## 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 things to share with you.

First, another word on stewardship (I wrote on this last month, as well!). Stewardship is a year-round, a life-long

process. Many churches like ours emphasize the annual "stewardship campaign," calling us to remember the love, grace and goodness of God in our lives and challenging us to consider our response to all that goodness by way of our financial commitments to the ministries of the church. That's a good thing and a necessary one - for our congregation and for our own spiritual lives, as well as our larger community and world. But by putting such an emphasis on stewardship at one particular time of year, sometimes we forget that stewardship is much more than where or how we spend our money and how much we give to our local church; stewardship is a way of life, a vocation. In fact, it is the first and primary vocation of human beings according to our Christian tradition. In the second creation story in Genesis, we read "God put the adam (the man) in the garden to tend it and to take care of it" (2:15). We are called to care for life, all life, the life that is God's – human life, other than human life, all that we "possess," our own person. Faithful stewardship of life - including our time, talents and treasures - is the fundamental way we live out our faith. May each one of us prayerfully consider our responses to Gods' goodness and love.

Secondly, a gentle reminder to take care of your spiritual life. Our days so often get so hectic with so many things to do and the multiple distractions from so many sources become blocks to a disciplined prayer life, setting aside times for silence, meditation, journaling, Bible reading, and other practices that keep us centered in the God, the One who is our Center. Whether that be in the morning, evening or sometime during the day, I urge you to stop, be still and remember that you are in the arms of God, upheld by the Spirit.

A third thing. What we do as a community of faith matters, greatly, but please let us remember the larger concerns of the world that God so loves. May we not

limit our concerns to our own personal lives, those of the ones we love, even our congregation; may we broaden our concerns to those of the weakest and most vulnerable, not only in our community and country but throughout the world. Remember our American Baptist missionaries, in the US and throughout the world. Remember those who are struggling from the devastations of extreme weather events – flood, drought, wildfires and severe storms. Remember those suffering through the devastations of famine, war and political upheaval. Remember all of those that God so loves.

May God bless you.

Love,

Jom

Tom

## Getting Greener at Second Baptist

The Council of Ministries has introduced a new policy covering two categories of products which we will no longer purchase or use:

- water in disposable plastic water bottles
- cups made of Styrofoam

These two items are high on the list of the Earth's most dangerous and damaging non-biodegradable pollutants. As time passes, they are increasingly causing world-wide destruction to marine life and habitat while also contributing to human health risks and pollution of atmosphere and land.

We are grateful to all those who already refrain from buying these hazardous items. As faithful stewards of creation we conclude it is high time that Second Baptist does likewise.

This policy also applies to all guest-users of our church premises.

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#### **November Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes**

#### **November 5**

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,

Derek Burnaford & Laurie Gokey

Worship Leader: Kris Pryce Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber Fellowship Time: Available

Memorial Flowers: Jessica Rybeck

#### **November 12**

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien,

Richard Rinaldi & Kaden Rinaldi

Worship Leader: Lucille Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Scott & Larry Memorial Flowers: Available

#### November 19

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,

**RC Hubbard & Greg Bassos** 

Worship Leader: Mardi Newman Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen Fellowship Time: Peg Carr

Fellowship Time: Peg Carr Memorial Flowers: SWAT

#### **November 26**

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec

Barry Sisk & Wally Malec

Worship Leader: Linda Isham

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available Memorial Flowers: Available



## 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!

#### **About Our Community**

 Lois Ahrens, Christina Ahrens sister-in-law and former SBC member, passed away recently.



## Book Group Sunday, October 22, 6:30 pm

be on Sunday evening, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.





## SBC Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 18th at 4 pm

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is a time to give thanks to God and celebrate our life together. This year, it will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and, once again, will be put on by the men of Second Baptist under the leadership of Cliff Barron and Scott Miller. We need to know how many to prepare for.

Please RSVP no later than November 12th by contacting the church office: 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

## Adult Education Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor

During the month of November, we will continue to reflect on stories found in the Gospels. The gatherings are led by the Reverend Carr. All are invited and encouraged to be part of these lively conversations.



# Commitment Sunday The Three "T's" of Stewardship

"The Three T's of Stewardship" is the theme of this year's stewardship commitment campaign. This season of stewardship is a time for us to remember that each one of us has been gifted with time, talents and gifts, and financial treasures to move the ministry of our congregation forward. 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 gifts with which God has blessed us? In what ways do we use these gifts for the greater good? 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 to God's blessings through the giving of our time, our talents and our financial resources?

Commitment Sunday is **November 19**<sup>th</sup>. 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 2018. Please prayerfully consider your response to God's love in your life.



## Interreligious Eco-Justice Climate Stewardship Summit

The annual Interreligious Eco-Justice (IREJN) Climate Stewardship Summit will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Save it for Christmas in Suffield!

As you clean out your attic or basement this fall, please consider putting aside any unwanted jewelry you come across to donate to the church for this year's Christmas in Suffied. 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.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Christmas in Suffield, November 4th

The Christmas in Suffield 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.



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!

