

THE TIE that binds
June 2016



Welcome back
Pastor Claudine!

We all realized you were on a well-deserved sabbatical but

We welcome you back with open arms and opened hearts!

We missed you!



Interim Pastor's Page

Dear PBBC,

As I take my leave as your interim supply preacher, my thoughts again turn to 'time.' My month with you seems like it just began, but now is at an end.

Somehow, we traveled a distance in our time together. The Easter Season turned Pentecost Red, then Trinity Sunday was upon us, and we moved into so-called 'Ordinary Time.' We celebrated Mother's Day and Memorial Day, and half a dozen birthdays (once I figured out there weren't extra teenagers hiding somewhere!).

You blessed travelers and blankets on their way, upheld members and friends of the church in illness and grief, and offered "G.L.O.R.Y" to God.

It was a blessing to me to be with you and see your kind faces Sunday mornings. I especially want to thank Barb and Betty for their patience and assistance through the month, and my choir prayer partners for making sure I made it to the service on time (at least at one church). We end up saying a lot of 'hello's' and 'goodbyes' in life. Whether a few weeks or many years, it never seems like enough time to share with God's people. Fortunately, we know we will meet again- and I look forward to it.

God Bless,

Pastor Michelle

Youth Group News and Events

Part of what we have been doing!

Saturday, June 4—Camp Wightman Overnight!

Let's enjoy Games, Share a Meal, 'Bond' fire? Sleep, Garden. Paint, & Prep Fire Pits for summer!



Friday, June 10th **Beach Bash 5-9 pm**



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As a kick-off to summer, let's gather at the beach to play volleyball, baaaaaad-minton, hang out in the hot tub, share a meal and good conversations!!!

Bring a friend, your bathing suit, something for the grill for you (like a hamburger or hot dog) and something to share (like a fruit salad)

Sunday, June 12

Children's & Co-Op Youth Sunday

9:30—10 am PBBC & 10—10:30 NBC—Let's make plans just for FUN!



JUNE MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Anita & Bob Nelson

**Serve: : Anita & Bob Nelson
Jane Imdahl
Will Vars**

Assist Pastor: Dennis Piscitello

Lay Leader:

**05 – Richard Tourjee
12 – Noelle Butler
19 – Mei Ling Liu
26 - Dianne Dellarco**

JULY MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Barbara Brant
Candy Zeppieri**

**Serve: : Barbara Brant
Candy Zeppieri
Clyde & Cathy Myers**

Assist Pastor: Catherine Greenfield

Lay Leader:

**03 – Catherine Greenfield
10 – Jon Hiller
17 – Anita Nelson
24 - Dennis Piscitello
31 - Catherine Hiller**



Birthdays



JUNE

- 03 – Garry Benson
- 06 – Colby Ackley
- 06 – Mason Harasyn
- 12 – Len Lun Nlang
- 16 – Jon Hiller
- 19 – Gail Neff
- 21 – Rachael Dellarco
- 22 – Hailey Bassett
- 22 – Jerry Watkins
- 23 – Dennis Piscitello
- 26 – Ed Boyle
- 29 – Brian Berry
- 29 – Carol Gatlin

JULY

- 01 – Nuzzy Packer
- 01 – Kaitlyn Pasqualini
- 02 – Robert McLaughlin
- 05 – Sonny Lew
- 08 – Robert Land
- 10 – Darrell Tootell
- 11 – Wynonna Tuang
- 14 – Austin Center
- 19 – Barbara Brant
- 23 – Michelle Friedman
- 25 – Marilyn Benson
- 25 – Mikayla Tourjee
- 27 – Lennie Anderson
- 27 – Kathy Piscitello
- 31 – Marion Lamb
- 31 – Jane Imdahl



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2016

Vice Moderator Pat Tootell opened the meeting at 6:30 pm in Moderator Dianne Delarco absence. Pat then also let us in devotions.

Review of May 2nd meeting: Barbara gave a highlight of the minutes. They were filed as read

Correspondence: A letter of request was received and will be brought up under New Business

Pastor's Report:

- No Report. Having just returned from her Sabbatical. Claudine, once again, thanked us for allowing her to have this past month to refresh and to study.
- Claudine will host a New Members gathering the 26th of June. If anyone is interested in joining PBBC. Peg Straub and Li Ling will also be present. New members will be welcomed in the fall.

Buildings/Grounds:

- Darrell said he had no formal report but that, as Peg Straub mentioned last month, the communion table is in need of repair. Being covered as it is poses no problem but it should be sanded and refinished. Darrell noted that it should only take about a week but should be done either outside or in the vestry.
- Darrell will also take care of the candlesticks on the altar that are in need of refinishing.
- A call was received by Holly Boyle that the rental property had bees. Holly called the people of Building and Grounds and it was established that they were to deal with that situation themselves.

