



THE CRIER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2022

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



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

Dear Christian Friends,

As we come to the end of our ministry together here at Second Baptist Church, I want to thank you for the love and support through this time offered by so many of you. We are in a season of new beginnings – new beginnings in which God calls us to repent from the ways of this world and turn toward the light of the Christ Child.

One thing you will want to know is, in the coming year, I am expected to take a break from contact with you, as part of the ethical code of the Minister's Council. Please know that this break is not personal – I love and cherish our time together and look forward to friendship in the future – but an important time in which you will have time to think about the direction for this church, turn toward new pastoral leadership, and connect to new leadership. I ask for your patience with this transition, as it can be a difficult time to navigate.

And so, as we conclude our time together, and you look forward to the future, I wish to offer you the words of the great theologian, educator, and Baptist pastor, the Rev. Howard Thurman. This is his poem, entitled "The Work of Christmas."

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

The work of Christmas has begun, for all of us, in a new way in this season. May God bless you and your ministries in the coming years.

In Love and Peace,

Rachael

The Rev. Dr. Rachael B. Lawrence

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About Our Community

- **Bruce Remington** passed away on December 11th. His memorial service was held at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home on December 15th.
- **Susanne Orr** passed away on December 13th. Her memorial service will be held at a later date.
- **Evelyne Battle's** mother, **Madeleine Thibout**, passed away on December 21. Her memorial service will be held at a later date.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

Flower Contact: Bev Sikes

January 2

Ushers: **TEAM D:** Jim Grant & Derek Burnaford

Worship Leader: Brienne Sienez

Flowers:

January 9

Ushers: **TEAM A:** Howard Beal

Worship Leader: Madelyn Eckley

Flowers:

January 16

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

Worship Leader: Mardi Newman

Flowers:

January 23

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

Worship Leader: Libby O'Hara

Flowers:

January 30

Ushers: **TEAM D:** Jim Grant & Derek Burnaford

Worship Leader: Katie O'Hara

Flowers:

February 6

Ushers: **TEAM A:** Howard Beal

Worship Leader: TBA

Flowers:

February 13

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Flowers:

February 20

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

Worship Leader: TBA

Flowers:

February 27

Ushers: **TEAM D:** Jim Grant & Derek Burnaford

Worship Leader: TBA

Flowers:

The First Communion Sunday of 2022 will be held on **January 2nd**. The Rev. Dr. Harry Riggs, Executive Minister of ABCCONN, will be preaching that day.

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

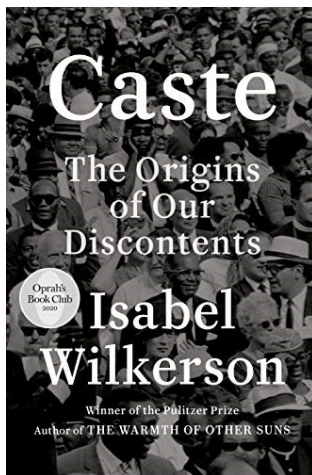
If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact

Len Kingsbury 860 745-7851

If you need to get in contact with the office

please email Alison Dusto

office@secondbaptistsuffield.org



Book Group has concluded their activity for 2021.

Please join us in January of 2022 as we read

Caste: The Origins of our Discontent

by Isabel Wilkerson.

More information will be forthcoming!

Second Baptist Church Annual Meeting Sunday January 30th

Please save the date and plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield on Sunday January 30th following morning worship which begins a 10:00am



Mask Reminder

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as the old saying goes. Please continue to bring a mask with you to church and plan on wearing it, unless occupying a personal office or among those who mutually consent to being around each other mask free. COVID rates have climbed in the past week in our local area, after a long period of decline. We still want to hold each other's health in love and safety.



January 19th at noon the Women's Lunch Bunch will get together in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Let us know if you can make it and we will set a place for you. RSVP 860-668-1661 or office@secondbaptistsuffield.org

We have recently found doors left open at the church, so we are asking everyone who uses the building to please be sure to double check that the doors are closed and locked before exiting the building.



