

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

I recently read an article about the season of autumn, written by a Mid-westerner who began the essay with the following: "Autumn in

my part of the world is a season of bounty and beauty. It's also a season of steady decline . . . The days become shorter and colder, the trees shed their glory and summer's abundance starts to decay toward winter's death."

As a 26-year resident of New England, I agree with his observation. In addition, I would say that autumn, with all the "falling" that happens, is also a season full of promise. As the leaves fall and plants wither to be composted in the ground, seeds are being planted, preparing for a new life in the spring. Amid all the falling, the "seeds of new life are always being silently and lavishly sown" (Parker Palmer from "On the Brink of Everything").

November is such a season, a time that "nature" both dies and plants seed for new life. The seeds are hidden from our sight and yet, always preparing to rise again. Which is not unlike congregational life – there are always new ministries that are being born and others that die which plants the seeds for other ministries to arise. This is also not unlike our personal lives, new possibilities arising, parts of us dying and new parts of ourselves that we may have never known, being born. That's not easy to accept, I know, because like most, I want to hold on to what has been even when it is time to let go of ways of doing things in order for something new to be born. But the season of autumn is a gift that calls us to consider what is dying in our lives and what "seeds of new life are ...being silently and lavishly sown."

May this autumn season be a time of prayerful reflection on your life and the life of our congregation.

Peace.

Tom
Tom

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

Commitment Sunday

Each individual has a unique vocation, a call of God to live out the gift of being a child of God, created in the "image of God." Whatever that unique vocation of each person, it is part of the singular human vocation of stewardship. To be a steward is to be a trustee, to care for and manage faithfully what has been entrusted to us. In the life of faith, that stewardship is about caring for the life that God creates for the sake of all life, human and other-than-human. In the Christian faith, we proclaim that "all life is God's," as the Psalmist sings, and "everything in it; the world and those who live in it." That includes how we manage and use the financial resources entrusted to us and how we use the time and the talents with which we have been blessed. As this year's Commitment Campaign theme scripture puts it, we are to "serve one another with whatever gift each has received," for building up God's kingdom, "here on Earth as it is in heaven." God calls each one of us to faithful stewardship in all areas of our life. How to respond with our Time, Talents and Treasures, is the question for each one of us to prayerfully consider for the sake of our own spiritual growth, to serve one another in love and for the world that God so loves.



Don't Forget!
Daylight Savings Time
ends on November 4th!

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November Flower Rep.: Bev Sikes

November 4

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

Worship Leader: Kris Pryce

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Dian & Len Kingsbury

Flowers: Jessica Rybeck

November 11

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

Worship Leader: Lucille Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

November 18

Commitment Sunday

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

Worship Leader: Barry Sisk

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Capital Campaign Committee

Flowers: Green Team / Linda Isham

November 25

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

Worship Leader: Linda Isham

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Peg Carr

Adult Education

Adult Education meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Parlor. We are looking at the Gospel of Luke. Our process, led by the Reverend Carr, is to read a passage of the Gospel, allowing the Spirit to speak to and through us, and then reflect on what it means to us and for us and for the life of the world. Everyone is welcome to join in these engaging conversations.

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About Our Community

- ♥ **Robert Baker** passed away on September 29th. His memorial service was held at SBC on October 5th.
- ♥ Former SBC custodian, **Joe Bevilacqua**, passed away on October 7th.
- ♥ **Cathy Spaulding LeBlond** passed away on October 13th.

Congratulations to Melissa Melanie Malec and Earnest Edward Levesque who were recently married on Great Hallow Beach in Truro, Mass!



Creation Justice Congregations

On Sunday, October 28th, the Green Team of Second Baptist Church will be launching our version of "Creation Justice Congregations," a program sponsored by the American Baptist Churches Creation Justice Network (ABC,CJN) and the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN). Creation Justice Congregations is an encouragement for congregations to implement eco-friendly measures in buildings and within congregational life. There are three levels for congregations to work towards, each with a checklist of sixteen items. Following worship on the 28th, the Green Team will host a forum in the Fellowship Hall, describing the Creation Justice Congregations program, answering questions and encouraging all of us, in multiple ways, to be faithful stewards of all of God's creation. **If you have questions, please speak with David Battle, Linda Isham or Tom Carr.**



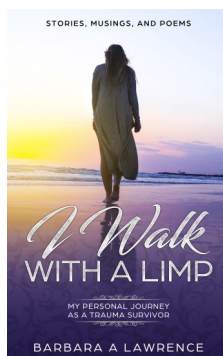
SBC Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 17th at 4 pm

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 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 so please RSVP no later than November 9th by contacting the church office 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 18^h

The community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 18th 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.