Education/Discipleship:

- Children's Day will be next Sunday June 12. The children will sing and will also present The Story of Jacob. Last year we all went up into their classrooms and were given a demonstration – this year they will bring the story to us!
- Annual Church Picnic following worship at Bluff Point. The only thing the church will supply is the charcoal. All other food, utensils, chairs, etc. will be provided by the individuals. Attending

Note: rain date for the picnic will just bring it all inside and have a pot luck.

Hospitality:

- Carolyn commented that since the 'blurb' went into the bulletin many new people have signed up to bring refreshments. This is a good thing and she wanted to thank everyone for their participation.

Mission/Outreach:

- Jackie brought 27 bags of food to Groton Food Locker
- She also reported that in June our Mission will be Camp Wightman and One Great Hour of Sharing will be moved to July. Noelle Butler will speak in June representing Camp Wightman, as she is a Junior Councilor.

Worship/Membership:

- Peg said that Jon Hiller noted a few months ago as he was assisting the Pastor that the Communion service was dedicated 100 years ago. Peg thought it would be very nice to recognize this and to rededicate this service. Claudine will work something into the service and also to thank all those who serve. This will be done either in July or August.

PRC:

- Richard reported that since the Pastor was on Sabbatical so were they!!!

Old Business:

- **Homebound Worship** – This is still on-going – and because Dianne was not in attendance nothing was discussed
- **Water/electricity usage/bill** - Mei Ling was not in attendance so this was also tabled.

Life Deacons – Kathy Piscitello read the Proposed Criteria for Life Deacons for the Councils' consideration.

They are as follows:

1. 30 years of active membership
2. 60 years of age
3. Demonstrates devotion and fellowship to PBBC by maintaining spiritual and loving guidance through Jesus Christ our Lord by providing gifts of service to the congregation in the form of, but not limited to, council member, Sunday school teacher, choir member, supporting the missions of the church, community out-reach, and maintaining and nurturing the life of the Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church.

Dave Rowley motioned that we accept this criteria as proposed by the Life Deacons Committee. Darrell Tootell seconded. A discussion followed and everyone was in agreement that the committee did an excellent job. The motion was carried.

- Next on their agenda was the presentation of people to whom this very prestigious honor would be given. Names were read and once again, Dave Rowley motioned, with Darrel seconding, that we approved these names for the honor of Life Deacon. The names will be listed after they are informed.

Richard Tourjee will have the privilege of informing the recipients.

A celebration in their honor will be planned to recognize this distinguished achievement. Possibly something during worship and then a recognition dinner – or a Pot-Luck which seems to be the PBBCs favorite way!

Upon Richard Tourjee resigning his chair as leader of this committee Kathy Piscitello accepted that position.

Job well done by this committee – a lot of work and prayerful thought went into these decisions

Filing:

- Kathy Piscitello handed out a HUGE list of the retention laws. They are vast and almost overwhelming. They will be filed in the church office. It was also established that all financial records will be stored in the church building – not necessarily in the church office (due to a logistics) Each Deacon will be responsible for cleaning out, and maintaining these individual financial files.

Craft Group Store

- This is up and running and doing very well. It was decided however, that it would be advantageous to keep a record of what people purchase. Patti and Barbara will work out a spreadsheet and as people buy things they will simply check it off and put their faith donation in the tin.

Future Fundraising:

- Darrell suggested that we listen to the KCsisters either by going on their Website or at the Ledyard where they will be performing. Darrell will check into their available dates and we will proceed from there.

Meeting minutes cont.

New Business:

Traffic Light Pole

- A telephone call was received from the Mayor of Groton and from the Town Manager. The town will be installing a new traffic light at our intersection. They wanted to discuss this with us and make us aware of their proposed changes to the existing light. Dianne has been in correspondence with them and she had left literature on the table but Barbara did not see it until after the meeting so this was briefly discussed but will be addressed at a later date.

- **Clothes Storage Container**

A letter was received from Steven Haber, the Director of Placement for 'Charities of Hope' clothes bin. A picture was included. It is one of those huge clothes bins set in different parking lots in the surrounding areas. They asked if they could put one on church property perhaps against the cement retainer wall or the wall of the church.

They would in turn give us a yearly donation of \$1,200 – to be paid in installments of \$100 per month. They also promised to empty it weekly and we would have no responsibility whatsoever.

This all sounds good but many questions were raised in discussion.

