



November 3 –Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 5 – Election Day  
November 11 – Veterans Day  
November 24 – Hanging of the Greens  
November 26 –Community Thanksgiving Service  
November 28 – Thanksgiving Day  
December 1 – Bennett Family Concert, 2:00PM  
December 24 – Service of Lessons & Carols, 6:00PM  
December 25 – Christmas Day

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Sunday Worship at 10:00am  
Sunday school Classes at 10:30am



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Dear Sisters and  
Brothers in Christ,

November is  
Stewardship month at  
the First Baptist  
Church of  
Southington. We hear  
the word



“stewardship” often, but what does it mean? When we speak

of being good stewards of our world, we are talking about taking care of our planet; ensuring that we do not exploit the earth, but rather cherish and protect it so that it might sustain future generations. Stewardship in the context of our church is the same; we wish to protect our faith heritage and pass it on to our children, grandchildren and all who come after us. To do this, we must pledge all that we have; our time, our talent, our love and our resources to ensure that the Kingdom work we do now will continue into the future.

The First Baptist Church of Southington is self-supporting; we do not receive any denominational funding to support our programs, salaries or our buildings. We rely on the commitment and generosity of our congregation to maintain and grow our ministry in Southington and carry out our mission in the world. This year’s theme for our annual campaign is taken from 1 Timothy 5:18-19, “Do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

You can pledge weekly by utilizing our envelope system. You can also choose to contribute monthly. If you forget your envelope on Sunday, you can drop it off during the week or you can mail it in. Do you pay your bills though on-line bill pay? If so, you can make your donation to the church via your automated bill paying service. Just set up a payee:

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The church will get your check. Automatic bill paying services also allow for repeated, regular payments. If you wish to donate weekly or monthly it will be sent automatically on dates you choose. Should you be paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly you can set up recurring payments to accommodate that schedule also.

Please prayerfully commit to store up the treasure of a good foundation, both now and for the future.

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee:

Lauren Galayda  
Liz Harwood  
Pastor Sharon  
Peg Lewis  
Bill & Barbara McKay



- 1 Rebecca Maheu
- 2 Amy Burdeshaw
- 8 Johnathan Tata
- 9 Kevin Palmeri
- 12 Cheryl Hilton-Campbell
- 14 John Burdeshaw
- 18 Corey Nagel
- 21 Chase Paulette
- 25 Pastor Sharon Holt
- 26 Gene Hilton
- 30 Phil Dixon



- 3 Elizabeth Tata
- 10 Debbie Urso
- 11 Regina Jones
- 12 Danny Orlando
- 16 Arthur Pugh, Adrianna Palmeri
- 18 Linda Mikosz, Tiffany Steele
- 19 David Mikosz
- 20 Joyce Olore, Gina Palmeri
- 23 Cassie Callaghan
- 28 John Galayda, Jr.
- 30 Courtney Reid



SPECIAL THANKS .... to each and every one who helped with our Fritter, Sundae and Auction Night ! Your generosity of time, donations and support of our church fundraiser was greatly appreciated. Once again we sold out of fritters and plan to make even more next year. The word is getting out that we make delicious hot apple fritters. We raised \$1032 for mission opportunities and the church's general fund. Thank you so much!!!

- Thank you to the MLK Committee for purchasing the 100+ new 'spiffy' and 'comfy' chairs for Fellowship Hall. We all greatly appreciate your generosity!

- Thank you to the anonymous donor(s) who purchased and delivered 6 new light weight black folding tables to Fellowship Hall. They are a welcome addition - and match the new chairs!!

- Thank you to Overeaters Anonymous for the donation of a sound system to be used by the Music Committee.

- Our church family continues to support our internationally based missionaries by contributing to the annual **World Mission offering**. This year we received over \$300 to support their important work. Please note that there is an update from the Niles family, our missionaries in the Congo, on our Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex.

- We are pleased to be able to distribute some of the replaced chairs from Fellowship Hall to a new church that is forming in the area. We are happy that these chairs will continue to be placed in the hands of others who are doing God's work.

- **Mission work survey:** As part of our Board's 2020 planning, we will be distributing a survey, via the weekly bulletin, to identify the types of mission work our congregation is interested in pursuing. There will be a box placed in the Narthex to submit your completed forms. Look for more information in the bulletin.

- **Love Boxes:** we will again be collecting items to send to our congregation's children and grandchildren who are currently in college as well as our congregation's immediate family members who are in service to our country. There will be a collection box in the Narthex to provide items by November 17th - we will be filling boxes during our November 20th meeting for mailing. Names and addresses for children and grandchildren may be placed in the offering plate or given to any member of the Board of Outreach.

- **Mitten Tree:** there will be a tree set up in Fellowship Hall to receive donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to help those in need in our community during the upcoming winter season. Please help us trim the tree with warm items!!

- **Christmas Tags** to provide gifts for those in need in our community and bring joy to their holiday season will be available on November 24th in Fellowship Hall.

**Tag Sale** - don't forget the annual church wide tag sale is on November 2nd. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful event. Please plan on supporting thru your tag sale donations, volunteering during the week, baking for the bake table, volunteering the day of the event .

## Bread for Life Soup Nite

Members of First Baptist Church support Southington Bread for Life in many ways including by volunteering at the annual Soup Nite held Oct. 16 at the high school. It was a delicious job! Thank you to everyone whether you were a volunteer or patron! And thank you, Bread for Life for all you do for those in the community!



*Life has gotten confusing, complex and full of pressures. We are pulled this way and that, by too many demands and desires. It is impossible to be our best selves in the midst of this. Everything we do seems to be what we should do, and yet we know that if we do not stop doing some things we will be able to do nothing well.*

*It is hard to know how to make life simpler. God, when these pressures choke our laughter and rob us of our joy, You rush to our side with such great hope!*

*When people become distant and leave an ache of loneliness, You seem to draw more near to fill us with Your love. When our plans collide, creating nothing but confusion, You come with such great wisdom to be our guide.*

*When our hearts or bodies break, and our desperate eyes can see no sign of coming help, You speak to us, touch us and shape for us a peace that more than meets our needs.*

*O Holy and Loving Father*

*You never leave us or forsake us. We praise you for your Faithfulness.*





### Christmas flowers

This Christmas season, we will be purchasing our poinsettias from Dietrich Farms in Cheshire. As of press time for the Steeple Signal, prices were not yet available. Watch the Sunday bulletin in mid-November for the order form and information on purchasing flowers or making a monetary gift. Questions? Call Robin Michel, 860.620.2989.



Please help us usher in the Advent Season by participating in Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 24. We will be decorating the sanctuary and the church with greens, wreaths and candles after the worship service. It is a fun time of fellowship and usually takes an hour. Any help is greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Robin Michel at 860.620.2989. Thank you!



Aminata Bangura, who was raised in Sierra Leone as a Muslim, was the guest speaker at the October 14 Women's Fellowship held at Grace United Methodist Church. She told about being raised Muslim and her long road to Christianity. Thank you for sharing your heartfelt story - we all learned so much.

