



THE CRIER



NOVEMBER, 2021

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Isaiah 40:3

The Second Baptist Church
100 North Main St, Suffield, CT 06078

Reflections from Rachael

The month of November has come to represent gratitude for many Americans. We remember our veterans on Armistice Day, with thanksgiving for their service. And, we come together across religions and ethnicities to pause and give thanks together on Thanksgiving Day. And, in the church, our spirit of gratitude turns our hearts and minds toward giving back, for all the good things with which God has blessed us. We count our blessings, and we remember, that within those blessings is a priceless community of faith that is there for you in good times and bad as well as all the stages of life in between.

This year, as we enter our stewardship season at the church, I want to invite you to reflect on three questions:

- What does Church mean to me?
- What has my relationship with my Church done for me?
- What is my vision for Second Baptist Church?

Rest assured, your answers to these questions do not have right or wrong answers. They don't have to be complicated to be good answers. *A vision for the church can be quite simple. For example, "I want to see my grandchildren have a place where they can grow to love Jesus" is a perfectly good vision for our purposes. Your answers to these questions will all be different -- unique expressions of who you are as a beloved child of God, said in unique ways. I do hope you'll be willing to share them, as we think about these things together.*

As you think about your hopes and dreams for the future of SBC as a witness to Christ in Suffield, I encourage you to keep your answers to these questions close to your heart and in your prayers. After all, your ancestors thought about these questions very carefully as they created the legacy of this church from which we now all benefit. It's now in our hands to build on and sustain that very legacy of witness which they have entrusted to us. In the words of the Steve Green worship song, "May those who come behind us find us faithful."

In Peace,

Rachael

Calling all kids! Wear your costumes to church on Sunday October 31st, 10AM

***Special activities and candy too!**



Building team -Molly, Tiffany, Evelyne, David, Jean, Lisa, Bev, Libby, Ernie, Ray, Sue, John, Caroline. Hospitality team Beckie & Jaime, Walkers -Lee, Tatum & Delia and our tractor & trailer team -Scott, Ron and Bob



November 7th

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Flower Contact: Bev Sikes

November 7

Ushers: TEAM D: Jim Grant & Derek Burnaford

Worship Leader: David Burnaford

November 14

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal

Worship Leader: Christine Ahrens

November 21

Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Jacob Quinn,
Greg Bassos & Lauren O'Hara

Worship Leader: Lois Vormstein-Schneider

November 28

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Scott Schneider,
Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

Worship Leader: Natalie Das



Thanks for helping
me celebrate
Christian Education Day!



Please join us for this years
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Sunday November 21st at 4 pm
First Congregational Church
of Suffield



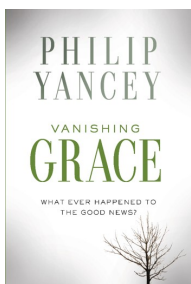
Tuesdays at 11, in the Library.
Space is limited to 7.

Common Ground: Loving Each Other

Despite our Differences, is a Bible study for women, written by Amberly Neese. The description says: Whether it is in politics, the professional world, a party, or a pew, we face conflict every day. As discussions get more heated and social media is deluged with opinion-spewing, hurt feelings, and broken relationships, we need hope and practical tools to navigate the tumultuous waters and live at peace with everyone. Fortunately, the Scriptures hold the key to living at peace despite our differences. The [selected] stories point us to peace and reconciliation in all our relationships, reassuring us that it is possible to find common ground with everyone—despite our differences. Women will find biblical and practical help for:

- Facing conflict
- Navigating broken relationships
- Handling heated discussions (in person and on social media)
- Living at peace despite differences

Please call or email Pastor Rachael for details.



Please join our Book Club

Join us
November 14th at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Laurie Gokey
You will need to get a
copy of the
book on your own,
and read through chapter 8.

Please contact the
church office
if you plan to attend,
have questions or require other details.

All are welcome!

*Please wear a mask if not vaccinated.
In person and/or location is
subject to change.