"I Walk With A Limp"

On Sunday, November 25th following worship in the Fellowship Hall, Barbara Lawrence will present her new book, "I Walk With A Limp: My Personal Journey as a Trauma Survivor." Barbara, who has shared some of her personal story with us in the past, wrote this book filled with heartrending and inspirational prose and poetry about her experience of living with post-traumatic stress disorder. Through personal stories, reflections and poems, she illuminates many of the challenges she has faced as a survivor of family violence, incest and rape while working through these issues. Her message is one of perseverance, courage and hope as she offers the reader a glimpse into how she has discovered her inner warrior, learned to work through her fears, and strengthen her Spirit as she strives to live an authentic life. Barbara will share with us briefly with time for conversation and then, she will be available to sign her book for anyone who wants to purchase one.



CHRISTMAS in Suffield

Volunteers Needed

We can always use people to lend a hand. From Attic Treasures to helping with preparing and serving lunch's or just some friendly faces that can greet and direct visitors.

Please see Sue Schneller if you are willing to help.



ATTIC TREASURES

Dust off those discarded "treasures"! Donations are now being accepted. Please drop them off in the Activity Room .

Baked Goods

Please consider baking some treats that we can sell at the fair.



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.

Thanksgiving 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, Suffield Community Aid's Holiday Basket Program helped 260 local men, women, and children have a great holiday season. So please help Suffield Community Aid by donating food, paper goods , and gifts. There will be food slips available at Fellowship Time,. 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 very important cause.





Save the Dates!

**First Baptist Church
Carol-Sing
Sunday, December 9
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 15th 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 full-time commitment to the choir, why not **join us for the Advent season**, or just for our **Annual Christmas Concert on December 15th?**

Starting on **Thursday, November 8th 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.

Healing Service November 28th

All who are in need of healing – of body, mind and/or spirit, are invited to join for a 30-40 minute healing service on November 28th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. In the Christian faith and every religious tradition and spirituality, healing has been understood as the mending of what is broken – body, mind, emotion, spirit – and is a physical, spiritual and psychological process. These healing services are a brief time apart, to focus on the healing of your body, mind and spirit, a time of personal reflection and prayer for yourself, others and/or the world. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see the Reverend Carr.



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 10th.**

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



Celebrating 275 Years

The West Suffield Congregational Church was established by the Second Ecclesiastical Society, with approval of the General Court in Northampton on November 10, 1743.

Open House

Saturday, November 10, 1-3 pm

Displays of historic church items including news reports, photos and records. See our newly re-discovered church quilt, now on display in the church parlor that was handmade by the women of West Suffield between 1885-1888.

Call the church office (860 668-2271 or Email office @westsuffield ucc.org

HELP US GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

We need your help! On Saturday, December 1st we will be making crafts and transforming our welcome center and Sanctuary into a winter wonderland. Join us at 3:00 to help set up the Christmas trees and decorate the Sanctuary. There will be plenty of crafts for the kids to make. If you have an ornament you can donate for the trees, please bring it with you or leave it in the office. Pizza and cake to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Book Group “On the Brink of Everything” Sunday, November 18th, at 6:30 pm

“On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old,” by Parker Palmer, will be the focus of the discussion for the next Book Group which meets on Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 pm. Palmer is a Quaker, writer, educator and retreat leader. This book is a collection of many essays which reflect learnings of the author from almost eight decades of his life and are invitations for the reader to explore his or her own experience. We will be reading and discussing the Introduction and first two chapters in November: “The View from the Brink: What I Can See from Here,” and, “Young and Old: The Dance of the Generations.” This isn’t a book solely for those of us who are “getting older;” it’s for anyone interested in reflecting on one’s life in the midst of all we experience in every phase of our lives.



Restroom Renovations

The renovations are almost complete! The two restrooms next to Fellowship Hall are now handicap accessible and there is a baby changing table being installed in the former women’s restroom.

Please note: both restrooms are now gender neutral. Please remember to lock the door when in use.



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 any time. 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"



Great Courses Wednesdays at 9:30 am

The Great Courses class will continue its discussion of many of the characters of the New Testament. This month, we'll consider Judas, Pontius Pilate, and other important figures. We begin with a half hour lecture on DVD and engage in discussion until 11:00 am, wherever the Spirit leads us. Join us!



2018 Suffield PMC Kids Ride Pasta Dinner

November 10, 2018
First Church Congregational Hall
Suffield Center
5 - 8 PM



**100% of Proceeds to The Jimmy Fund &
The Dana Faber Cancer Institute**
Help us get to our goal of \$250,000 raised in 7 years!!

