

2016



The **Annual Reports** of
Second Baptist Church
100 North Main Street
Suffield, Connecticut

Staff:

The Rev. Thomas G. Carr, *Pastor*
Jean Aldrich-Jones, *Organist & Handbell Choir Director*
Evelyne Battle, *Director of Music Ministries*
Alison Hardy-Dusto, *Congregation Liaison Manager*
Sue Begin Schneller, *Christian Education
& Youth Coordinator*
Jennifer Sikes, *Custodian*

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**Minutes of the 211th Annual Meeting
(for the year ending December 31, 2015)
Second Baptist Church
Suffield, Connecticut
January 24, 2016**

The 211th Annual Meeting of the Second Baptist Church was called to order by moderator Lucille Miller in the church sanctuary at 11:08 am. Lucille determined that the requirement of a quorum of church members were present. Lucille welcomed everyone in attendance and made sure all attendees had access to the Annual Report with addendums for year ending December 31, 2015.

Minutes of the previous (210th) Annual Meeting – Motion was made by Laura Burnaford to accept the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, seconded by Art Sikes. Moved carried unanimously.

Review of Reports - Each of the reports appearing in the Agenda were considered in turn and comments were invited in respect thereof, as follows:

Moderator's Report - Lucille Miller noted that this year the formation of government had been changed: the Executive Committee is now the Council of Ministries. It has been a work in progress and is still a work in progress. We are seeing people coming together to express concerns and ask for feedback from other members of the Council that are all connected.

In Memoriam - Pastor Carr read from the Annual Report the names of those who passed away in the previous year. Pastor Carr led all in a prayer of thanks to God for the blessing of these people. The pastor noted that he wanted to give thanks for two new members this year and many other folks that call this church their home.

Pastor's Report - When he was thinking about this report, the word transition was on his mind. We wish that we could keep things the same but we are always in transition in our lives. The spirit of God is always changing. The Council of Ministries is a change for our congregation. The primary focus in the Council of Ministries is that we can communicate with each other so that we know what is happening. So far it is going well; there are things that we haven't done yet. It is a work in progress.

Spiritual Formation - Preschool - Pastor Carr talked about the Preschool. The care of the Preschool has been amazing. In the last few years, the number of children attending the preschool has been dropping. The reason this is happening is that the state is now mandating and is funding public schools to have preschool for 4 year olds. It remains to be seen what next year will bring. Linda Isham asked if it is still an independent nursery school. Pastor Carr clarified that it is not the church's nursery school but is associated with the church with binding connections with the church. It has been doing wonderful work for thirty years and now is the time that a decision must be made.

Collector's Report - Evelyne Battle asked if the donations made to the Light of Hope ministries go through the Collector first so that they will show the deductions for people's tax returns. The Collector affirmed that that is the case.

Stewardship - Barry Sisk reported that 69 pledges were made for 2016 with a total of 139,700.00

Motion was made by Richard Hubbard to accept the reports. Cliff Barron seconded. Moved carried unanimously.

Budget Report - Richard Hubbard gave the report. He commented that this year, he and Art Sikes tried to prepare a realistic budget with many budget cuts, so that we would not have a negative result at the end of 2016. Evelyne Battle asked that this year we have a finance committee set up to find out what the different ministries need in the church, because we already know that Music Ministry will be short this year. Karen Santi commented that she and Nancy Drenzek will be supporting the Treasurer along with the Moderator, Scott Schneider to form the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Karen Santi to accept the 2016 budget. Peg Carr seconded. Moved carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report - Karen Santi gave the report stating that all positions, except Vice Moderator, have been filled.

Motion was made by Richard Hubbard to accept the Nomination Report. Bev Sikes seconded. Moved carried unanimously.

Lucille Miller handed over the Moderator position to Scott Schneider. Scott thanked Lucille for a good year.

The following resolutions were made at this time.

1. Resolved that the Treasurer of the church is authorized to sell immediately upon receipt any securities given to the church.

Moved by Walter Malec and seconded by Blair Childs.

In the discussion that followed Peg Carr asked that an addendum be added, "and the treasurer will deposit the funds into the applicable Second Baptist Church of Suffield funds."

Cliff Barron made the motion to accept resolution with the addendum. Scott Miller seconded. Moved carried unanimously.

2. Resolved that the trustees shall have general supervision of the funds, securities and investment of the church now owned or held or which shall be owned or held by the church, and any two Trustees shall have the power to sell, assign or transfer to any person or party, any stock, bonds or other securities which may become the property of the church upon such terms and for such prices as they deem expedient and may sign and execute all instruments or documents necessary to effectuate any such sale, assignment or conveyance.

Moved by David Jones and seconded Blair Childs. Moved carried unanimously

3. Resolved that the Treasurer of the church, with the approval of one other member of the financial sub-committee, shall be authorized to borrow up to \$20,000 for operating expenses, if necessary.

Moved by Laura Burnaford and seconded by Linda Isham. Moved carried unanimously
4. Resolved that the Second Baptist Church of Suffield, CT at this regularly called meeting recommends total pastoral compensation in the amount of \$112,276 of which \$32,400 is designated as Value of Housing and Utilities.

Moved by Karen Santi and seconded by Laura Burnaford. Moved carried unanimously

Pastor Tom Carr gave closing prayer.
Scott Schneider adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Drenzek, Clerk

Annual Report of the Pastor Thomas G. Carr

In our country and around the world, 2016 might be described as a year full of surprise, uncertainty, division and anxiety. The U.S. election certainly reflected this as did many events here and around the world. This was, as it always is, the context for the ministry and mission of our congregation this year on our journey to be faithful to our call to live the Gospel of Love following the Way of Jesus. One of the most important purposes of any congregation is to respond to and help shape and move the context towards the purposes of God. In this annual report, you will see the numerous ways the Body of Christ called the Second Baptist Church worked toward those purposes through worship, education, outreach, spiritual formation, caring for one another and those in need beyond our congregation and the ways our building is more and more a ministry to the greater Suffield community. The following are a few words of reflection related to the life of our community of faith in 2016.

First, a word of thanks for our wonderful church staff: Evelyne Battle and Jean Jones in Music Ministry; Sue Begin Schneller, Director of Christian Education and Youth; Alison Hardy-Dusto, our Congregation Liaison Manager; and Jennifer Sikes, our Custodian. It is a joy and a privilege to work with such committed and gifted people whose desire and work is for the good of the entire congregation. Each person goes well beyond their particular position descriptions for the sake of the ministry of Second Baptist. We are blessed – and I am grateful.

Secondly, I am so happy to be part of a congregation in which many people are committed to personal spiritual growth and participate in small group prayer, education, conversation to help make that happen in their lives. So many of you are willing to explore different paths to deeper relationships with God, oneself, others and the other-than-human world, personally and collectively. In another section of this annual report (Spiritual Formation), you can read about some of these groups and experiences.

During the year, the Finance Team had occasional meetings with our counterparts from First Church, Congregational exploring ways we can work together on common goals. From these meetings, both congregations learned that the other was in need of significant capital improvements for our properties and are considering capital campaigns to address them. From these conversations, both congregations have contracted and begun working with Partners for Sacred Places to conduct a joint feasibility study for possible capital campaigns for both congregations. The Partners assessment will be completed by the end of February.

Second Baptist hosted the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN) annual meeting in April as part of our commitment to our larger American Baptist Churches family. In February, the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council hosted “Conversations with Our Muslim Neighbors,” a very significant event for getting to know people of a different religion as real people beyond the stereotypes portrayed in so many places. The “Green Team” hosted a showing of “Tapped,” concerning bottled water and water issues in Connecticut. The Team is in the process of designing a Green Assessment tool for our congregation to help us become more faithful stewards of God’s creation, right where we live. There were so many wonderful

programs and moments but one event that captures the “essence” of our congregation happened in May following worship when Sheryl Woods and Barbara Lawrence lead us in a very powerful conversation regarding mental illness, discussing many topics particularly the skills needed and challenges of living with the stigma of mental illness. They used poetry and storytelling to open our hearts and minds as they offered us ways to be helpful in our relationships with ALL people.

On a personal/professional level, I was privileged to help form the American Baptist Creation Justice Network, a network of Baptists around the country whose passion is to work for the healing of the human and other than human creation, to connect human justice and ecological care. This really is a “re-capturing” of an historic American Baptist concern for eco-justice as a matter of our Christian faith.

Whatever the context of 2017 and whatever events unfold around the world, I look forward to working with and traveling on the journey of faith with you. A poem by Tagore, the Bengali poet says it well:

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold,
service was joy.”

Peace.