About Our Community

- A memorial service celebrating the life of **Rodger Dagleish** will be held at **Second Baptist on Saturday, November 13th at 10 am.**

Commitment Sunday “Be Thou My Vision”

“Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart” is the opening line to a favorite hymn of many. We do want God and God’s will to be the central vision in all that we do, so in this stewardship season, we’re asking you to reflect on *vision*. We invite you to reflect on three guiding questions during this season: *What does the Church mean to me? What has Church done for me? And, What is my vision for Second Baptist Church? Considering those three things, we hope that you will give in a way that is reflective of your values and vision for this church community that you love.*

Commitment Sunday is November 21. During worship, each member and friend of Second Baptist Church will have an opportunity to express gratitude to God and commitment to our shared ministries in this faith community by bringing our Estimates of Giving Cards (Pledge Cards) for 2021. Please prayerfully consider your response to the vision you have for SBC’s continued witness of faith into the future.



Flamingo Yoga Class at Second Baptist Church

Thursdays at 10 am
There are openings
available!

Questions? Please contact
Diana Gunther at
dianayoga@gmail.com

Attendees must be fully
vaccinated.



Please Join Us!

November 17th at noon the Women's Lunch Bunch will get together in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us.

Beverage and dessert will be provided. Let us know if you can make it and we will set a place for you.

RSVP 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org



Donations Needed

Suffield Community Aid is kicking off their annual Holiday Basket drive. Over the next several months, our church will have the opportunity to once again help local families by contributing to this wonderful program. In November, we will donate Thanksgiving Baskets and in December, we will help by donating both food and gifts to families in need. We will start collecting non-perishable food and paper goods at the beginning of November, which can be dropped off to Corey at coffee hour after Church.

The following items will be needed for our Thanksgiving Baskets:

- Coffee/Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Tuna
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Soup
- Cereal
- Cranberry Sauce
- 3 Cans of Vegetables
- 3 Cans of Fruit
- Potatoes
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta/Spaghetti



Christmas in Suffield November 6 9 am - 2:30 pm

This year we will have lots of different crafters and our bake sale table. Join us and start your holiday season off by doing something for others. We will have a special table at the fair where we will be collecting both children's and adults used coats and shoes, for our local shelters. There will also be a table for canned goods for the Suffield Community Aid. We are sorry to announce that this year our kitchen and Attic Treasures will be closed. For more information, call 860-668-1661. We look forward to seeing you there.



We're still working to grow a Technology & Videography Team!

Dave Jones, so far, has 1 volunteer who is looking at learning how to use the equipment. Would you like to be a part of this exciting team? Please reach out!

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 Tuesday, November 16th.



Save the Date! Christmas Workshop!

Dec. 5th, right after the service, we will enjoy a festive snack and make some Christmas crafts. The crafts are for all ages and everyone is welcome.



Membership

Are you interested in MEMBERSHIP at Second Baptist Church?

Please reach out to Pastor Rachael, at copastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org.



A Welcoming In Ministry

Sunday Flower Dedications....

You can help beautify our Sanctuary through the year by donating a live altar flower arrangement in honor or memory of loved ones. It's simple to do:

1. Pick a date to sign up (Flower Calendar is outside Fellowship Hall or call the office to see if your date is open)
2. Enter your name on the Flower Calendar on the date you want your flowers. (Someone will call a week ahead to find out who the flowers are in memory or honor of.)
3. You can order the flowers or give your check (minimum amount \$45) for the flowers to the church office prior to your date (a week notice and mark it for "Sunday flowers"). The Flower Committee will do the rest.
4. Your dedication will appear in the Sunday bulletin for the week your chose. (flowers in memory or honor can be a birthday, wedding, anniversary, birth, thank you to someone, or you just want to bring sunshine in the church.)

...Become Weekly Smiles

If you dedicate a flower arrangement or one has been dedicated to you, you are free to take the flowers home with you on Sunday after the worship service. However, if you leave them, we turn them into 3 or more smaller arrangements and deliver them to our church family to share a smile with them. Our flower ministry create these little bits of sunshine. Then we pick shut-in's or people home from a hospital stay and share a little bit of love with them. It's amazing how fresh flowers can brighten a day!

How You Can Help

Every year, we post a signup so you can pick a week to dedicate flowers. If you aren't able to manage the signup, just call the church office and we'll give you a hand. There are usually dates available throughout the year that no one has sponsored.

Thank you - Bev Sikes & the Flower Ministry

Green Team Event

Nuclear Energy Advantages

On Monday, November 8th, the Green Team of Second Baptist Suffield is pleased to host a presentation led by Richard Binns on the advantages of nuclear energy in the clean energy shift.

