

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

Each year in October, part of our focus as a congregation is stewardship. We engage in our annual financial commitment campaign to support the ministries within our congregation and the mission in our community and throughout the

world. The primary focus is on our financial stewardship, what God is calling us to give in response to the love, grace and blessings in our lives. And that's good. However, stewardship is more than what we do with our money. A more wholistic way of considering stewardship is to see it from the "Three T's": our Time, our Talents and our Treasures.

How do we spend our time in service, to help meet at least some of the many needs of the world God so loves? I understand how busy our lives are these days. It seems as though time is speeding up, that there's "not enough hours in the day," that you can't add another thing to "your plate." The stewardship of one's time is more important today than ever which means that one has to be intentional about creating space in one's life to assess how you spend your days, determining what is good and life-giving for you and others, and how you might use the time given to you for the common good. As part of Second Baptist Church, I hope you will spend time in discernment about your participation for your spiritual growth, for the mission of the church, and for the sake of the larger mission to which God calls us as followers of Christ.

In what ways will we share our talents alongside of others in the ministry of the church? When I say "talents," I'm really talking about "gifts," the gifts of the Spirit that God has given you for your life inside and outside the church. All of us have spiritual gifts, though sometimes we "hide them under a basket." Every gift is essential to build up the church, the Body of Christ, in order that the whole Body may be used by God for the sake of the kingdom "here on Earth as it is in heaven."

How might we respond to the love and grace of God in our lives as we prayerfully determine how much financial treasure will we return to the One who is continually blessing us? For millennia, people of faith have been

trying to determine what percentage of, or how much we give of our financial resources for the maintenance and ministry of the church (a tithe - 10%?). These have been and continue to be responses to what God has done and continues to do in one's life. For those of us in the Baptist tradition, it is an individual (or family) decision based on one's capacity to give and one's commitment to the grace and love of God in one's life.

My purpose in writing these comments is to spark and/or renew your prayerful reflection as you consider your commitments this year to the ministries of Second Baptist Church by giving your time, your talents and your treasure as you respond to the love and grace of God in your life.

Peace.

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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 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" God Bless!



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**Community-Wide
 Lego and Pizza Night For All Ages!**

Date: Friday September 22
Time: 6 pm-8 pm
Location: Second Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
Admission: A non-perishable food item for the Suffield Emergency Aid Association.



October Flower Rep.: David Battle

October 1

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

Worship Leader: TBA
Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 8

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

Worship Leader: TBA
Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 15

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

Worship Leader: TBA
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 22

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

Worship Leader: TBA
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

October 29

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

Worship Leader: TBA
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available



About Our Community

- ▼ **Best wishes to Katherine Battle and Sam Martin who were engaged recently.**



Book Group Sunday, October 22, 6:30 pm

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Sunday evening, October 22nd at 6:30 in the Parlor. We will continue our conversation on the book, "Sabbath" by the Reverend Dr. Wayne Muller. We'll be discussing chapters "Time" and "Happiness," pages 97 through 153. All are invited to join us.

Interreligious Eco-Justice Climate Stewardship Summit

The annual Interreligious Eco-Justice (IREJN) Climate Stewardship Summit will be held on Saturday, October 28th at Spring Glen United Church in Hamden, CT from 9:30am – 4:30pm. This year's theme is water, both on land and the oceans. The day will consist of speakers, panels and workshops on different aspects of our current climate change crisis and other critical environmental issues as they relate to sea level rise, water resource management, ocean pollution, lead in urban water supply, energy conservation, biodiversity loss and impact of toxic chemicals on human health. Suggested donation: \$30 (sliding scale of \$10 – \$100 available). IREJN is one of the organizations Second Baptist Church supports in our mission giving. For more information and to register, go to irejn.org.



Great Courses Wednesdays at 9:30 am

The Great Courses class will continue its discussion of Buddhism as part of the series on the Great World Religions. We begin with a half hour lecture on DVD and engage in discussion until 11:00am, wherever the Spirit leads us. Join us!

A Reflection on Stewardship

The first and most fundamental vocation of human beings is to be a faithful caretaker or steward of life. In the story in the second chapter of Genesis, God sets "the adam (the man) in the garden to tend it and care for" all life, human and other than human. The word "steward" is the English translation of the Greek word oikonomos which literally means "house manager." A steward was the trusted servant who managed the master's estate, someone who was a caretaker of someone else's property. As people of faith, a steward is one who recognizes that God is the creator, master, owner of all life and that we human beings are the servants and caretakers of what is God's; and we are accountable to God for how we care for it all. Life is a gift which can never be possessed; it can only be gladly received from the Giver over and over again, and given back in return for the good of all people and God's precious planet.

During this season of stewardship in the life of our congregation, may we prayerfully consider how we might be good stewards of life – individually and as a community of faith.