Tom

Presidents/Moderators of Second Baptist Church

1950-51	A. Ward Spaulding	1985	Gregory A. Haggett
1951-52	Marjorie Graham	1986	Richard L. Carmon
1952-53	Hermina U. Spaulding	1987	Franklin A. Fuller
1953-54	Ernest A. Warner	1988	Allan G. Seibert
1954-55	William S. Fuller	1989	Arthur Brennan
1955-56	William S. Fuller	1990	Samuel Wolcott
1956-57	Bernhard J. Ahrens	1991	Henry Windsor
1957-58	Bernhard J. Ahrens	1992	Laurie Gokey
1958-59	Clifford A. Baab	1993	Rebecca M. Fuller
1959-60	Ernest A. Warner	1994	Stephen L. Smith
1960-61	Samuel S. Fuller	1995	Barry N. Sisk
1961-62	Frederick C. Dill	1996	B. Sisk/R. Johnson
1962-63	Thomas Orr, Jr.	1997	Robert Johnson
1963-64	David H. Johnson	1998	Gilbert P. Ahrens
1964-65	A. Raymond Taberman	1999	Howard Beal
1965-66	Sumner F. Bissell	2000	Rebecca M. Fuller
1966-67	William H. Connelly	2001	James Wood
1967-68	Everett A. Bartlett	2002	Winston Senter
1968-69	Everett A. Bartlett	2003	Lucile Loiseau/Richard Knapps/Becki Fuller
1969-70	Leavitt B. Ahrens		Russell S. Campbell, Jr.
1970-71	Erskine A. Harvey	2004	Arthur M. Sikes Jr.
1971-72	Sydney F. Fuller	2005	Claudia Hepner
1972-73	Rayford R. Parker	2006	Ernest J. Begin
1973-74	Rockwood N. Berry	2007	Joseph P. Harry
1974-75	Harold A. Stewart	2008	Lena Calvo Blake
1975-76	Roger L. Dalgleish	2009	Barry N. Sisk
1976-77	Nathana H. Fuller	2010	Barry N. Sisk
1977-78	Cecil P. Chase	2011	Richard Hubbard
1978-79	Dorothy G. Kent	2012	Richard Hubbard/Karen Santi
1979-80	Joseph P. Harry	2013	Karen Santi
1980-81	Raymond L. Crosier	2014	Lucille Miller
1981-82	David H. Johnson	2015	Scott Schneider
1982-83	Charles H. Linke	2016	
1983-84	Rockwood N. Berry		

Life Diaconate

Rockwood Berry
Anne Harry
Joseph Harry

Cynthia Hill
Winnie Johnson
Signe Wright

Moderator's Report

The year 2016 was the first full year our church operated under the "Council of Ministries" governance structure. In mid 2015, we initiated a "trial" period to determine if we prefer this model to the previous one and if we do, to adjust the structure, if necessary, before incorporating into our Constitution and Bylaws. Under the previous structure, the Executive Committee would have monthly meetings attended by committee chairs but only members of the Executive Committee could vote. The Council of Ministries allows all ministries to interact, discuss, and vote through their representatives. As part of fine-tuning the structure, we activated our finance team at the beginning of this year to review and monitor the operating budget over the entire year. This team reviews the financials in detail and presents a summary to the Council. So far, feedback on the new structure appears favorable. The "trial" period is ending soon, so at the Annual Meeting, we will decide/confirm as a congregation whether to proceed with the Council of Ministries structure. If so, we will establish a task group to amend the By-laws and Constitution (to be voted on in a congregational meeting later in 2017).

Another notable item is that our financial team and the financial team from First Church of Christ, Congregational met a couple of times to share ideas on reducing outside costs to each individual church so we may have more funds for our ministries. For example, would it be less expensive per church if the same contractor painted both churches? Since both churches are thinking of beginning capital campaigns in 2017, can working together reduce costs for each church? As discussed at our special congregational meetings earlier this year, First Church and Second Baptist Church (SBC) hired Partners for Sacred Places to perform a capital campaign feasibility study. By hiring Partners for Sacred Places together, it was less expensive than if we hired them separately to do the same job. This feasibility study not only evaluates what SBC members may donate, but also other sources of donations from the community and potential grants from the state to preserve historical landmarks such as SBC. We should have the study results back in February.

From the Moderator's perspective, I am happy to report that our church appears to be healthy and growing spiritually. That's a real accomplishment in these difficult times when so many other churches are struggling.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank all the Ministry teams (including the ad hoc teams), Ministry chairs, staff, our pastor, Tom, and everyone else who has contributed in 2016 for all their dedication and hard work. You are the reason we had such a successful year!

In Christ,

Scott Schneider

Council of Ministries

Council of Ministries – Restructure Task Force

by Karen Santi

We have been operating under the Council of Ministries Structure for the past eighteen months. At the December 11th Council of Ministries meeting it was unanimously decided to propose to the congregation at the 2017 Annual Meeting to accept this new Structure and subsequently establish a Task Group to rewrite the Bylaws and Constitution to reflect this new structure.



The Church Clerk's Report

Joined by Baptism

Andy Barron
Shane Dauphin
Cedric LaRochelle
Matthew Nelsen
Jacob Quinn
Kaden Rinaldi

Joined by Christian Experience

Tiffany Bianco-Christian
Karl Christian
Paula Pratola
Jessica Rybeck

148 resident men	129 non-resident men
<u>197 resident women</u>	<u>164 non-resident women</u>
345 resident members	293 non-resident members

205 active resident members
140 inactive resident members

638 Total Members

Growth and Outreach Ministries

Worship Ministries

- Diaconate
- Ushers
- Communion Servers
- Suffield on the Green Flex Team
- Baptism
- Music Ministries

Fellowship and Caring Ministries

- Calling and Caring
- Food
- Fellowship Time
- Flower

Spiritual Formation Ministries

- Christian Education (Birth through High School)
- Adult Education Flex Teams

Mission Service and Justice Ministries:

- Mission Committee
- Emergency Aid Flex Team
- Soup Kitchen Flex Team
- Environmental Stewardship Flex Team
- Greater Suffield Interfaith Council

Financial and Building Ministries

- House
- Trustees
- Finance Team

Administrative Ministres

- Moderator
- Assistant Moderator
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Asst Treasurer (1 of 2)– Bookkeeper
- Asst Treasurer (2 of 2) – Payroll and Oversight
- Auditor
- Church Staff Relations

Annual Report of the Diaconate

2016 has been a year of change for the Diaconate and congregation of Second Baptist Church. Spearheaded by the leadership of the Reverend Thomas Carr, we are attracting new participants to our worship services as well as to other church activities. Membership has slowly begun to grow. The members of the Diaconate took an active role in planning for and leading the spiritual growth activities of the congregation. A huge “thank you” to the members of the Diaconate for their dedicated, faithful, and faith-filled service to our congregation. We are also indebted to past members of the Diaconate for their willingness to step in to help serve when needed.

As the congregation moves toward a more volunteer-based service model, this change in how the church’s needs are met has created many opportunities for service. This was very evident when Cliff Barron, Scott Miller, and Pastor Carr led the men of the church in preparing, cooking, and serving the annual Thanksgiving feast.

The downsizing of the Diaconate under the new Council of Ministries church structure has also resulted in challenges, particularly in the monthly preparation and serving of Communion. The smaller size of the Diaconate has resulted in each Deacon needing to serve Communion an average of seven times during the year. Former Deacons have helped out on several occasions and we really appreciate their willingness to help out.

With the help of Congregation Liaison Manager Alison Hardy-Dusto, we scheduled Sunday Morning Worship Leaders and Greeters.

The Baptismal Mentoring Program was modified for 2016 with the primary instruction occurring during the Sunday School time and mentors doing other activities with their mentees. As one of the culminating activities, the Deacons interviewed each candidate for baptism and evaluated the Faith Statements of each of the five candidates for baptism. We also supervised their baptisms and welcomed them into the Family of Christ here at Second Baptist Church.

The Diaconate has compiled formalized lists of members who are willing to assist other members by providing either Sunday morning transportation and/or meals for those recovering from illness, injury, surgery or other life issues. This is part of our continuing mission to foster compassionate lay ministries. Through our Fellowship Funds program, the Diaconate also provided emergency assistance to financially distressed members of the congregation. The Diaconate also contributed funds toward the completion of the Meditation Room and we contributed to the Music Ministry as part of our worship outreach.

We have sponsored, helped to plan and/or participated in many church events including: Lenten breakfast devotions, the Ash Wednesday and Maundy-Thursdays Services, Home Coming Sunday, Thanksgiving Dinner, and the Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

It is our hope that 2017 will enable us to increase our level of assistance to Pastor Carr as together we work to enhance and increase the spiritual aspects of our congregation's life together. We are also hopeful that through our activities we will become stronger in our faith and closer to God and to each other!

