

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 items for your reflection. The first is our upcoming 2020 financial stewardship campaign. You'll read about this in another place in this month's Crier but I want to add that every year at this time, we focus on our financial giving. We dream, both as a congregation and as individuals, for what we desire to realize in our personal and congregational life. We wrestle with these dreams and what is possible for ministry in our congregation and so we pray seeking wisdom about how we can best respond with our tithes and our pledges of financial support to the grace of God in our lives. For me, this is always an anxious and exciting time. Anxious because even though I know God is in the mix in all of this and when God is in the mix, there is nothing to fear, I still get a bit anxious. I wonder whether our financial pledges and promises will be enough to help make the dreams of our particular ministries come true. But mostly, I get excited because during this season, we listen to stories – stories of faith and hope, stories of struggles and challenges, stories of people pulling together to help our community to be faithful to the high calling of God in our lives and how God is at work in the midst of this world God so loves. The testimonies we hear during this time, particularly in Sunday worship, always inspire me; they are sermons in themselves, because they are gospel, Good News. I pray that during this time, you would reflect on what God has done and is doing in your life and throughout the world.

Secondly, it has been an invigorating start to the 2019-2020 program year. The renovations to the Kneece Chapel Common Room, more organizations and groups from the community using the building for their good work and activities, the special programs – and the regular ones – we are engaged in as a congregation, and the children and parents of the Pre-School Co-op in the building daily, has injected such a positive, wonderful energy for our congregational life and ministry.

I am grateful to be part of this ministry. I hope you will invite friends, neighbors, family and others to join us. Third, I share with you something by Dr. Paul Tournier:

“Even the happiest life is a constant struggle to face the problems it raises, the external and internal conflicts it arouses, which are the very stuff of life itself; . . . ‘It is much easier,’ I read in a letter from one of my patients,’ to be in the position of a victim than in that of a person conscious of her responsibilities and of the gifts she is endowed with. But it is the only way to inner maturity.’ Then she adds: ‘How difficult it is really to accept one’s life as it is. But I know that everything comes back to that acceptance – and that is the real key to happiness.’ ... acceptance of one’s life has nothing to do with resignation; . . . it means accepting it as it comes, with all the handicaps of heredity, of suffering . . . and injustices.”

To consciously, willingly accept one’s life as it is, is to know the presence of God.

Peace be with you.

Tom

P.S. The second week in October, Peg and I will be traveling to Istanbul, Turkey to visit our son and daughter-in-law who work for the U.S. State Department. We will be leaving on Tuesday, October 8th and returning Wednesday, October 16th. If there are pastoral emergencies or concerns in my absence, please contact the church office.

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Save the Date!



*Second Baptist Church
 Thanksgiving Celebration
 Saturday, November 23
 4 pm*



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

October Flower Rep.: David Battle

October 6

World Communion Sunday

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

Worship Leader: Lucille Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Sue Sheiber

Fellowship Time: Lee LaRoche

Flowers: Available

October 13

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

Worship Leader: Gail Davis

Nursery Volunteer: Heather Piezchala

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Peter and Natalie Das

October 20

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

Worship Leader: Barry Sisk

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Nelsen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available

October 27

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

Worship Leader: Gloria Magliozzi

Nursery Volunteer: Kirsten Johannassen

Fellowship Time: Available

Flowers: Available



Deadlines

Weekly CRIER: Thursdays at 10 am

November CRIER: Tuesday, October 15th

Annual Reports (Not including the Financials):

Sunday, December 1st

About Our Community

- ▼ **Astrid Hanzalek** passed away on September 1st. A reception to celebrate her life will be held at the Phelps-Hathaway house on September 29, 1:30 pm.
- ▼ **Winnie Johnson** passed away on September 7th. Her memorial service was held at SBC on September 21st.

**HELP
WANTED**

**Looking for a
part time job?
Look no further!**

Part time Building Manager

Second Baptist Church— Key Function is being the point of contact and process owner for those who wish to use the church and those doing work to maintain the building; Flexibility in days and times required. For full position description, please refer to www.secondbaptistsuffield.org

Please send resume and letter of interest to:

Second Baptist Church
100 North Main Street
Suffield, CT 06078

or email: office@secondbaptistsuffield.org

Questions? Call Becky Tobiasz 860 245-9232



"Partnering With a Purpose"

Join us on Saturday, November 9th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, 100 N Main St., Suffield, for a very special vocal cabaret featuring three local sopranos. Longtime college friends and musicians, Evelyne Battle, Lorri Cetto and Lori Davitt will entertain us in a range of styles from opera and Broadway to jazz. They will be accompanied on the piano by our own organist, Jean-Aldrich Jones and Lorri's brother, Ted Cetto.

A freewill donation will be collected to benefit Partnering To Reach Aspirations, a local non-profit organization which aims to transition recent graduates with mild Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from student life to independent living.