Membership

Are you interested in MEMBERSHIP at Second Baptist Church?
Please email

office@secondbaptistsuffield.org.



Upcoming Deadlines

March CRIER:

Tuesday, February 15th

Annual Reports:

Sunday, December 31st

(Not including the Financials)



Hats for Hope January 9th at 11:30 am

Join us and make a hat to share with someone in need. Everyone is invited to make polar fleece hat and we'll attach a little tag that says "You are loved!". Hats will be given to the homeless, locally, and to our soup kitchen clients.

Special thanks to June Hodges for the idea and her expertise.

Soup Sale January 16th

Join us at 11:00am, right after church in the Fellowship Hall and buy a bowl of soup To-Go! Help support others in our community. Pick up a container of soup and cornbread and make a donation. All proceeds will go to a local charity. If you have a soup you would like to make for the event, contact the church office and bring it to church HOT in a crock-pot. When you buy any of our delicious soups, pick up a recipe card and make a batch yourself for National Homemade Soup Day on February 4th. Share



Build a Birthday Cake Kit January 23rd during Fellowship Time

Create your own party-in-a-box at home for a child in need! Everyone loves to celebrate their special day. With this project, you'll make birthdays easier for families who are struggling. Each kit needs a foil pan, a box cake mix, can of frosting, jar of sprinkles, and a box of candles. Bring your kit to church join us right after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration.



Flamingo Yoga Class at Second Baptist Church

Thursdays at 10 am in the Activity Room
There are openings available!

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



Suffield Ping Pong Club Returns to SBC

Ping pong is returning to the Second Baptist Church after a long hiatus. The self-proclaimed "Suffield Ping Pong Club" has been playing ping pong together for over 25 years. Our members range in age from early thirties to seventies. Don't let the age gap fool you. The "young" guys are thrilled when they can beat the old timers. We will be playing every Wednesday from 7-9PM in the Fellowship Hall and are always looking for new players. There are three tables, so we can accommodate every level of player and if you're new to ping pong someone will be happy to show you how to play.

Please contact Alan Garvey at (860) 305-0044 if you are interested. (Since sometimes there are cancellations or day changes please contact me to confirm we are playing.)



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

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

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction via Zoom	3 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp.	4 9:00 am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 7:00 pm Growth and Outreach 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	6 9:00 am — 1:00 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	8 11:00 am Soup Kitchen 1 New Year's Day
9 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 11:30 am Hats for Hope 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction	10 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA	11 9:00am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg	12 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	13 9:00 am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	14 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	15 7:00 pm Growth and Outreach-Make Cornbread
16 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Soup Sale 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Singers 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction via Zoom	17 Martin Luther King Day 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp.	18 9:00 am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.	19 11:00 am Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	20 9:00 am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm BSA Board Mtg. 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	21 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	22
23 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction via Zoom	24 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. 7:00 pm House Mtg.	25 9 am—1 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	27 9 am—1 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga 11:00 am Lecto Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm BSA Board Mtg. 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	28 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	29
30 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am SBC Annual Mtg 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction via Zoom	31 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp.					

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction	7 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	1 9:00am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 7:00 pm Growth & Outreach 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	3 9:00am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto Bible Study 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	4 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	5
13 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries 1:00 pm Cetto Chamber Singers (Snow Date) 7:00 pm Group Spiritual Direction	14 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley Chapter-EGA	15 9:00am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Missions	16 12:30 pm Calling & Caring Ministry 7:00 pm Ping Pong Club	17 9:00am—1:00 pm Church Office Open 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto Bible Study 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	18 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	19
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JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS

Steve Senter	1
David Battle	2
Sarah Johnson Hubbard	4
Justin Drenzek	6
Carolyn Samplatsky	7
Heather Pierzchala	8
Jan Anderson	10
Jim Wood	11
Frances Rumore	13
Ryan John Rookey	14
Adelaide Elizabeth Begin	
Daisy Saunders	16
Jacob Quinn	
Robin (Colson) Arsenault	18
Lois (Hayes) Gracey	20
Clara Fisher	
Christine Ahrens	
Ruth Thompson	22
Michele Brown Quinn	
Kathy Remington	24
Jason Jamrog	
Becki Fuller	25
Jean Aldrich-Jones	26
Betsy (Drenzek) Carr	28



JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Melinda Fuller	23
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FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Linke	2
Debbie Preli	3
Matt Brown	4
Bob Davis	5
Elissa (Wood) Nasiatka	6
Robbie Tobiasz	7
Heather Grant	
Marcia Killam	9
Avery Whitman	13
Meredith Quitno	
Lin Remington	16
Lee LaRochelle	
Steve Smith	19
Ryan Price	20
Gloria Magliozzi	21
Cliff Barron	
Nancy Drenzek	22
Sue Roy	
Patsy Senter	
Cedric LaRochelle	25
Ryan Waterman	26
Rachael Lawrence	27



FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries during the month of February.



ARC Blood Drive
Wednesday, February 9th
Fellowship Hall

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (800 733-2767)
to book your appointment.

January Communion Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing Central US Tornado Relief

On December 10-December 11, 2021 dozens of severe tornados caused significant damage and tragic loss of lives in six Central/Mid-West states - Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois.

On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) recently released monies in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) disaster-relief funds. Members of the Missions Ministry at Second Baptist have authorized to send immediately \$2000 to OGHS to assist in the recovery and rebuilding of the area.

During the month of January, the communion offering is designated to OGHS – Central Tornado so that the congregation has the opportunity to help support our neighbors who have suffered so much and will be recovering and rebuilding during the next several months.

If paying by check please designate in the memo line to “OGHS – Central Tornado”. If donating electronically go to the “Online Giving” link on the church website: www.secondbaptistsuffield.org and select “Communion Offering”. Thank you for your support!



Got Pull-Tabs for Shriners Hospital?

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

February Communion Offering

The Network Julie’s Safe House

During the month of February, the communion offering is designated for “Julie’s Safe House” which is an emergency safe house in the Enfield area for victims of domestic abuse.

This safe house is run by The Network which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist families and individuals who have experienced domestic and intimate partner violence, educate to promote healthy relationships, and advocate for safer communities.

If paying by check please designate in the memo line to “Julie’s Safe House”. If donating electronically go to the “Online Giving” link on the church website: www.secondbaptistsuffield.org and select “Communion Offering”. Thank you for your support!



Call our 24/7 hotline at
(860)763-4542 to talk to someone.



Job Posting Overnight Monitor Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center Enfield, CT

Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center is currently looking to fill 2 openings for Overnight Monitor (s) 8:45 pm to 7:45 am. This position is for 20 hours per week.

Overnight Monitors are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Warming Center, ensuring a safe, caring and supportive environment for our guest and volunteers. Monitor's will also be responsible for overseeing the volunteers and guests according to the center's policies and procedures.

For more information please send your resume and statement of interest to Monica Wright at mwright.eshwc@gmail.org. No phone calls please.



Do you shop on Amazon.com? Now you can donate to our church at the same time--- without spending any extra money!

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into your account. Then specify Second Baptist Church (location Suffield, CT) as your chosen charity.

When you place your orders, our church will automatically receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases, not including shipping (purchases include Amazon purchases only, not other vendors).

Ask your family and friends if they will sign up, too. Once you sign up, create a bookmark to use each time you shop. Nothing will change about your Amazon shopping experience. Amazon Prime accounts will not be affected.

If you have any questions or need help setting up the account, please ask Laurie Gokey, 860-402-9292 or okgokey@gmail.com.



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Sunday Worship Service 10 am. Childcare and Sunday School available.

We are accessible for people with disabilities from the back entrance, and hearing assistance devices are available upon request.

Sunday School for all ages. Adult Education at 9 am;

Sunday School for Children Grades K-12 during the 10 am Worship Service

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Jean Aldrich-Jones, Organist & Handbell Choir Director
Jennifer Sikes, Custodian