Respectfully Submitted,

David Jones
Diaconate Chairperson

Diaconate Fellowship Fund

First National Bank of Suffield
Checking Account

January 1 - December 31, 2016

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2016 **10,427.97**

Receipts

Trust Funds Revenue	9,696.67
Monthly Interest	5.00

Total Receipts **9,701.67**

Disbursements

Family Assistance	3,111.49
Second Baptist Preschool - Family Assistance	2,025.00
Camp Wightman - Family Assistance	200.00
Light of Hope - Family Assistance	500.00
Shipping Reimbursement	13.45
Lenten Book Study	293.37
Meditation Room	500.00
ABCConn Annual Meeting Reimbursement	12.50
Baptism Gift Reimbursement	63.69
Music Ministry	1,000.00
Communion Supplies Reimbursement	39.98
Spiritual Life Center Registration	160.00

Total Disbursements **7,919.48**

Ending Balance - December 31, 2016 **12,210.16**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Burnaford, Treasurer

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of Second Baptist Church in 2016 has grown to five groups; our Sanctuary Choir, SBC Singers, Folk Group and Children's Choir are directed by our choir director Evelyne Battle. Our organist Jean Aldrich-Jones directs the Handbell Choir. Evelyne and Jean are always striving to bring great music to our church. They work with all ages and levels of musical aptitude in the choirs and succeed in bringing the best out of all our choir members.

This year the choirs performed a Handbell Concert that raised \$374.00 in April and a Cantata on Palm Sunday.

Thanks to some generous donations, Royal Brass Quintet accompanied us at our Easter service and the Hot Cats Jazz Band performed with us on two separate occasions.

In December, in spite of the snow storm that threatened to cancel the show, the 13th Annual Community Christmas Concert was a hit. We were able to collect donations of \$650.00 for the Suffield Emergency Aid Fuel Bank.

In addition to these events, the Sanctuary Choir has performed at Suffield House Nursing Home, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert, the Annual Carol Sing at First Baptist Church, the Christmas Eve Service and caroling to the shut-ins.

Thanks to the effort of the Music Ministry and the congregation, The Spud Night and Dessert Auction was able to raise \$3000.00 to benefit our Music Ministry in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Drenzek

Music Committee Chair

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation at Second Baptist Church is about the movement of the Spirit in each person's life and the process of development of their faith through encounters with the Sacred. The congregation is the Body of Christ responsible for the guidance and nurturing of people throughout their lives. We strive to teach Bible stories, study the scriptures, our Christian heritage, and the many ways we live into our relationships with God, ourselves, one another and all creation. We provide a welcoming environment that encourages people in lifelong Christian discipleship. We offer opportunities for children, youth and adults to encounter God through worship, Bible study, spiritual practices, retreats, workshops, and small groups. Our hope is that each person finds a way to explore their faith and grow in their walk with God that is meaningful, powerful, and shapes the entirety of his or her life. We believe that your faith is a journey of exploration and growth as we encounter God and are transformed by God's love.

Our Children's Ministry Mission- "Learn it, Love it, Live it!"

Provide a challenging, enriching and exciting experience for our children so that they may gain knowledge about God and the Bible and develop their personal Christian faith. We also believe it is essential to involve our entire congregation in carrying out this educational and spiritual mission.

Our Youth Ministry Mission

To promote discipleship through worship, fellowship, service, study, and play. It is our intention that relationships with God in Christ and with each other will be built and strengthened. The youth will be given opportunities to participate in worship, to develop leadership skills and to learn what it means to be part of a congregation and serve God through service to the world God so loves.

Our Adult Ministry Mission

To promote life-long spiritual development and learning particularly through small group conversation, study, prayer and dialogue. There are three ongoing small group ministries and other opportunities for all adults to participate in the deepening of one's spiritual life. The Wednesday morning "Great Courses" series of lecture and discussion currently is engaged in the books of the early Christian church that were not included in the canon – scriptures. This followed over a year-long discussion of the Old and New Testaments. The Book Group meets once a month on Sunday evenings for discussion focused on particular contemporary books with spiritual dimensions. The Sunday morning Adult Education meets for 45 minutes prior to worship for reflections on biblical texts. For the past year, this group has been intentionally, prayerfully moving through the Gospel of John. During the month of October, over 30 people participated in six week small group discussion based on the book, "The Sermon on the Mount" by Clarence Jordan. There is a group that meets once a month for "group spiritual direction." All people are encouraged to engage in a discipline of spiritual/prayer practices, planting seeds for the marvelous growth God provides.

Submitted by,

Sue Begin Schneller, Christian Education and Youth Coordinator

Tom Carr, for Adult Ministries

Spiritual Formation Treasurer's Report

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2016

Balance on Hand	January 1, 2016				\$ 549.20
Receipts					
	Received from Church Treasurer	May	\$ 1,000.00		
	Received from Church Treasurer	July	\$ 1,500.00		
	Total Received from Church Treasurer		\$ 2,500.00		
	Received from VBS tuition		\$ 745.00		
	Total Receipts		\$ 3,245.00		\$ 3,245.00
	Receipts plus Prior year balance				\$ 549.20
					\$ 3,794.20
Disbursements					
	Sue Schneller		\$ 483.49		
	ABCONN Childcare		\$ 100.00		
	Gift Cards Grads & Baptism		\$ 225.00		
	Bibles/Picnic		\$ 929.17		
	Vacation Bible School		\$ 705.22		
	Youth Trip Boston		\$ 462.77		
	Sunday School		\$ 800.35		
	Total Disbursements				\$ 3,706.00
Balance on Hand	December 2016			Calc YTD	\$ (88.20)

Respectfully submitted,

Lee LaRochelle, CE Treasurer

The Preschool

It was with great sadness that we closed the Preschool after 28 years and hundreds of students.

Sue Schneller

Calling and Caring Ministry

(name change from Calling and Caring Committee)

The Calling and Caring Ministry showed that we care and are concerned for our church family in many ways this year. We did this through our prayers; friendly visits to home or care-facilities; by sending numerous cards/notes/e-mailings; making numerous phone calls; building friendships; welcoming visitors; and offering many smiles, hugs, and handshakes to one and all.

We took part in a Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour on December 18, 2016. We helped distribute Easter and Christmas plants with the Flower Ministry.

Each volunteer member decided how much personal time to devote tending to the needs of the church family. We met on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except, July, August, and December) for 1 to 1 1/2 hours in the church library.

This charming group of “people-persons” was willing to listen and talk with others in our church family who were in need of physical, emotional or spiritual help. (Keep confidences is always a necessity/priority.)

I hope each member of the group felt they have had the satisfaction of a job well-done when they saw a smile on a person’s face whom they helped in one way or another. We enjoy serving the people of Second Baptist Church.

Joyfully submitted,

Gloria Magliozzi
Director

Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time after service is a wonderful opportunity to catch-up and visit with others in an informal way.

It is a time of sharing and fellowship with members and guests at church.

Many in church help to make this event successful by helping with set-up, baking or clean-up.

We are always looking for volunteers.

Submitted by,

Sue Begin Schneller

Flower Ministry

Thank you to all those that gave Sunday flowers this year. Giving flowers is as easy as signing up on the flower calendar outside Fellowship Hall. We will call to remind you to order flowers and find out the wording you would like in the Sunday program. Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one you are remembering or honoring them along with making our Sanctuary beautiful. After the service you may take your flowers or we will be glad to deliver them to our shut-ins or someone that is ill. This ministry brings a smile to those that receive your beautiful flowers.

At Easter and Christmas, the church is decorated with lovely flowering plants that are given by members and friends. Thank you to all who take part in this ministry.

The Flower Ministry is made up of Claudia Hepner, Peggy Robards, Marilyn Wilson, and David Battle. They deliver flowers on Sundays and holiday plants after our services to shut-ins or those that are ill. I would like to thank them for bringing joy to people and for the time they spend decorating our Sanctuary to make it beautiful on Easter and Christmas. Also thanks to Art Sikes who helps us at Easter and Christmas. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, just ask me or one of the members.

Submitted by

Bev Sikes

Flower Task Group Chair

Food Ministry

This Ministry puts together teams to do Lenten Breakfasts, dinners, and funerals. It also buy supplies for Fellowship Time. We no longer have a paid person but we are working together to bring food to each event. Those that serve on a team for an event enjoy the friendship of those they are working with and have fun. Thank you to all that have worked on our events this past year. If you would like to join the fun, contact a member of the Food Ministry.

Richard Rinaldi, Kaden Rinalda, and Bev Sikes

Missions

This past year, the Mission Committee of Second Baptist Church continued to provide domestic and international support. Support to the following was provided:

Begin Preschool in the Spring of 2016

Third Baptist Church

Suffield Interfaith Council

Springfield Soup Kitchen

Cross Roads Food Pantry

Assistance to individuals and families within our community

Suffield's Emergency Aid Association's Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, which supply food and gifts for local Suffield families

Camperships for both SBC non-SBC children

American Baptist Churches USA: Unified Budget, America for Christ Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing (general and also for Syria crisis), World Missions Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Light of Hope- Dominican Republic Mission in January and August

Interreligious Eco- Justice Network

International Ministries

As you can see, there were many opportunities for individuals and groups to participate in various ways. We are blessed as a Church to have an abundance of support from within and outside of our congregation, to mission work. We thank everyone who contributed to the mission work of Second Baptist Church. We always welcome and encourage everyone to be a part of Second Baptist Church's commitment to missions.

TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2016 \$ 8,114.78

RECEIPTS

Missions Support from SCB Treasurer	\$ 16,351.05	
Trust Funds - Missions	\$ 17,223.66	
Trust Funds - Third Baptist Church	\$ 4,367.58	
Communion Offerings and Special Collections	\$ 2,852.50	
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	\$ 1,352.00	
America for Christ Offering	\$ 821.05	
World Mission Offering	\$ 1,049.50	
Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering	\$ 1,145.00	
Light of Hope Dominican Republic Mission	\$ 1,081.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 5.16	\$ 46,048.50
		<u>\$ 54,163.28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH ABC-USA

American Baptist Churches USA		
Unified Budget	\$ 16,100.00	
America for Christ Offering	\$ 900.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 2,100.00	
World Mission Offering	\$ 1,100.00	
RMMO	\$ 1,500.00	
		<u>\$ 21,700.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS AS DIRECT PAYMENTS

Third Baptist Church of Suffield	\$ 4,400.00	
Begin Preschool	\$ 2,500.00	
Reimburse Soup Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,253.02	
IREJN - interreligious Eco-Justice Network	\$ 600.00	
Light of Hope Dominican Republic Mission Projects	\$ 2,500.00	AUG 2016
Light of Hope Dominican Republic Mission Projects	\$ 2,500.00	JAN 2017
Camp Wightman	\$ 3,916.50	
Reimbursement - Grocery Store gift cards	\$ 200.00	
Community Needs Assistance	\$ 281.13	
Crossroads Parity - W Suffield Congregational Church	\$ 700.00	
International Ministries - Kristi Engle	\$ 500.00	
Suffield Emergency Aid Association (EAA)	\$ 1,000.00	
New Set of Checks	\$ 30.20	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,380.85</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 42,080.85

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2017	\$ 12,082.43
<u>Less: Uncleared checks & Reserve for Jan/Feb 2017 expenses, future 2017 reserves</u>	<u>\$ 7,427.01</u>
Remaining balance before undesignated Trust Fund Income transfer in late Feb 2017	\$ 4,655.42

Respectfully Submitted, Howard Beal, Treasurer of Benevolences

Light of Hope Mission

WHAT IS LOH?

LOH sponsors a biannual seven-day mission trip to the Punta Cana region of DR. LOH's mission is to connect youth and adults from the United States with churches, clinics and schools in the Dominican Republic in order to bring perspective and a light of hope to those in need and to truly live out our motto of "Learn it, Love it, Live it"

Who is LOH?

LOH is a large family of individuals who have gone on trips over the years. The mission founder and leader is Sue Begin Schneller (sue@secondbaptistpreschool.com). The mission manager is Ernie Begin (ejbegin@gmail.com). LOH is currently advised by a steering group that is part of Second Baptist Church and works closely with International Ministries.

TYPICAL ITINERARY

This itinerary may need to be adjusted depending on our flight arrival and departure times.

SATURDAY

- Arrive at PUJ Airport in Punta Cana, Dominican and travel to Punta Cana (This is 30 minutes)
- Check into our hotel and relax from the day's travel
- Orientation and sorting of supplies
- Church

SUNDAY

- Breakfast together
- Planning
- Visit Pastor Joel's home
- Dinner together

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

- Breakfast together
- Travel to work site , school or clinics
- Leave for hotel (typically between 2 pm and 3 pm)
- Dinner together
- Devotions
- Planning
- One day during the week we will host our in-country partners at the hotel for planning purposes.

SATURDAY

- Breakfast together
- Pack and be ready by Noon
- We should arrive at the airport at least 2 hours before our departure

We encourage our church family to seriously consider being the hands, feet and heart of Christ on a short-term mission trip. We strive to provide trips for all ages and stages and bring a sense of wonder to each short-term mission team. There are two trips a year, January and August. Get your name on a list to go or a list to help with fundraising and supplies.

"I WILL MAKE YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS, THAT MY SALVATION MAY REACH TO THE END OF THE EARTH." (ISAIAH 49:6)

Emergency Aid

Working hand-in-hand with the Emergency Aid is a great opportunity for our church to reach out to members of the community in need. The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone at Second Baptist Church that contributed to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the EAA families. Your generosity helped seven local families have a great holiday season. Please stop by and read some of the Thank You cards that the families sent in to show their appreciation. They will be on display on the Missions Committee bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you,

Corey Haynes

Soup Kitchen

On the second Saturday of the month Second Baptist Church brings food to a soup kitchen in Springfield. Our normal routine is to bring pizza and bananas and either brownies or cupcakes. We go up with a small group of volunteers from the church to set up the plates and then serve the clients. It's a great opportunity to do Gods work. If you'd like to make cupcakes, brownies or join us for the soup kitchen, please contact the church office. We're always looking for volunteers.

Greater Suffield Interfaith Council

The Greater Suffield Interfaith Council brings together people from a variety of faith traditions for prayer, study, worship and service in order to strengthen the ties that bind us together as one human family and with Earth, our common home. In 2016, the GSIC sponsored the following events:

1. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration held at Third Baptist Church on the Sunday, January 17th. An offering was received to aid Crossroads Food Pantry.
2. Conversations with Our Muslim Neighbors, a program of the Hartford Seminary. This two hour meeting held at First Congregational Church which drew over 125 people, was designed to listen to, understand and be in conversation with people who are Muslim, discovering their unique gifts and beliefs along with the common ties that unite us all.
3. A Presentation on the world-wide ecological crisis facing us, the moral and spiritual implications of our call to common stewardship of life and ways to work to preserve, converse and restore the land, water and air of Earth which is home to us all.
4. Easter sunrise service at Sunrise Park.
5. Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration held this year at Sacred Heart Church.
6. Multiple Prayer Vigils in response to events and/or crisis in the United States and around the world.

Submitted by,

The Reverend Thomas G. Carr

2016 Collector's Report

Offering towards 2016 pledges	\$141,159.22
Additional donations from members and friends	\$10,633
Offering towards 2015 Pledges	\$1,828.15
Offering towards 2015 non pledged	\$100
Cash (plate) offering	\$6,111.16
Offering towards 2017 Pledges	\$2,060
Special gift to the Music Ministry	\$775
Contribution for new bell	\$250
Total	\$162,916.53

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M Begin
Collector

Memorial Fund of Second Baptist Church

Managed and Accessed by Gloria Magliozzi and R.C. Hubbard (Treasurer).

This is a general fund that acquires and accumulates money from people who wish to donate in memory of someone. The money is managed with a renewable 6-month "semi-liquid" Certificate of Deposit and a simple checking account with The First National Bank of Suffield. At the moment, deposits and withdrawals are made by Gloria Magliozzi.

This year funds were expended for:

Tarnish-proof bags for silver serviceware: \$294.72
Paint and furnishings for Meditation Room: \$180.95
Sound recording equipment: \$712.85

CD account balance as of 1-1-2016:	\$14,466.59
Deposits:	0.00
CD interest:	28.07
Withdrawals:	2000.00
CD account balance as of 12-31-2016	\$12,494.66
Checking account balance as of 1-1-2016	\$1,002.45
Deposits:	2525.00
Withdrawals:	1188.52
Checking account balance as of 12-31-2016	\$2,338.93
Fund Total:	\$14,833.59

Respectfully submitted: Gloria Magliozzi

House Committee

The SBC House Committee was more active in 2016 than we have been in past decade. The members of the committee stepped up to the task of overseeing all and performing much of the maintenance of our properties. Some of the highlights from 2016 include:

Upgrades to the parsonage: New basement windows and door, insulation of the basement walls and replacement of the second floor windows. Work was coordinated by Walt Malec and made possible thanks to a generous donation from Tom and Peg Carr.

Replacement of lavatory panel in the men's room off of Fellowship Hall

Burst pipes in the Prior wing in February – alerted when flowing water set off the fire alarm

Burst pipes in the Chapel in December

Work Party in April to address burst pipes in the Prior wing among other activities

Development of required big ticket maintenance for a potential capital campaign

Repair of the computer room ceiling

Repair and painting of some exterior wood work

Repair of the main front doors

Conversion of Sanctuary lighting to efficient LEDs

Numerous toilet related issues

Numerous heat related issues

Numerous responses to the fire alarm system

Additionally, SBC benefited from the following donations:

SBC Landscaping provided lawn maintenance for the Church and Parsonage
(Scott Miller, Ted Sheiber and Jonah Berrien)

Such is the nature of the maintenance of our properties, our work is never done – there will always be something to do yet the House Committee remains committed to the task. We've approached the last 2 years of maintenance and upkeep with tight purse strings, some might characterize it as being stingy, trying to be fiscally responsible and only doing the bare minimum. 2017 will require us to address a few things that we have put off but have become critical, some of these items include:

Attic smoke detectors

Stripping and waxing of all tiled floors

Exterior wood work

To the members of the House Committee, thank you for your dedication and support of our church – you make a difference.