A light reception will follow in our Fellowship Hall hosted by the Music Ministry of Second Baptist Church. If you have any questions, please contact our church office at 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Spiritual Life Retreat October 25th – 26th

On Friday evening and all-day Saturday, Second Baptist Church and First Congregational Church will join together for a Spiritual Life Retreat in our building. The purpose of the retreat is to develop spiritual practices that will enhance the spiritual lives of individuals on one's journey of faith. Practices like Lectio Divina Bible reading, journaling, meditation and others will be the focus of our time together. Friday evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Potluck dinner, followed by our opening session, ending by 8:30. On Saturday, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 5:00 p.m. with lunch \$10 per person or \$25 per family. As of this writing, plans are still being made by the planning team from Second Baptist and First Congregational. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this enriching experience.

A Time for Prayerful Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 17th

Each year during the fall season, we're called to consider our commitment to the work and ministry of our congregation. Stewardship – the vocation of each person to care for all that God has entrusted to us - is a year-long process, a life-long process, and each fall, part of that process means that we reflect on what will be our commitment to the Second Baptist Church of Suffield. Our congregation is the community of faith that helps nurture our spiritual lives and calls us to live in the Way of Jesus, the Way of Love; it is the community that supports us when we are in need, challenges us to keep growing, offers a place for us to worship the God we love, and is the people with whom we serve the world God so loves through the works of our hands and hearts, here and around the world.

During worship in the month of October, we will hear from members of Second Baptist Church who will tell us why they are committed to and support the ministries of our congregation which will lead us to Commitment Sunday on November 17th when we will bring our pledges and/or our financial commitments for the 2020 year.

Throughout the months of October and November, you are invited to prayerfully consider their commitment to the ministry of our congregation, what you may pledge to give to our church for the 2020 year. Giving is one response to the love and grace of God in our lives. May we all respond in faith.



Book Group

The Book Group will begin conversation on a new book on Sunday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. The book, "Tattoos on the Heart" is a book of powerful, true stories by the founder of Homeboy Industries, Father Gregory Boyle, a Roman Catholic priest. Boyle is a priest in the city of Los Angeles and founded this ministry to work with young people, many of whom are connected to gangs. The stories of delightful, heartbreaking, tough and tender – and all of them are true. We will discuss the Introduction and the first two chapters when we gather at the home of Laurie Gokey. All are invited.

Ordination Service

A service of ordination to the Christian Ministry will be held in our Sanctuary for Rachael Lawrence on Sunday, September 29th at 4:30 p.m. Rachael is the pastor of the Enfield American Baptist Church, our sister American Baptist church. The Reverend Carr is the Moderator of the Hartford Association of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and will participate in the service, along with the Sanctuary Choir which will sing during the service. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Exploring Humanity's New Story: Where Science and Spirituality Meet

Our series of "Exploring Humanity's New Story" continues through the month of October on Monday evenings, October 6, 20 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. We will continue our conversation on both the Exterior Story - the physical functioning of life - and the Interior Story - one of meaning and purpose which guides us in our living a mutually enhancing life for all. Through video talks, discussion and reflection, we are seeking to explore a new story, one consistent with the findings of science and one that gives meaning and purpose for our lives. We hope you will join us for the three final sessions of this exciting series of educational conversations. For more information, contact the Reverend Carr, Nancy Drenzek or David Battle.



Bowling Buddies had a Blast at Game, Dinner and Fellowship Night!

Members of the Parks and Recreation Bowling Buddies group had a blast last night at our Game, Dinner and Fellowship Night.

After enjoying a variety of Games including Bingo and Jenga in the Parks and Recreation activity room, the group headed down to have dinner at Subway and then attended the very fun evening at the Fellowship night. The Fellowship night is a ton of fun filled with laughter, smiles, songs and camaraderie. Jean Aldrich-Jones plays the best songs on the piano while the group sings along. After we sing a variety of positive songs, the volunteers lead the group into an enjoyable and useful craft. Last night, we made calendars with the dates of the upcoming Fellowship nights. (which are held the second Monday of each month from September through June. The next ones will be Monday's-October 14, November 11, December 9-Santa Party!, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8-with a Prom from 6:30-7:30 p.m.) The nights out activities and the Fellowship nights offer positive socialization, exercise and tons of fun! This is a fantastic collaboration with Second Baptist Church volunteers-led last night by Jean Aldrich-Jones, Tina Berrien, Gail Davis and The Parks and Recreation Department. The Bowling Group is looking forward to our season kickoff tonight at Spare Time lanes too! If you would like to join or learn more about the group, please contact Donna Carney-Bastrzcki-Director of Special Programs- dcarney@suffieldct.gov

Written by: Donna Carney-Bastrzycki, Director of Special Programs, Suffield Parks and Recreation Department



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".



The sky was clear on Sunday, September 15th for this great photo from the parking lot showing off the great work done by capital campaign!