## Thanksgiving Gift Baskets



It is that time of year again when the Second Baptist Community can help a local family in need for the holiday season. Second Baptist will be sponsoring Thanksgiving

and Christmas Baskets again this year. Last year the Emergency Aid Association Holiday Basket Program helped 263 men, women, and children have a great holiday season. So please help the EAA by donating food, paper goods, and gifts. There will be food slips available at Coffee Hour, any food that is purchased can be left in the Mission Room in the Old Wing of the Church. (Please check the expiration date on any food that is being donated).

If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Mayonnaise Tuna

Spaghetti/Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Jelly

**Peanut Butter** 

Stuffing

Gravy

**Bread** 

**Cranberry Sauce** 

Cereal

Macaroni and Cheese

3 Cans of Vegetables

3 Cans of Fruit

**Potatoes** 

Soup

Coffee /Tea

Hot Chocolate

Thank you for supporting this important cause.

If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the December edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 15th.



## 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 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 5:00 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 & Carols. You will enjoy a wonderful quiet celebration of the birth of Christ in our beautiful candle-lit sanctuary.



## **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.



## The Choir needs you for the Advent Season!

If you like to sing, but can't make a fulltime commitment to the choir, why not join us for the Advent season, or just for our Annual Christmas Concert on December 16th?

Starting on **Thursday, November 9th 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.



# Don't Forget! Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5th!



The next meeting of the Suffield Local Prevention Council is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm at the Suffield Senior Center

Please contact Ernie Petkovich for more information. <u>ern22pet@outlook.com</u>



# 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 11th.** 

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



## Christian Education's Upcoming Events

**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

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



Featuring more scriptures and devotionals.



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 Welcome Center 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.



Save the date!
Sunday, December 4th
at 12 Noon

Have a craft that would be perfect? Let Sue Schneller know! (860) 402-7813



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.

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## **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! Auditions upcoming!



## 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 <a href="https://www.suffield-library.org">www.suffield-library.org</a> 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.



Church and Cemetery Tour Friday, October 27 @ 6:30 p.m. First Church of Christ 81 High St., Suffield

Please dress accordingly and bring a flashlight.



Refreshments will be provided!



### **Suffield Garden Club**

OUR PURPOSE
The objectives of the Club shall be to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and the art of flower arranging;

to aid in the protection of trees, plants, and birds; to encourage civic beautification and to instill a respect for the environment.

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 Find us on Suffield CT 06078
Suffieldgardenclub@gmail.com



#### Presents



## The Whiffenpoofs

Sunday, October 29, 4:00 pm Doors Open at 3:15 pm

Music On High is proud to host The Whiffenpoofs of Yale University, the collegiate *a cappella* singing group established in 1909 and the oldest such group in the United States

Requested Donation \$20 per person

Please note that our 2013 Whiffenpoofs concert sold out

For more information, call First Church of Christ at (860) 668-7223



# November 2017

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Kate (Johnson)& Patrick Dee		
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Sarah (Magliozzi) & Christopher Kaiser	20	

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!

Communion Offering for November Dominican Light of Hope Mission

Next trip Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2018 join us!

All of us want to do something worthwhile — making a difference, serving as models to our children, creating a legacy. The Dominican Light of Hope Mission is an opportunity to do all that and more. Can you see your child volunteering in a foreign country? Would you like to help the poor learn to help themselves? Spread the gospel and words of hope? Would you consider donating a few dollars to help?

One of the main goals of our Dominican Light of Hope Mission trip is to provide opportunities for area high school, college students and adults to travel to rural villages in the Dominican Republic to engage in hands-on humanitarian projects. The trips benefit not only the villagers but also students and adults by exposing them to cultural and socio-economic conditions that are very different from home.

#### What do we do...

We listen first, always, and gather extensive input from children about school and their village. Through the local church, we come together as equals, discover their needs and plan for the future. Village-based committees are formed to identify needs of vulnerable children and families.

This year we are organizing an income-generating cooperative; families in one isolated village will receive tools, seedlings, animals and local church support. We are sponsoring a new school and a traveling clinic in Hoyo Clara.

#### What can you do...

Support our fundraisers and buy stocks.

Pray for us.

Sponsor a youth to go with us. \$500.00

Plant a garden, \$150.00

Buy fruit trees and shovel. \$75.00

Build a pen and buy some chickens. \$50.00

Buy a first aid kit that can travel with the nurse from

home to home. \$75.00

Support one child for a school year. \$20.00

Start a school in a small home in a village. \$150.00

House repairs and tools. \$150.00

One family food staples for a month. \$20.00

#### When does it happen...

We hope to go to the Dominican about every 6 months. 2018- January and August

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to connect youth from the United States with clinics and schools in the Dominican Republic in order to bring perspective to the youth and a light of hope to those in need.

Website: http://www.lohmission.org

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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.

## 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 <a href="secondbaptistsuffield.org">secondbaptistsuffield.org</a> 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!



Please consider hosting a
Fellowship Time.
The sign-up sheet is posted on the
bulletin board outside of
Fellowship Hall.









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