As a reminder, overseeing of the Church properties is now done on an all-volunteer basis – our plates are full. We ask members of the church to be understanding of our time – if you see something, say something and understand we will get to it as time and budget allows.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Barron, Chairperson

Church Staff Relations

The Church Staff Relations Committee (CSRC) was created by merging the Pastoral Relations and Personnel committees. The CSRC attempts to meet quarterly to serve in a liaison role to align the interests of the staff and of the congregation.

One of our ways to support our staff is to make sure that Second Baptist Staff have performance reviews getting feedback on a regular basis. As all part-time staff report directly to the Pastor, The Pastor conducted the Staff reviews in June 2016 as this seemed a better time to align with the Program year rather than try to do on a calendar year basis. Representatives from the Diaconate, Church Staff Relations and Moderator conducted a joint review for the Pastor.

Church Staff Relations completed a comparative staffing salary survey in July 2016 and made recommendations to the Finance Committee to align staff salaries. SBC have not given staff a salary increase for two years and the pastor has not had an increase since his hire date 2013. Our request was put forth to Finance Committee which would allow us to adjust and align salaries if possible for 2017. During the salary review, it was also suggested if we have excess funds in this year's budget that we give staff a bonus to make up for no salary increases for these years. SBC had some unexpected funds early December which have allowed a onetime bonus to happen in December 2016.

With these other priorities, we continue to progress on the Personnel policy rewrite but it is still a work in progress and moved to a new target date in 2017.

The Current staffing levels are at the recommendation of Church Staff Relations (and others) proposed in May 2014. With SBC staffing remaining constant during 2016, we thank every staff member for their continued contributions to Second Baptist.

We also wish to acknowledge the contributions made by Diane Lewis on this Committee and its predecessors – she faithfully attended meetings, made herself available as needed during the review process - her sudden passing was a great loss– she will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Santi, Chair, and Tina Berrien

CHURCH HISTORY 2016

The Second Baptist Church of Suffield (the congregation) worked with inspiration to fulfill its mission. Pastoral and lay leadership and many dedicated volunteers enabled programs, building maintenance, financial stability and the spiritual life of the congregation to be sustained. The temporary church governance structure, introduced in 2015 for an eighteen month trial period, worked relatively well and permanent acceptance will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January, 2017.

The proposed new church structure has a Council of Ministries as a hub about which are six ministries. Within each ministry are particular task groups. Each ministry is connected to the Council (hub) and to the other ministries around the hub. The six ministries are Administrative, Financial and Building, Growth and Outreach, Worship/Fellowship and Caring, Spiritual Formation, and Mission Service and Justice. The Council of Ministries consists of a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, and one representative from each one of the six ministries.

Church programs and activities functioned normally under the provisional church structure as did committees, boards and task groups .The Diaconate, the Board of Christian Education, the Council of Ministries, and the Missions, Music, Caring and Calling and House Committees met on a regular basis. The Church Staff Relations, Flower, Nominating, Stewardship, and Finance Committees met as needed. Other regular activities were the Special Needs Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Springfield Soup Kitchen mission. The music program is very active with four groups: Adult, Handbell, Children's Choirs and the Folk Group. Special music occurs occasionally. The Congregation Liaison Manager, Alison Hardy-Dusto, ran a very efficient office.

Many community organizations and activities frequently use SBC facilities: Boy and Cub Scouts, Suffield Youth Theater, Suffield Academy, Suffield Garden Club, a Yoga class, Alcoholics Anonymous, Red Cross blood drives, Kent Memorial Library. The Boy Scouts meet on Tuesday evening and AA on Mondays both throughout the year. Suffield Academy uses the Sanctuary most Mondays at one pm when school is in session. The Suffield Youth Theater Group met twelve times in January. On January 11th, Special Needs Fellowship met at 6:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting of SBC was held on the 24th in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. Activities increased in February. Suffield Academy held its first program of the new year in the Sanctuary on the first. Special Needs met on the 8th at 6:30 pm. The Garden Club met for program at noon on the 11th. Lenten Small Groups met on the 12th,14th, 26th and 28th. Lenten breakfasts began on the 14th. The Springfield Soup Kitchen mission occurred on the 13th. In addition to the regular Boy Scout meeting on the 16th, the Boy Scout Board met on the 18th as did the Cub Scouts. The Spiritual Direction Group met on the 26th.

Lenten breakfasts occurred on March 6,13 and 20. Lenten Small Groups met on March 4,6,11,13,18, 20. A hymn sing and potluck supper with Third Baptist Church was held on the 5th at Second Baptist. Special Needs program was held on the 14th in Fellowship Hall.

On Palm Sunday, the 20th, the Sanctuary Choir presented a Cantata during the worship service. The Environmental Stewardship Group met on the 22nd. Maundy Thursday, the 24th, was observed with Third Baptist at Second Baptist at 7 pm. Easter Sunday was on the 27th. Community sunrise service was held at 6 am and Second Baptist worship was at 10 am.

In April, a meditation became operational in the Prior wing. The Great Courses Bible Study classes were held each Wednesday 9:30-11 am. The Suffield Youth Theater Group met on the 1st. at 7 pm. The Suffield Garden Club met on the 4th. On the 9th, the Soup Kitchen mission went to Springfield at 11:15 and the Handbell Choir concert was held at 3 pm. Sunday worship music included the Hot Cat Jazz Band on the 10th. The Book Discussion Group met at 6:30. A Red Cross blood drive was held in Fellowship Hall sponsored by ARC on the 13th. A mini arts festival display was set up in Fellowship Hall beginning on May 1 with the art created by members of the congregation. Special Needs Fellowship met at 6:30 on the 9th. The Soup Kitchen mission happened on the 14th. After worship on the 15th, a special presentation on mental health was made by two members of the congregation in Fellowship Hall.

Great Courses classes led by the Pastor met on each Wednesday 9:30 - 11 in the Parlor in June.. Soup Kitchen mission was accomplished on the 11th. Sunday, the 12th was very busy; it was Advancement Sunday for the Sunday School, Recognition Sunday for High school and college graduates and Baptism Sunday. In addition, the church picnic began at 11:30 at the church. Kent Memorial Library held three programs for children in Fellowship Hall , the 18th, 22nd, and 29th. Camp Wightman programs for the summer began on the 26th with some Second Baptist youth attending.

Backyard BBQs were held in July at the parsonage (Carr residence) on Thursdays at 6:30 pm (bad weather postponed one). Vacation Bible School was held at SBC, July 11 - 15; theme was "Under the Sea". Kent Memorial Library held three programs for children - July. 9,14, 23. In August, worship services were held at First Baptist Church of Suffield. Suffield Youth Theater group met twelve times.

September 4 worship service was at First Baptist Church of Suffield. Worship services returned to SBC Sept. 11. "Suffield on the Green" was held on the 10th & 11th. Soup Kitchen mission happened on the 11th. Great Courses classes led by the Pastor, Tom Carr, were held each Wednesday 9:30-11 am. "Welcome back" Sunday was observed on the 18th with the Hot Cat Jazz Band playing before and during worship. The Garden Club met on the 19th. A congregational meeting was held after worship on the 25th to explain the physical needs of SBC facilities.

October began with a "Spud Night and Dessert Auction" to raise funds to support the SBC music ministry. On the 8th, people went to Springfield to work in the soup kitchen. A blood drive sponsored by SBC was held in Fellowship Hall 1:30-6:30 pm. The Boy Scout Board met at 7 pm on the 20th.

November 5, Saturday, was Holiday Fair time with a lunch available for purchase. The Suffield Garden Club met at noon on the 7th. On the 12th, two events: Springfield Soup Kitchen mission at 11:15 and SBC's Thanksgiving Celebration dinner. The next day was Commitment Sunday of the Stewardship campaign, "Following the Way of Love. On the 18th, Kent Memorial Library sponsored a program in Fellowship Hall - Family Wreath Making. The Suffield Interfaith Thanksgiving service was observed on the 20th at 4 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

December was a busy month. The Advent workshop for all ages was enjoyed 5-6:30 pm. The Polar Express program of the Kent Memorial Library was put on at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall on the 6th and repeated at 10:39 am on the 7th. A gingerbread decorating program was sponsored by the KML on the 10th at 10:30 am. A carol sing at First Baptist was enjoyed at 4 pm. Special Needs Fellowship celebrated a program on the 12th. A Boy Scout Review Board met on the 13th. The Suffield Youth Theater produced its Christmas themed variety show on the 16th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. The annual SBC Christmas concert was performed on the 17th at 3 pm. SBC caroling for shut-ins after the worship service on the 18th was led by Evelyne Battle. The Christmas Eve Pageant was held at 5 pm and was followed by a candlelight service at 10 pm. Christmas Day was Christmas Sunday.