The event will begin at 7 pm in the church's Common Room.

Richard will explore the 7 key factors that make nuclear power an essential part of a clean energy transition.



Upcoming Holiday Events

November 6

Christmas in Suffield

9 am -2:30 pm

SBC Fellowship Hall & other Suffield venues

November 21

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

4 pm

1st Cong. Church, 81 High Street, Suffield

December 5

Christmas Workshop

11:15 am

SBC Fellowship Hall

December 11

SBC Christmas Concert and Suffield Alight

5 pm – 8 pm

Concert at 5 pm in front of SBC

December 12

1st Baptist Carol Sing

4 pm

1st Baptist Church, 1217 Hill Street, Suffield

December 24

Christmas Eve Service

SBC Sanctuary

Time: TBA

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	2 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 7:00 pm Growth & Outreach	4 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto in the Garden Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	5 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	6 9:00 am Christmas in Suffield
7 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	8 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA 7:00 pm Green Team Event	9 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg	10	11 Veteran's Day 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto in the Garden Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	12 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	13 10:00 am Dalgleish Memorial Service 11:00 am Soup Kitchen
14 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Re-	15 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	16 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.	17 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	18 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto in the Garden Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm BSA Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	19 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	20
21 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Music Ministry 4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	22. 7:00 pm House Com. 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	23 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	24 7:00 pm Suffield Ping Pong Club	25 THANKSGIVING	26 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	27
28 ADVENT WEEK I 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	29. 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	30 6:00 pm Boy Scouts				

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- 2 Nicole Haynes
- 3 Kathy Sylvia
- 4 Rachel Malec Eckley
- 5 Owen Alexander Kraiza
Lloyd Santi
- 8 Rosie LaRochelle
- 9 Rebecca Davis Maio
- 16 Len Kingsbury
- 18 Art Sikes, Jr.
Margot Craig
- 20 Ellen Newman Petrov
Valerie Motter
- 23 Corey Gauthier
Michael Hubbard
Evelyn Rose Whitman
- 25 Heather Vormstein-Schneider
Natalie Senez
Marie Knapps
- 29 Sue Begin Schneller

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

**The end of the year is
 fast approaching!
 Please submit your
 information for the
 SBC annual report
 by December 31st.
 (financials excluded)**

November Communion Offering



The Second Baptist Church of Suffield is a community of faith whose members strive to identify and help those in need. The members of the Missions ministry are grateful that through the generosity of our congregants, we have been able to support many local and international organizations throughout the year.

For the month of November, we have chosen a well-known local organization, the Suffield Community Aid, as the benefactor of our Communion Offerings.

SCA began in 1903 under the original title of the 'Emergency Aid Association'.

Today, 115 years later, they are still responding to the changing needs of Suffield residents by offering critical social services and enriched programming, particularly during periods of need. They strive to enhance the full potentials of all residents, and thereby, improve the overall quality of life in our community. Do these values and goals sound familiar?? J

Although SCA offers financial and program support in many areas, the SBC Missions ministry has chosen to directly support the **Energy Assistance Program**- specifically the ***Suffield Community Aid Private Fuel Bank, which provides fuel (oil, gas, electric, propane and wood) assistance to individuals and families in need. Priority is given to residents who do not qualify for other energy programs and whose health and safety is jeopardized by their inability to heat their home. The intent of these funds is to assist during crisis.***

Oil and gas prices have risen almost 50% since the pandemic began 18 months ago. Anyone who has filled their car's tank recently has seen the dramatic increase of gas over the past few months. Heating home oil prices are expected to rise just as exponentially.

Donations will be collected each Sunday during the month of November. If giving online through the church PayPal account, please designate your donation to "Missions". If mailing a check, please send to the church office at: ***Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main St. Suffield CT 06078 -Attn: Collector.***

Please note **SCA** in the check memo line.

Thank you for your continued support!



The ABC's of Giving



Got Pull-Tabs for Shriners Hospital?

Jean Aldrich-Jones is collecting them once again. Please bring them into the Welcome Center and we will make sure that they are passed on to the right person.

Thank you!



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.



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Sunday Worship Service 10 am. 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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