

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



For whatever reason, when the month of November begins, my thoughts move towards Thanksgiving Day. I'm not sure why because the national holiday is always the fourth Thursday of the month so it's a long way from November 1st. This year, I could chalk it up to the fact that the election campaign will be over with the hope that our national dialogue will be less tense and accusatory and more civil, and that we will begin to work together to address the multiple serious issues facing America and the rest of the world. Or maybe it's because I love the Thanksgiving holiday for its simplicity – one day to share a meal with family and/or friends, to talk, listen and to be together.

But I think there's something a little bit more. For me, I love this month because there is a focus on giving thanks – period. Thanks for the blessing that is life. Thanks for human relationships, for the relationships we share with other creatures, and with Earth herself. Thanks to God – for God's loving presence in times of joy and abundance, and in times of suffering and pain. There are times when I am overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude because I feel so "lucky": to be loved by family and friends; to have fairly good health; to have been blessed with an inquisitive mind; to have had so many experiences that have pushed and prod-

ded me out of my "little self" to see a larger picture that is life; to stand in awe at the beauty of the "natural world"; to be able to minister with a wonderful congregation; to sense the loving, healing presence of God in times of both joy and pain.

There is something about a season of intentional thanksgiving, "practicing" thanksgiving, whether one feels that way all the time or not, that opens up the heart to the love of God that is everywhere and moves us to loving acts of kindness, everywhere. I hope that this might be a season of intentional thanksgiving for you.

Peace.



Tom



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November Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

November 6

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal, Jonah Berrien & Alec Pryce
Worship/Scripture Leader: Gail Davis
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber
Fellowship Time: Available
Memorial Flowers: Available

November 13

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Joshua Quinn,
 John Killam & Robbie Tobiaz
Worship/Scripture Leader: Anne Stanley
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Hubbard
Fellowship Time: Dian Kingsbury
Memorial Flowers: Available

November 20

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Walt Malec,
 Barry Sisk & Wally Malec
Worship/Scripture Leader: Linda Isham
Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen
Fellowship Time: Peg Carr
Memorial Flowers: Available

Advent Week I November 27

Ushers: TEAM D: Bob Davis, Jim Grant,
 Derek Burnaford & Tom Killam
Worship/Scripture Leader: Peg Carr
Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen
Fellowship Time: Kathy Sylvia
Memorial Flowers: Available



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.

About Our Community

- ♥ **Nikki Oyeniya** passed away on September 27th. Her memorial service was held at Second Baptist on October 15th.
- ♥ Congratulations to **Scott and Lucille Miller** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Ava Rose**.



SAVE THE DATE!

Back by popular demand, there will be another
 Lego Night in Fellowship Hall on
 Friday, January 6 at 6 pm.
 Bring a dish to share; the Legos are provided!!



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



Book Group
Sunday, November 20th

The Book Group will meet on Sunday evening,
 November 20th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will be
 finishing our discussion of the book, "What The Mys-
 tics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self" by
 Richard Rohr. All are invited to join us on the 20th

IRGEN 4th Annual Climate Stewardship Summit

Sunday, November 13, 12 - 6:00 pm

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network invites you to
 our 4th Annual Climate Stewardship Summit on Sun-
 day, November 13 from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Central
 Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street,
 New Britain. This year's conference will have a dual fo-
 cus of engaging youth and young adults, while also pro-
 viding religious communities with the tools to deepen
 their commitment to caring for our planet. Suggested do-
 nation is \$30 (sliding scale of \$10 - \$100 available) -
 please visit www.irejn.org for more info and register at
climatestewardshipsummit4.eventbrite.com

Please contact Terri Eickel at terri@irejn.org with any
 questions.

SAVING OUR WATER

Members of the Second Baptist Church “Green Team” will be hosting a showing of the award winning documentary, **TAPPED**, on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. We’re inviting everyone in the greater Suffield and surrounding community to attend.

Along with air, water is our most precious natural resource, a gift of God. The western part of America has been struggling with a multi-year drought. Now, almost 70% of Connecticut is in severe drought with the remainder of the state in a moderate drought. It is critical that we protect our water. **TAPPED** is a documentary about the bottled water industry and its effect on our health, climate change, and pollution. The film begins with what happened when Nestlé Bottling Co. set up shop in a town in Maine. Here in our state, as Niagara Water Bottling Co. builds its plant in Bloomfield, it is time to educate ourselves about the impact of the water bottling industry on our water supplies, the environment and human health.

Members of “Save Our Water CT” will be present for a Q and A after the showing. They will also give an update on their efforts to pass legislation that will protect CT’s water supplies.



Thanksgiving/Fellowship Dinner Saturday, November 12th at 4:00 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 12th 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 6th** by contacting the church office: 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20th at 4 pm

The community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on **Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart 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.

Commitment Sunday Following the Way of Love

“Following the Way of Love” 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 is both a living physical expressions of God’s love and have deep capacities for 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.

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.



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 17th?**

Starting on **Thursday, November 10th at 7:15 pm**, we will begin rehearsals with Advent music so that you only need to stay for the beginning of the rehearsal. **If you are interested in joining us, please contact Evelyne Battle at 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.**



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

ADVENT
WORKSHOP

HAVE A CRAFT THAT
WOULD BE PERFECT?