Second Baptist Church of Suffield experienced growth in spiritual and temporal terms. The leadership of the Pastor with his preaching and teaching has been inspirational. A number of classes provided individuals with opportunities to expand their understanding of our Christian faith and its application to daily living. Finances have improved and our House Committee has alerted us to the needs of our physical plant. Our music program which has been strong over the years seems to have become stronger. We do need commitment of time from people. Even so, there is a positive force at work with our congregation which bodes well for our future.

Barry N. Sisk

Church Historian

American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABW)

The ABW is a group of women of Second Baptist Church with a goal of raising funds to support many charities both local and country-wide. We had a very successful Holiday Fair in November, raising over \$2900. This was due to the efforts of many church members. We sold jewelry, baked goods, decorations (including trimmed chairs, sleds, etc.), knitted and crocheted items and attic treasures. We served a delicious luncheon featuring chicken-ala-king and spice cake. Listed below are the charities that we are proud to support.

First National Bank of Suffield			
Balance on hand		1093.80	
1/2/2016			
<u>Receipts Holiday Fair</u>		2982.90	
			4076.70
<u>Disbursements</u>			
11/3/16	Table change for fair	175.00	
11/4/16	Lunch expenses	141.02	
12/30/16	Mission trip to Dominican Republic	500.00	
12/30/16	Camp Wightman	250.00	
12.30/16	Intl. Ministries, Valley Forge	200.00	
12/30/16	Network against Domestic Violence	800.00	
12/30/16	Emergency Aid Fuel Bank	1000.00	
			3066.02
Balance on hand			1010.68
1/11/17			

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Samplatsky, Treasurer

Boy Scout Troop 260 Yearly Report

Troop 260 has had another fun, active and eventful year in Scouting! We remain so thankful that Second Baptist Church has been our Troop sponsor since 1991. We have had many highlights throughout the year, none of which would have been possible without Second Baptist Church.

The year ended with thirty-two scouts, twelve leaders and nine Committee members---it takes a lot of work and dedication to service this group of boys and the Troop considers it lucky to be served by some of the best. Mike Cremins has served as the new Scoutmaster, and Alan Judkins has continued in the position of Committee Chairperson. Their leadership is fundamental to running the logistics of the Troop, but it goes beyond that as they encourage and inspire this group of scouts. This year, we offered a special recognition to Lester Smith, a long-time volunteer and friend of both the Troop and the Suffield community at large.

Tuesday meetings in Fellowship Hall have been invaluable in the building of our scout community. As a home base, the Second Baptist Church facilities allow our Troop the needed space to support our goals of citizenship, personal growth and leadership development. In addition to these important weekly meetings, the Troop has been lucky enough to participate in a wide range of other activities, including but not limited to:

- Twenty-six scouts spent a week of fun and growth at Camp Workcoeman near New Hartford, CT for summer camp.
- Nineteen scouts participated in a camping/biking trip on Cape Cod, hosted at Camp-Greenough, biking over fifty miles and touring Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.
- Our Troop continued its presence at Suffield on the Green with the traditional rope walk and a new initiative to make and sell mouth-watering kettle corn as a fundraiser.
- The Troop participated in a scavenger hunt in Boston that allowed a more urban experience to complement the rural/backcountry camping opportunities that scouts are traditionally given.

Our scouts continue to advance and achieve. Stone Nadeau and Jared Sharp, both students at Suffield High School, earned their Eagle Scout awards in 2016. Other scouts have advanced through the ranks, completing merit badges, community service, other prescribed requirements, and supporting their candidacy at the Troop Boards of Review. It's a time-honored process that focuses on helping each Scout reach their full potential.

Troop 260 has had an eventful year, mixing fun, exploration, work, and community-building. Our home at Second Baptist Church makes it all possible.

Submitted by,

Maureen Sattan
Troop 260 Secretary

Special Needs Fellowship

Special Needs Fellowship met the second Monday of the month except for July and August. Our group has grown significantly during the past year. Group homes from Avon, Bloomfield, Enfield, Farmington, and quite a number of people from Suffield attended regularly. We have grown from meetings of 25 people to a crowd of 40! The partnership we established with Suffield Park and Rec has greatly enhanced our program.

In June we held a prom which was highly successful and loads of fun! Santa visited in December with gifts for everyone. All participants really enjoy our monthly singing, dancing, crafts and snacks.

Those involved from our church include Tina Berrien, Jonah Berrien, Elsa Berrien, Derek Burnaford, Gail Davis, Trish Jackson, Dave Jones, Tatum LaRochelle, Scott Miller, Sue Schneller, our high school group, and Helping Hands. Gail Davis and I revised our songbook. Scott Sylvia contributed his time as the DJ for our Prom.

Jean Aldrich-Jones

Trustees Report

It has been the policy of the Trustees to contribute to the operation and mission budgets. The amount is calculated from the 3-year rolling average and 5% of that average. The value of the endowment is that of November 30th of each year. This year, the value is \$3,513,728.33. That is \$347,306.44 above last year and due mainly from another generous bequest of Nathana Fuller (the first was received in 2014.) The endowment is managed by Bank of America/US Trusts and American Funds. American Funds performed better than Bank of America/US Trusts by approximately \$60,000.00.

The contributions this year are shown in the Treasurer's budget report. During the year, the Trustees voted to fund half the cost of the Capitol Campaign study (\$9,000.00). We also received an unexpected payment of \$19,038.40 from a Voya Class Action Suit. Voya had managed a portion of our endowment in the past.

Many thanks to Becki Fuller, Laura Burnaford, Richard Hubbard, Art Sikes and Pastor Tom.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Malec

Second Baptist Church Endowment Funds as of November 30, 2016

Grantor Restrictions		Market Value 11/30/2016	Proration 11/30/2016
Funds for General Purpose			
	Name of Fund		
U	Leavert Ahrens	\$10,623.08	0.00302331
R	Loomis Hatheway Ahrens	\$17,496.00	0.00497933
R	Mary B. Ahrens	\$15,651.30	0.00445433
R	Alice Bartlett	\$58,943.62	0.01677524
R	Charles S. Bissell	\$23,116.69	0.00657896
R	Dorothy F. Bissell	\$20,599.78	0.00586266
U	Shirley Brown	\$387,443.87	0.11026574
R	George L. Creelman	\$3,242.45	0.00092280
R	E. Scott Farley Memorial	\$978.21	0.00027840
U	Frankie Connelly	\$70,716.30	0.02012572
R	Edward A. Fuller Fund (3/5)	\$133,934.54	0.03811750
R	Edward A. Fuller Fund #2	\$154,351.43	0.04392811
U	Emma J. Fuller	\$5,593.33	0.00159185
R	Franklin Fuller	\$66,148.49	0.01882573
U	Nathena Fuller, added to Feb 2016	\$351,694.36	0.10009151
U	Summner F. Fuller	\$24,690.03	0.00702673
U	Valyn Galvin	\$96,544.14	0.02747627
R	Alberta P. Greer	\$3,719.01	0.00105842
R	Erwin Grimmeisen	\$24,644.74	0.00701384
R	Cora E. Halladay	\$216,331.88	0.06156762
R	Ernest A. Hatheway	\$35,992.99	0.01024353
R	Louise E. Hatheway	\$3,139.85	0.00089359
U	Dorothy Kent	\$74,551.62	0.02121724
R	Helen M. King Church Expenses	\$10,614.34	0.00302082
R	Helen M. King Residuary	\$27,435.40	0.00780806
R	Land Sale Fund	\$55,506.95	0.01579717
R	Marian Lamont Maintenance Fund, add 2015	\$60,766.42	0.01729400
R	Marian Lamont Choir and Music Fund, a 2015	\$60,766.40	0.01729399
R	Howard F. Pease	\$14,645.75	0.00416815
R	Nellie M. Pease	\$23,146.33	0.00658740
R	Bessie F. Perry	\$267,303.58	0.07607406
R	Edwin and Caroline Pomroy	\$15,651.30	0.00445433
R	George L. and Mary L. Pomeroy	\$11,389.60	0.00324146
R	Clifford H. and Helen F. Prior	\$38,476.14	0.01095023
R	Agnes Hatheway Senter	\$2,873.06	0.00081767
R	Charles L. Spencer	\$9,241.66	0.00263016
R	I. Luther Spencer Memorial	\$79,884.60	0.02273499
R	Louise P. Spencer	\$1,548.26	0.00044063
U	Harriet Wing Estate (3/4)	\$45,946.26	0.01307621
U	Miscellaneous Gifts	\$12,020.05	0.00342088
	Total General Purposes	\$2,537,363.80	0.72212862
Funds for Property upkeep			
U	Frankie Connelly Property Upkeep Fund	\$94,288.40	0.02683429
U	Nathena Fuller Property Upkeep Fund, add 2016	\$96,575.64	0.02748523
	Total Property Upkeep	\$190,864.04	0.05431952