Suffield Local Prevention Council

On October 16th, the Suffield Local Prevention Council (SLPC) will sponsor a community forum on their shared goal of increasing substance abuse awareness and the results of a confidential Youth Assessment Survey for students from grades 7-12. The forum will be held at the Suffield High School auditorium. Guests will be Christine Miskell of the Southeastern Regional Action Council, representatives from the Police Department, Volunteer Ambulance Association, Suffield Youth Services, and State Representative Tami Zawistowki. All are invited and encouraged to attend the forum which is attempting to address a very serious issue in our community.

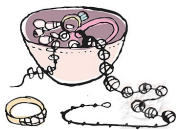
Adult Education Sundays at 9:30 am in the Parlor

During the month of October, we will continue reflecting on some of the parables of Jesus as found in the Gospels and then move to subjects of interest raised by the group. The gatherings are led by the Reverend Carr. All are invited and encouraged to be part of these lively conversations.



Save it for the Holiday Fair!

As you clean out your attic or basement this summer, please consider putting aside any unwanted jewelry you come across to donate to the church for this year's Holiday Fair. Also, start making a pile of those gently used "Attic Treasures" now— you'll soon have a clean attic/basement and plenty to donate to the church for the Fair on **November 4th!**



Do you have any costume jewelry that you are no longer wearing?

Please consider donating it to Second Baptist's annual fair.

See Gert Hastings for more information.



Announcing "Junior Church," an old concept in a new way. All the children Preschool-High School will attend Junior Church on the first

Sunday of each month; this time will include singing, scripture, prayer and a message. A wonderful time to celebrate God together. Junior Church will begin at the regular time and children can be picked up in the chapel when service is over.



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.



Christian Education's Upcoming Events

Oct. 1- Junior Church

Oct. 8-Noah – Teach kids that Noah chose to obey God even when it was hard. Genesis 6:9 & 7:5

Oct. 15-Abraham – Teach kids about faithfulness through the story of Abraham. Genesis 15

Oct. 22-Joseph – Teach kids that Joseph became a hero when he trusted God's plan and chose to forgive his brothers. Genesis 45:1-5

Oct. 29-Moses – Teach kids about the humility Moses had when he was willing to take advice. Exodus 18:9-27

Nov. 5- Junior Church

Nov. 12-Joshua – Teach kids about commitment through the story of Joshua. Joshua 5:13-6:21

Nov. 19- Thanksgiving Sunday Special Project

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



Save the Date!



Second Baptist Church
Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday, November 18

Start gathering those memories, quotes,
thoughts and prayers
for the 2017 edition of our
Advent Book



Featuring more scriptures
and devotionals.



**Please Help
If You Can...**

On Saturday January 2nd 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.



**American Red Cross
Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, October 10th** from 1:30-6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

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



**American
Red Cross**

**Do you know a teen looking for
community service hours or is
just interested in volunteering?**

The American Red Cross is always looking for help cleaning up after blood drives in Suffield. It is a great opportunity to help others while earning community service credit.

**Please contact Christine Auletta
for more information.**

860-491-5132 or christine.auletta@redcross.org



We are always very excited when we have a baptism here at Second Baptist. We are planning a baptism service for next March. It is a significant experience for each person that is baptized, and it will be a wonderful testimony to God that we'll all have the opportunity to witness and share in the praise to our Lord, and, *it's not too late to be baptized either.*

If you'd like to be baptized or you'd like to talk to someone about baptism and whether it's the right step for you, please contact the church office this week. We'd love to talk to you!

October 2017

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

1 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	2 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:00 pm Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm AA	3 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Council of Ministries 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	5 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 12:00 pm FFFolders	7
8 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed./KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	9 Columbus Day Office Closed 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	10 1:00 pm ARC Blood Drive 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Diaconate	11 9:30 am Great Courses 2:00 pm Helping Hands	12 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 pm FFFolders	14 11:15 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
15 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	16 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA	17 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	18 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 am Calling and Caring Ministry Meeting 2:00 pm Helping Hands	19 10:00 am Yoga Class 2:20 pm Helping Hands 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	20 12:00 pm FFFolders	21
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- 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



- 3 Sue (Begin) & Ray Schneller
- Jennifer Trowbridge & Christopher Sikes
- Karen & Lloyd Santi
- Amy & Jeffrey Arnold
- Jennifer Sikes & Russell Harlow
- 11 Cristina & Will Alsum
- 12 Natalie & Peter Das
- 12 Rebecca & Allen Clark
- 12 Lois & Scott Schneider
- 19 Rebecca & Shawn Waterman
- 24 Lisa & George Haynes
- 24 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 Africa Baptist Fellowship, Asia Pacific Baptist Federation, Baptist Women's Union of Latin America, Caribbean Baptist Fellowship and European Baptist Federation, creating environments of trust and respect for our global workers.

The World Mission Offering is critical to our larger American Baptist family. Please prayerfully consider your support to this important offering. Write checks to Second Baptist Church with "WMO" in the memo line. Thank you.



Yoga Class Continues

We encourage you to join us as we build strength and flexibility in an inspirational environment.

Call Nancy Drenzek for more information at 860-668-6191.

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the November edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Wednesday, October 18th.



Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.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.



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 14th.**

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



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.



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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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Jennifer Sikes, Custodian