LET SUE SCHNELLER KNOW!
(860) 402-7813



**Help Give a
Local Family a
Wonderful Thanksgiving**

It is that time of year again when the members of Second Baptist can help give a local family a great holiday by donating food and gifts. During the 2015 holiday season, the Emergency Aid Association gave Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to 105 local households. The food items for the Thanksgiving baskets will be due on Sunday, November 20th so we can divide the food among the eight families we will be sponsoring this year. If you would like to help, we will have food slips available at Fellowship Time starting in November. Please help a local family by donating:

Items needed:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Stuffing for Turkey | Gravy |
| Cranberry Sauce | Canned or Fresh Fruit |
| Canned or Fresh Vegetables | Potatoes |
| Rolls or Bread | Coffee and Hot Chocolate |
| Cereal | Peanut Butter and Jelly |
| Soup | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Tuna | Spaghetti (Pasta) |
| Mayonnaise | Macaroni & Cheese |

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with the packing and sorting, please call Corey Haynes 860-763-2103.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this important ministry.



**Costume Jewelry
Wanted**

Do you have any unwanted costume jewelry? If so, please consider donating it for this year's Holiday Fair.

Please see Gert Hastings or contact the church office for more information.



Save the Dates!

**First Baptist Church
Carol-Sing**

Sunday, December 11 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 17 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.

Memories of Advent: An Invitation to Reflect and Share Your Stories

Before we know it Advent will be upon us. This holy season is traditionally observed by Christians through the ceremonious lighting of the five candles of the Advent wreath. The first four candles represent hope, preparation, joy, and love. The fifth and final candle marks the birth of Jesus.

Four weeks of waiting, preparation, and anticipation marked by the lighting of candles. There's something about this time that inspires reflection.

Surprisingly, it's not stories and memories of Christmas that people recall, it's moments and episodes from the season of Advent that people offer up when we ask. We'd like to invite you to ruminate on this special time of the liturgical calendar. We will compile a book made up of your thoughts, hopes, memories, photos, whatever you want to share. We are going to add some uplifting scriptures and favorite hymns. We invite you to reflect with us on the myriad of ways we celebrate the Christmas season.

Please email your thoughts to office@secondbaptistsuffield.org or jot them down and leave them in the office by November 20th. Thanks!



Everyone had a great time at the Spud Night and Dessert Auction!



AUDITION NOW!
A Very Merry Christmas Show 2016
Suffield Youth Theater's annual Christmas themed variety show!
Bring your own acts:

- *Dancing*
- *Skits*
- *Singing*
- *Play an instrument*
- *And more-be creative!*

PLEASE GO TO
WWW.SUFFIELDYOUTHTHEATER.ORG/AUDITION
FOR MORE INFORMATION

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Board of Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands 7:00 pm Documentary and Conversation "Tapped"	3 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00 pm FFFolders	5 10:00 am Christmas in Suffield
6 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	7 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Finance Committee	8 ELECTION DAY 7:00 pm Diaconate 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Review Board	9 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	10 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 VETERIANS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	12 11:15 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
13 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 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	14 5:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA	15 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	16 9:30 am Great Courses 12:30 pm Calling Committee 2:30 pm Helping Hands	17 2:30 pm Helping Hands 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 266 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00 pm FFFolders	19 10:00 am KML Family Wreath Making Program
20 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 Committee 4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	21 7:00 pm AA	22 4:00 pm Suffield Youth Theater 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	23 9:30 am Great Courses 2:30 pm Helping Hands	24 THANKSGIVING	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
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Happy Birthday!

- 2 Nicole Haynes
- 3 Kathy Sylvia
- 4 Rachel Malec Eckley
Owen Alexander Kraiza
- 5 Lloyd Santi
- 8 Rosie LaRoche
- 9 Rebecca (Davis) Maio
- 11 Savannah Chandler
- 13 Chloe Boxall
- 15 Dorothy A. Spaulding
- 16 Jerry Kingsbury
- 18 Art Sikes, Jr.
Margot Craig
- 20 Ellen Newman Petrov
Paul Wing
Valerie Motter
- 23 Corey Gauthier
Michael Hubbard
Evelyn Rose Whitman
- 25 Heather Vormstein-Schneider
Natalie Senz
Marie Knapps
Rob Avena
- 28 Jason Boxall
- 29 Sue Begin Schneller
Kevin Powell
Sydney Avena



Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Heather & David Kattan
Kate & Patrick Dee
- 10 Cindy & Steve Smith
- 15 Kris & Rick Pryce
- 20 Sarah & Christopher Kaiser

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 16th.

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!

November Communion Offering



The November Communion Offering will go to the Suffield Emergency Aid Association ("EAA", 450 South Street (860)668-1986). EAA strives to improve the quality of life in Suffield and develop the full potentials of our residents in need by maximizing all available public and private resources. What this mission entails is absolutely amazing! Of course, we know about (and generously contribute to) EAA's drive to deliver Thanksgiving and December Holiday Baskets each year, but if you visit its website at <http://www.suffieldea.org> you'll see that EAA does so much more than that! Here's a quick summary: Social services consultations, elder/disabled outreach & caregiver support, credit & budget counseling, food & nutrition programs, energy assistance programs, volunteering & community service opportunities, grief support group, medical equipment loans, blood pressure screening, nursing wellness visits, bath subsidy, cancer & hospice subsidies, non-emergency medical transport, friendly visitor/friendly shopper, resident at-risk list, quality of life fund, programs for families & children, youth awards & scholarships, and rental rebate.

It is a joy to be part of so much good and charitable work right here in Suffield! So please give generously at communion time on Sunday morning, November 6th and throughout the month. Suffield's EAA needs our help and generous financial support!



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 12th.

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



Yoga class is cancelled for the month of November. Please join us when it resumes on December 1st.

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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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