Second Baptist Church Endowment Funds as of November 30, 2016

	Name of Fund	Market Value 11/30/2016	Proration 11/30/2016
Funds for Fellowship Assistance			
R	Zebrine Adams & Emily Sheldon	\$35,384.17	0.01007026
U	Frankie Connelly	\$35,358.15	0.01006286
U	Nathena Fuller, added to Feb 2016	\$66,132.31	0.01882112
U	Mary J. Hatheway (1/2)	\$256.23	0.00007292
R	Helen M. King	\$37,438.65	0.01065496
R	Marion Lamont Fund for Poor Members, 2015	\$60,766.40	0.01729399
R	Geneve E. Last Poor Fund	\$8,363.78	0.00238031
R	Betsy Loomis	\$5,141.86	0.00146336
R	Chauncey Sheldon	\$3,025.82	0.00086114
	Total for Fellowship Assistance	\$251,867.36	0.07168094
Funds for Missions			
U	Frankie Connelly	\$35,358.15	0.01006286
R	Edward A. Fuller #2 (Curr. Expense 1/2)	\$154,365.12	0.04393200
U	Nathena Fuller, added to Feb 2016	\$115,380.74	0.03283713
U	Mary J. Hatheway (1/2)	\$421.84	0.00012005
U	Harriett Wing Estate (1/4)	\$15,315.42	0.00435874
R	Mission Outreach (formerly Poor Fund #2)	\$80,150.84	0.02281077
	Total for Missions	\$400,992.11	0.11412155
Funds for Women's Bapt Home Mission Soc.			
R	Hattie A. Fuller	\$5,328.84	0.00151658
U	Nathena Fuller	\$2,509.05	0.00071407
R	Sarah L. Fuller	\$4,660.74	0.00132644
R	Emily A. Spencer (for WBHMS)	\$8,001.23	0.00227713
	Total WBHMS	\$20,499.85	0.00583422
Funds for Women's Baptist Foreign Missions			
R	Hattie A. Fuller	\$5,328.84	0.00151658
U	Nathena Fuller	\$2,509.05	0.00071407
R	Sarah L. Fuller	\$4,660.74	0.00132644
R	Emily A. Spencer (for WBHMS)	\$8,001.23	0.00227713
	Total WBFMS	\$20,499.85	0.00583422
Funds for Third Baptist Church Suffield			
R	Cora A. Cone	\$2,337.21	0.00066517
R	Edward A. Fuller (2/5)	\$89,304.10	0.02541577
	Total Third Baptist Church	\$91,641.31	0.02608093
	Total Consolidated Endowment Fund:	\$3,513,728.33	1.00000000
As of November 30, 2016 funds were invested as Follows:			
	US Trusts	\$1,723,202.18	
	American Funds	\$1,790,526.15	
	Total Consolidated Investment Funds	\$3,513,728.33	

Treasurer's Report

This report contains the financial report for 2016, both the actual expenses and the budget expenses. Also within is the proposed 2017 budget. Along with these you will also find a summary of the checking and investment accounts. The money in the investment account is currently held in a six-month CD and has been earmarked for a designated purpose in the future. As of 1/1/16 there was a starting balance of \$28,876.95 in the investment account and an ending balance of \$26,013.03.

Mission support (Treasurer of Missions) is the account that is funded through the pledges and plate offering. In 2014 was 10%, 2015 represented 10.1% and 2016 represented 10.1%. For 2017 we have budgeted 10%.

Now onto some of the details regarding the report for 2016. The pledge and plate offering was more than expected which means we were able to give more money to missions than was originally budgeted. The boiler repairs were higher than anticipated but these extra expenses were offset by lower plowing and utility expenses. The income from the trust funds appears higher than budgeted. This is due to the Trustees paying \$9,000 towards the expense of the feasibility study for the capital campaign. In addition to those funds, the trustees also contributed an additional \$3500 for operating expenses; these funds came from unexpected proceeds from our prior trust management company.

We received \$3,575 in special contributions of which \$3,025 was given for music and \$550 was given for general use.

The non-budgeted items this year were for flowers. We received \$1,155 in donations and we spent \$990.25 on flowers. We also raised \$3374.00 from music fundraisers and those funds are listed under Misc. Income on the income and expenses report. In addition to the items talk about above, the Finance Committee was reformed and met monthly. There were a number of items that were discussed this year that have paid dividends already or will in the near future. A few items discussed, were ways to further reduce expenses, payroll structure, insurance. In addition to the expense, side a few ways to increase contributions was discussed mainly being electronic donations and Amazon Smile which enables people to give just by shopping on Amazon.

Overall, 2016 was a positive year and it was a pleasure to be able to work with the new committee and further streamline our bill payment process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Hubbard, Treasurer

2016 Statement of Income, Expenses and Proposed 2017 Budget

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Income			
1100 INCOME			
1100 OFFERING			
1110 Pledges	141,300.00	142,987.37	148,000.00
1120 Non Pledge & Plate	18,000.00	16,844.16	18,000.00
1130 Pledge Prepayment	0.00	2,060.00	0.00
Total 1100 OFFERING	<u>159,300.00</u>	<u>161,891.53</u>	<u>166,000.00</u>
1200 RENT			
1210 Pre-School	800.00	0.00	0.00
1220 Suffield Academy	3,500.00	4,350.00	3,500.00
1230 Other Rent	1,300.00	2,274.00	2,000.00
1240 Custodian Fee's	1,000.00	575.00	750.00
1250 T-Mobile Lease	29,863.69	29,513.71	29,956.45
Total 1200 RENT	<u>36,463.69</u>	<u>36,712.71</u>	<u>36,206.45</u>
1300 TRUST FUND RECEIVED			
1310 Second Baptist Church	88,827.29	101,327.29	91,402.00
1320 Fellowship Assist./Diacona	9,696.67	9,696.67	11,612.40
1330 Missions	17,223.66	17,223.66	20,378.13
1340 Third Baptist Church	4,367.58	4,367.58	4,225.14
1350 Lamont Trust	16,500.00	15,127.43	16,500.00
1370 Property Upkeep	4,478.16	4,478.16	8,799.83
Total 1300 TRUST FUND RECEIVED	<u>141,093.36</u>	<u>152,220.79</u>	<u>152,917.50</u>
1400 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
1406 Continuing Education Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1409 Parsonage Upgrade Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Total 1400 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
1500 INTEREST INCOME	10.00	13.54	10.00
1600 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS			
1610 General use	0.00	550.00	0.00
1620 Music	0.00	3,025.00	0.00
Total 1600 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,575.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1700 Misc Income	200.00	4,176.95	100.00
Total 1100 INCOME	<u>346,067.05</u>	<u>366,590.52</u>	<u>356,233.95</u>
Expense			
2000 EXPENSE			
2100 CHURCH PROPERTY			
2110 Insurance	17,145.00	16,425.00	16,500.00
2120 Maintenance	26,325.40	24,375.70	31,405.40
2130 Utilities	34,850.00	27,724.22	30,800.00
2150 Major Repairs	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
2160 Property Upkeep	4,478.16	3,079.00	8,799.83
2170 Parsonage Upgrade	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Total 2100 CHURCH PROPERTY	<u>91,798.56</u>	<u>79,603.92</u>	<u>88,505.23</u>

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2200 CHURCH EXPENSE			
2210 Christian Education & Youth Group	3,000.00	3,509.85	3,500.00
2220 Music	3,100.00	3,145.64	2,760.00
2230 Paid Musicians	2,000.00	4,108.05	2,280.00
2240 Office and Printing	8,000.00	7,514.75	7,250.00
2250 Program and Outreach	2,790.00	2,602.53	2,750.00
2260 Paid Substitutes	600.00	275.00	2,100.00
2270 Food Ministry	500.00	667.20	500.00
2280 Staff Continuing Education	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
2290 Banking Expenses	300.00	290.30	300.00
Total 2200 CHURCH EXPENSE	21,290.00	22,113.32	22,440.00
2300 MISSION SUPPORT			
2310 Treasurer of Missions	16,089.30	16,351.06	16,600.00
2320 Fellowship Assist./Diacon	9,696.67	9,696.67	11,612.40
2330 Treasurer of Benevolence	17,223.66	17,223.65	20,378.13
2340 Third Baptist Church	4,367.58	4,367.58	4,225.14
Total 2300 MISSION SUPPORT	47,377.21	47,638.96	52,815.67
2400 PASTOR			
2410 Salary	47,500.00	48,499.96	49,400.00
2412 FICA Offset	6,647.00	6,647.04	6,925.00
2414 Retirement, MMBB	15,189.76	15,189.72	15,592.00
2416 Reimbursement Health Ins.	8,389.00	8,388.96	8,727.00
2418 Professional Expenses	400.00	383.83	400.00
2420 Continuing Education	750.00	203.82	750.00
2422 Mileage	1,000.00	744.12	1,100.00
Total 2400 PASTOR	79,875.76	80,057.45	82,894.00
2500 PAYROLL EXPENSE/SALARY			
2520 Choir Director	10,762.00	11,280.99	10,977.24
2530 Christian Ed. Coord.	24,803.00	25,336.04	25,299.06
2540 Custodian	19,200.00	19,600.00	20,800.00
2570 Organist	14,196.00	14,695.94	14,479.92
2580 Cong. Liaison Manager	26,000.00	26,500.04	26,520.00
Total 2500 PAYROLL EXPENSE/SALARY	94,961.00	97,413.01	98,076.22
2600 PAYROLL EXPENSE & FICA			
2610 Staff FICA	7,264.52	7,452.06	7,502.83
2620 Workman Compensation	2,200.00	4,336.00	2,500.00
2630 Payroll Expense/PayChex	1,300.00	1,462.98	1,500.00
Total 2600 PAYROLL EXPENSE & FICA	10,764.52	13,251.04	11,502.83
2700 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
2702 Major Repair Fund	0.00	1,399.16	0.00
2710 Music Fund	0.00	3,697.31	0.00
Total 2700 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	0.00	5,096.47	0.00
2800 Capital Campaign Expenses	0.00	18,000.00	0.00
Total 2000 EXPENSE	346,067.05	363,174.17	356,233.95
Net Income	0.00	3,416.35	0.00

