God’s love. The stewardship campaign is designed to be a time for us to focus on our relationship with God. In what ways do we recognize the love of God in us? In what ways do we connect most deeply with this Love? What practices do we engage in that open our souls to the Spirit who binds us together with God, one another and all the rest of life? How do we respond and “Follow the Way of Love” through the giving of our time, our talents and our financial resources?

Commitment Sunday is November 13th. During worship, each member and friend of Second Baptist Church will have an opportunity to express our gratitude to God and commitment to the ministries of the church by bringing our Estimate of Giving Cards (Pledge Cards) for the year 2017. Please prayerfully consider your response to God’s love in your life.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 25th

The Council of Ministries is calling for a second **congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25th 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 Suffield 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00 pm Spud Night & Dessert Auction
2 9:00 am Adult Ed/ KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	3 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm AA	4 6:30 pm Board of Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	6 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 pm FFFolders	8 11:15 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
9 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	10 Columbus Day / Office Closed 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	11 1:30 pm ARC Blood Drive 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Board Of Review	12 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	13 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 12:00 pm FFFolders	15
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Happy Birthday!

- 1 Laurie Gokey
- 3 Jeff Orr
- Samantha Rose Pryce
- 9 Michelle Killam
- 12 Caroline Blake
- Megan Ralston
- Renay Emmanuele
- 15 Bev Sikes
- 16 Ethan Sheiber
- 18 Howard Beal
- 19 Judy Campbell
- Kyle Kaczmarczyk
- 22 Susan Magliozzi Wagner
- 24 Heather Pleva
- Ted Fuller
- 25 Gertrude Hastings
- 26 Scott Schneider
- Faith Connors
- 29 Joe Bevilacqua
- Lauren Beaulieu
- 31 Allison Santi
- Etienne d'Otreppe



Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Sue & Ray Schneller
- 5 Jennifer & Christopher Sikes
- Karen & Lloyd Santi
- 9 Amy & Jeffrey Arnold
- Jennifer & Russell Harlow
- 11 Cristina & Will Alsum
- 12 Natalie & Peter Das
- Rebecca & Allen Clark
- Lois & Scott Schneider
- 19 Rebecca & Shawn Waterman
- 24 Lisa & George Haynes
- Charles & Ingrid Linke

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!

October Communion Offering World Missions Offering

This month, our Communion Offering will be designated to assist the American Baptist Churches, USA, **World Mission Offering (WMO)**. The WMO is used to support our denominational mission work overseas, provide financial support for current global workers as well as additional funding, training and services for those with greatest need as well as helping International Ministries (IM) recruit, train and send new global workers. It also enables IM to promote, monitor and evaluate strategic mission and development projects identified by our global workers and international partners. WMO sustains IM's ability to identify reliable local groups to whom One Great Hour of Sharing emergency relief aid can be entrusted in times of global disasters and to monitor the use of those funds. The WMO allows IM to have domestic personnel who provide support services that global workers need in order to serve in their host countries and also allows IM to maintain beneficial missional relationships with the American Baptist Churches USA, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Baptist World Alliance, All



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, October 8th.

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 Wednesday, October 19th.



Interested in
taking
yoga classes?

Please see Nancy Drenzek

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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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