Adults \$10, Kids \$5 under 5 FREE
Tickets Sold at the Door
Take Out & Gluten Free Available
Great raffle & auction!!

cnikolis@cox.net with questions, to donate, sponsor or provide raffle prizes



You can now make your donations to Second Baptist Church using your credit card online!

Go to our website, secondbaptistsuffield.org and click on the green "Online Giving" box. Then click on either the Yearly Pledge or Capital Campaign "Donate" button and follow the instructions to make your contribution. Be sure to note what your specific donation is for by clicking on "Add special instructions to the seller".



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.

November 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>4 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Fellowship Time</p> | <p>5 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 7:00 pm AA</p> | <p>6 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>7 9:30 am Great Courses</p> | <p>1 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>2 12:00 pm FFFolders</p> | <p>3 9:00 am Christmas in Suffield 9:00 am Jo Ann Bouquard</p> |
| <p>11 VETERAN'S DAY 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</p> | <p>12 VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED - Office Closed 5:00 pm Special Needs Set-Up 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm AA</p> | <p>13 7:00 pm Diaconate 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>14 9:30 am Great Courses 7:00 pm Friends of the Library Meeting</p> | <p>8 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>9 12:00 pm FFFolders</p> | <p>10 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen 1:00 pm Cub Scout Den 8</p> |
| <p>18 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry 4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm Book Group</p> | <p>19 7:00 pm AA</p> | <p>20 7:00 pm Missions 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>21 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Healing Service</p> | <p>15 10:00 am Yoga Class 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Boy Scout Board 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>16 12:00 pm FFFolders</p> | <p>17 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner</p> |
| <p>25 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed. / KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Bylaws Review</p> | <p>26 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm House Committee</p> | <p>27 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>28 9:30 am Great Courses</p> | <p>22 THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>24</p> |
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| Rachel Malec Eckley | 4 |
| Owen Alexander Kraiza | |
| Lloyd Santi | 5 |
| Rosie LaRochelle | 8 |
| Rebecca (Davis) Maio | 9 |
| Dorothy A. Spaulding (Mrs. Glenn) | 15 |
| Jerry Kingsbury | 16 |
| Art Sikes, Jr. | 18 |
| Margot Craig | |
| Ellen Newman Petrov | 20 |
| Valerie Motter | |
| Corey Gauthier | 23 |
| Michael Hubbard | |
| Evelyn Rose Whitman | |
| Heather Vormstein-Schneider | 25 |
| Natalie Senez | |
| Marie Knapps | |
| Sue Begin Schneller | 29 |



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| Cindy & Steve Smith | 10 |
| Kris & Rick Pryce | 15 |

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

Save the Date!



April 7, 2019



**November Communion Offering
Suffield Community Aid**

During November our Communion Offering will be designated to the local Fuel Bank which is part of the Fuel Assistance program at the Suffield Community Aid (SCA) organization, formerly called the Emergency Aid Association.

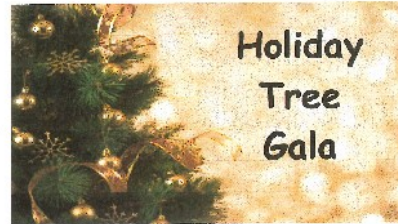
The Fuel Assistance program is a financial support program at the SCA and is one of many support programs offered there. The SCA coordinates several fuel programs, including the State's Energy Assistance Program, the non-profit organization Operation Fuel, as well as the local Fuel Bank funded by private resources and an allocation for fuel from SCA's General Budget.

SCA helps town residents complete applications and advocates for fuel requests to the State's Energy Assistance Program and Operation Fuel, both of which have different eligibility requirements and both are encouraged to be used as a first priority. SCA also disburses funds from the local Fuel Bank to provide fuel deliveries to those not qualifying for programs like those listed above or where the need is critical in an emergency, in addition to providing financial assistance for other fuel type requests. During fiscal year 2017-2018, these programs in total provided \$148,850 in fuel aid to 239 residents of which the local SCA Fuel Bank provided \$9,965 of the total. As we approach the cold winter months, we all appreciate the warmth that we enjoy in our homes and often take it for granted that we can afford heating our homes. Many in Suffield cannot afford paying for heat and donating to the local Fuel Bank helps support those in our community. Please prayerfully consider providing financial support to the SCA Fuel Assistance Program for our neighbors needing fuel assistance to warm their homes this winter. Thank you.

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 Monday, November 19th.



Suffield Garden Club Presents



Saturday, December 1 - Saturday, December 15
at the Suffield Senior Center

Come see the display of holiday trees decorated
by our Suffield community
Free admission

*Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Special musical programs scheduled!

Trees will be for sale



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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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