INVESTMENT AND CHECKING ACCOUNT 2016

At this time invested in First National Bank of Suffield CD

All Starting Balance as of 1/1/2016	All Ending Balance as of 12/31/2016
Checking Account, First National Bank of Suffield Checking	Starting Balance \$1,574.68 Ending Balance \$5,155.78
Investment	Total Investments starting: \$28,876.95
Major Repair Fund Used for major repairs on the church & Parsonage.	Starting Balance \$0.00 Money from Checking \$1,399.16 Ending Balance \$1,399.16
Organ Repair Fund Used for organ service required every 25 years, last done in 2001.	Starting Balance \$4,609.73 Interest \$9.09 Ending Balance \$4,618.82
Van Rental Fund Used for Van Rental for Church Functions and/or events.	Starting Balance \$756.90 Interest \$1.49 Ending Balance \$758.39
Pastor Sabbatical Fund sabbatical for pastor every seven years.	Starting Balance \$3,881.09 Interest \$6.99 Ending Balance \$3,888.08
Continuing Education Fund	Starting Balance \$1,711.78 Interest \$3.38 Ending Balance \$1,715.16
Kitchen Upkeep Fund equipment up to date.	Starting Balance \$5,933.68 Interest \$10.80 Ending Balance \$5,944.48
Food Ministry Fund Used by Kitchen Committee	Starting Balance \$1,646.93 Interest \$3.25 Ending Balance \$1,650.18
Music Fund Used by Music Committee	Starting Balance \$2,336.84 Money from Music Committee \$3,697.31 Interest \$4.61 Ending Balance \$6,038.76
Parsonage Upgrade Gift earmarked for Parsonage upgrade	Starting Balance \$8,000.00 Used for Parsonage upgrades \$8,000.00 Ending Balance \$0.00
	Total Investments ending: \$26,013.03

Report of Nominating Committee for 2017

Church Officers

Moderator	Scott Schneider
Vice Moderator	Vacant
Clerk	Lucille Miller
Assistant Clerk	David Battle
Treasurer	Karen Santi
Assistant Treasurer 1 Bookkeeper	Laurie Gokey
Assistant Treasurer 2 Payroll and Oversight	Arthur Sikes
Treasurer of Benevolences	Howard Beal
Collector	Mary Begin
Assistant Collector	Kathy Sylvia
Internal Auditor	Ernie Begin
Director of Memorial Fund	Laura Burnaford

Special Offices

Historian	Barry Sisk
Librarian	Libby Begin

Trustees

Laura Burnaford	Becki Fuller
Walter Malec	Karen Santi
R.C. Hubbard	Art Sikes

Diaconate

Len Kingsbury	Laura Burnaford
Lucille Miller	David Jones
Lois Vormstein-Schneider	Marcy Rookey
Howard Beal	

Representatives to the Suffield Interfaith Council

Anne Stanley	Nancy Drenzek
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Food Ministries Committee

Beverly Sikes	Rich Rinaldi
Youth: Kaden Rinaldi	Greg Bassos

Fellowship Time Coordinator

Becky Tobiasz

Growth and Outreach Ministries

Scott Sylvia
Sue Schneller
Gloria Magliozzi

Tina Berrien
Anne Stanley

Spiritual Formation/Christian Education

Michelle Killam
Jean Rinaldi
Youth: Tatum LaRochelle

Sheryl Woods

Missions Services and Justice Ministries

Richard Binns
Marcy Rookey
David Burnaford
Youth: Kate Rookey

Kris Pryce
Michele Brown-Quinn

Music Committee

Gail Davis
Nancy Drenzek
Laurie Gokey

Tina Berrien Laura Burnaford
Sue Barron
Lois Vormstein-Schneider

Flower Task Group

Beverly Sikes
David Battle
Claudia Hepner

Marilyn Wilson
Peggy Robards

Calling Caring Ministries

Gloria Magliozzi
Barry Sisk
David Battle

Gail Davis
Beverly Sikes
Laurie Gokey

Ushering Committee

Team A

Howard Beal, Captain
Jonah Berrien
Richard Rinaldi
Kaden Rinaldi

Team B

Art Sikes, Captain
Joshua Quinn
RC Hubbard
Greg Bassos

Team C

Tucker Killam, Captain
Walter Malec
Barry Sisk
Wally Malec

Team D

Bob Davis, Captain
Jim Grant
Derek Burnaford
Laurie Gokey

House Committee

Cliff Barron
Scott Miller
Jamie Guilmette

Walter Malec
Richard Binns
Ted Sheiber

Church Staff Relations Committee

Karen Santi
Tina Berrien

Peter Pierzchala

Nominating Committee

Past President, Chair: Lucille Miller
One member from every committee and board

Respectfully Submitted,
The Nominating Committee
Karen Santi, Past President & the Council of Ministries

**Special Meetings of the Second Baptist Church were held
July 31 and September 18
Purpose to consider items to include in a Capital Campaign
July 31 and September 24, 2016**

Pastor Carr opened asking the congregation members for ideas preparing for a Capital Campaign and two sessions would be held to give as many members as possible the chance to attend and give ideas.

Scott Schneider, Moderator of Council of Ministries recapped that there would be two brainstorming sessions in July 31 as well as Sept 25th to get suggestions from the congregation as to their ideas and purpose of this capital campaign. In Sept Scott recapped some of the work of the Finance Team over the summer, meeting with First Church multiple times to consider sharing the costs of a feasibility study – and the Council of Ministries would be holding a special vote on Monday, September 26th at 7pm on if we will proceed with the presented feasibility study proposal. However, before digging into that, Scott introduced Cliff Barron, Chair of House committee.

Cliff had prepared a slide show one afternoon when he walked around the church building taking pictures of things that needed to be done outside of a normal work day or would require hiring specialists to do the work that would cost more funds than our annual maintenance budget allows.

Items suggested were, in no particular order: repair and or replace the flat roof due to age and water damage that has occurred over time, replace roofs on the non- sanctuary part of the building, paint the interior of the Sanctuary, replace fire alarm system and he detailed issues with the current system including cost, useful life expiry and complexity, other items included the Gold Leaf replacement on the dome, and may include other things like updating bathrooms, painting the Fellowship Hall as well as some parsonage updates which already of started with a generous donation of the Carr's. Cliff encouraged the congregation to come forward with ideas or something they are passionate about that would be evaluated on the list. Cliff also mentioned how difficult it would be to manage these projects without a facilities manager so we may need to consider hiring a facilities person to oversee tasks during the campaign.

Scott asked the Finance Committee to share ideas from the feasibility study proposal by Partners for Sacred Places. Partners for Sacred Places have worked all over the United States running feasibility studies and capital campaigns for all types of worship places that are 50 years old or more. They have never done a joint study but look forward to the possibility of working with both First Church and Second Baptist –particularly on the Feasibility study as there would be a lot of overlap. They shared they calculate an economic value impact to the community as each church provides space to many different groups through various building use. They encouraged us to consider all the groups and former members that would be interested in funding the needs of Second Baptist many were mentioned including Suffield Academy, AA, Scouting groups, Suffield Library, Special Needs, former members and other community groups ect., citing that there are many more people impacted by this church than are in the pews Sunday morning. The joint study would gather information from the police chief and we may find a potential mission opportunity in Suffield that we are not even aware of.

Some people asked questions and made a few suggestions and we welcomed input from those that had run capital campaigns in the past.

Scott asked Pastor Carr to close in prayer.

IN MEMORIAM

Members...

William Connelly

Joined Second Baptist Church on April 19, 1953

Samuel Fuller

Joined Second Baptist Church on March 28, 1937

Diane Lewis

Joined Second Baptist Church on December 20, 1998

Louella Lyman

Joined Second Baptist Church on January 31, 1954

John Meier

Joined Second Baptist Church on October 4, 1987

Henry Windsor

Joined Second Baptist Church on September 26, 1982

and Friends...

George E.Allen

Nikky Oyeniya