1. Would this detract from our own donations of clothing for our annual tag sale which is such an intricate part of our budget?
2. Would people be confused as to if they were donating to us or to this other charity?
3. Would the animals that currently reside in the swamp and by the pond think this was a new winter residence?
4. Would it not take up an additional parking space, which we are now limited?

With all these questions raised it was decided to decline this opportunity!

- **Month off**

Barbara Brant suggested that we take the month of July off – if anything pertinent arises we can always call a special meeting of council. It was agreed upon so our next council meeting will be in August. Sabbaticals seem to be in the air!!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant, Clerk

Next Meeting August 1, 6:30 p.m.
Devotions: Carolyn Land



We invite you to this year's Bluegrass festival and Homecoming Weekend!

The Festival will start at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 26th and run through 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 28th. Weekend passes include the program, lodging and meals. Saturday passes are also available for those interested in attending just the day portion of the festival.

Please register for the Festival here:
<http://goo.gl/forms/eJrez44Jvu>

If you have any questions about this year's event, please email or call Maddie Tomaszewski at tomaszewski21@gmail.com or 860-573-2681.

Hope to see you there!



Blanket the World With Love Offerings 2016

Barbara Brant

In Honor of: Jane Startz

In Memory of: Jeanette Spring

Dianne Dellarco Family

In Honor of: Belle Jordan

Peg Straub

In Memory of: Julia Straub

Marilyn Benson

In Memory of: Marjorie McGraw

Clyde and Cathy Myers

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Pat Tootell

In Memory of: Millie Dickson

The Liu Family

In Honor of: Nu Len Lun Niang

In Memory of: Pi Niang Za Vung

Joan & Jerry Watkins

In Memory of: our Moms

Catherine & Irving Hiller

In Honor of: Amy Hiller-White

The Sonny Lew Family

In Honor of: Sue Y. Lew, Lindsey Lew

In Memory of Bo Kun Wong

Sandy Vocolina

In Memory of: Jeanette St. Jean

Carol & Dave Rowley

In Memory of: Lois Rowley and Becky Chambers

Bonnie Bosse

In Honor of: All Mothers

Jackie Dorobkowski

In Honor of: Libby Ribarich

Patty Christina

In Memory of: Mom

KNOB

In Memory of: Shirlee Negaard

Jennifer Kent

In Memory of: Lavina Schmidtknecht

Susan Schmidtknecht

In Memory of: Alice Ackley



News from Camp Wightman

Camp Wightman is celebrating 60 years of life-changing ministry this year. They hope our congregation will get involved in the events that will be available.

Registration is now open for all of Camp Wightman's Summer Camp Programs. We offer a wide variety of programs for children, youth, adults, and families. Visit CampWightman.org/SummerCamp to check out the schedule and complete your registration. Register early to insure your choice of programs and to get the best rates. We look forward to serving your family this summer!

Other Dates to Remember for Spring/early summer 2016

Are you new to Camp Wightman and want to see the facilities? Want to meet some of the camp staff? Want to know more about the summer schedule? Did you attend camp years ago, and want to walk the grounds again?

June 19—Rookie Camper Day—2pm—4pm

Calling all Camp Wightman Alumni!!!

As part of our 60th anniversary celebration, we are trying to identify everyone who had attended, volunteered at, or worked at Camp Wightman over the years. Please visit welovecamp.org/AlumniRoll Call to let us know how to reach you.

Are you connected with other Wightman alumni? Please share this information so they can take part, too!



Calling all volunteers!

Starting June 15th

We will meet on the third floor to process donations for the future Christmas Bazaar and Annual Tag Sales.

We will have one room for
Grammar's Attic,
Another for Tag Sale items and the
other for clothes.

Come one, Come All!

9 am to 11 am each Wednesday
We promise to have a few laughs
along the way!!!



A Little Church Humor



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"Pearly gates? No way, this is Heaven.
Everything's made of chocolate."

We now have a "Craft Ladies Boutique"

Now the Craft Ladies have a full room.

It's the room right off the Lounge.

It has hand-make items available for sale.



If you are looking for a special gift for someone... or just for yourself...look there first!

The monies from these sales will be added to our general fund.



It will feature things like:

Tote bags; aprons; placemats; knitted items; etc.

This will serve two purposes—you can buy something nice and support your church at the same time!

Just leave the money in the tin provided!

Thank you!



We all need to be stewards of our church property...if you see a light left on—please turn it off

If you are last to leave the church building please make sure all doors are locked



And if you hear a toilet running—check it out.



In the past we have experienced a few lights being left on and toilets left running. This cost the church money....let us all be more aware and be better stewards of our church building.

Thank you!



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