Photo by
Karen Santi



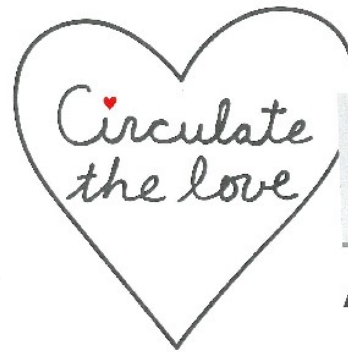
Join Us for Two Evenings of Card Making

On Friday, September 27th and October 18th, we will be making greeting cards to send to church members that need their spirits up lifted. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. All supplies, including paper, inks, stamps, cutting dies, punches etc. will be provided. We plan to make 3 uniquely designed cards.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your adhesive of choice. The most common adhesive used for paper crafting is a permanent tape runner. It can be purchased at Micheal's (don't forget to use your Micheal's coupon).

Paper crafting novices are welcome. There will be plenty of helpers to assist you with your cards. And please remember that we will be working with paper.....so if you make a mistake, you can turn your paper over and start again. No stress - - Just fun:-)

Kits containing the components of each card will need to be assembled before the meeting, so please call Laurie Gokey at 860-402-9292 before September 22nd and October 20th, respectively, if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



Please give blood.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Second Baptist Church

Held in the Fellowship Hall
100 North Main Street
Suffield, CT 06078

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019
1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and
enter: 372a to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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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 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"



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 12th.**

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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 6:30 pm Book Group	7 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA) 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm The New Cosmology	1 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation	2 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	3 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 pm AdultChoir Rehearsal	4 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA)	5 9:00 am Cub Scouts 9:30 Cetto Chamber Choir
13 8:30 am Folk Group Rehearsal 9:00 am Adult Ed/KFC 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	14 Columbus Day – Office Closed 9:30 am Qi Gong Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA) 1:00 pm Suffield Academy 6:30 pm Special Needs Fellowship 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	15 10:00 am Music Together 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	16 9:30 am Great Courses 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp (AA) 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry	17 10:00 am Yoga Class 12:00 pm Phoenix Grp. (AA) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Board Mtg. 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00 pm FFFolders 12:00 pm Phoenix Group (AA) 6:00 pm Card Making	19 11:00 am Springfield Soup Kitchen
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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
- 24 Ted Fuller
- 25 Gertrude Hastings
- 26 Scott Schneider
- Faith Connors
- 29 Lauren Beaulieu
- 31 Allison Santi
- Etienne d'Otreppe



- 3 Sue & Ray Schneller
- 5 Jennifer & Christopher Sikes
- Karen & Lloyd Santi
- 9 Amy & Jeffrey Arnold
- Jennifer & Russell Harlow
- 11 Cristina & Will Alsum
- 12 Natalie & Peter Das
- Rebecca & Allen Clark
- Lois & Scott Schneider
- 19 Rebecca & Shawn Waterman
- 24 Lisa & George Haynes
- Charles & Ingrid Linke

Missions Update

At their September meeting, the Mission Committee voted to send \$1,500 to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) for relief aid to the hurricane ravaged Bahamas. Hurricane Dorian destroyed so much of part of the islands and the needs are great, both in the short-term and long-term. OGHS is the ecumenical effort of Christian denominations designed to empower communities, provide water, supply food, alleviate poverty and respond to disasters around the world. American Baptists and other denominations have already sent tens of thousands of dollars to help our neighbors in the Bahamas. With this gift, and your continuing support of our concern for God's people everywhere, Second Baptist Church is playing a small and important part in caring for God's people in time of deep need.



This month, our Communion Offering will be designated to assist the American Baptist Churches, USA, **World Mission Offering (WMO)**. WMO is dedicated to the comprehensive support of **International Ministries (IM)** initiatives. Perhaps most importantly, WMO donations provide essential funding for IM's global missionary servants who live and work overseas in places where there is the greatest need. By virtue of your WMO contributions IM can also enlist personnel here at home to provide essential support services for IM's global workers so they can serve productively in their host countries. WMO also sustains IM's ability to identify, select and evaluate reliable and reputable local groups (in the foreign mission field), for they are the ones "on the ground" to whom IM's missionaries turn for help and they are the ones to whom – so often - One Great Hour of Sharing emergency relief-aid can be entrusted. Participation of such indigenous groups is essential to the effectiveness of responsive vital projects (undertaken with IM's international partners) in times of global disasters.

Moreover, funding through the annual WMO initiative enables IM to leverage and energize many other valuable and diverse missional relationships with the likes of 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. The environments of trust and cooperation created in these special relationships serve greatly to magnify the ministry possibilities for each of our global workers.

In short, The World Mission Offering is critical to the international ministries of our larger American Baptist family. During the month of October, please prayerfully consider adding your financial support to this cause. If you contribute by check, kindly make it payable to Second Baptist Church - with "WMO" appearing on the memo line. Thank you.

Christmas In Suffield

Saturday, November 2nd (It will be here before you know it!)



ATTIC TREASURES

Dust off those discarded "treasures." We have begun accepting donations! Please drop your items off in the Activity room

Monday–Friday between 9 am–12 pm, or call the Church office to make arrangements.



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

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

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

Volunteers Needed

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

Please see Sue if you are willing to help.

PLANTS

It's not too late to take cuttings from your house plants. They still have several weeks to get a good start.



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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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Jennifer Sikes, Custodian