

THE TIE that binds
August 2016



All of us
Under one sun
Giving and sharing from our hearts
Understanding each other
Sowing the seeds of love
Towards peace

(c) Angel Love, Aug. 2011

Pastor's Page

Preparing to Honor Our Friends

Over recent months our church council has been working on updating criteria for the role of Life Deacon. A committee was formed and completed the task of making these designations for such an honor.

A Life Deacon shall have 30 years or more of active membership. A Life Deacon shall be 60 years of age or more. A Life Deacon shall demonstrate devotion and fellowship to Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church 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; by supporting the missions of the church and community outreach; and by maintaining and nurturing the life of the PBBC.

The Church Council voted this summer to recognize the following church members with the title of Life Deacon.

Marilyn Benson
Belle Jordan
Bob Land
Ron Land
Betty Land
Nuzzy Packer
Richard Tourjee

Please join us Sunday, September 11th for Homecoming and Rally Day as we recognize these Life Deacons during worship, honoring them with love, appreciation and gratitude. We will also have a Potluck luncheon that day in their honor as we begin a new year of ministry together and a new season of Sunday school, worship and church life. To God be the glory!

Youth Group News and Events

Look for next month's TIE for upcoming events but for now they are On.....



Watch for more details about...

Friday, September 9th

Beach Bash at Kristen's house 5-8 pm



Wednesday, September 21st

50 Questions at PBBC 3-5 pm



Heifer Festival AND

Wightman Work Day AND

Crop Walk AND

And much more...





AUGUST MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Bob & Carolyn Land

Serve: : Bob & Carolyn Lane
Catherine & Irving Hiller

Assist Pastor: Dianne Dellarco

Lay Leader:

07 – Pat Tootell
14 – Jon Hiller
21 – Dianne Dellarco
28 - Bob Nelson

SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Peggy Straub
Pete Wong

Serve: : Peggy Straub
Pete Wong
Dianne Dellarco
Richard Tourjee

Assist Pastor: Jackie Dorobkowski

Lay Leader:

04 – Dave Rowley
11 – Jackie Dorobkowski
18 – Alex Lew
25 - Pete Wong



Birthdays



AUGUST

- 02 – Dianne Dellarco
- 04 - Marc Friedman
- 05- Jeff Lew
- 10 – Catherine Hespeler
- 12 – Jennifer Akesson
- 20 – Sharon Anderson
- 20 – Amanda Tourjee
- 22 – Ruth Parker Passed
- 23 – Cathy Greenfield

SEPTEMBER

- 08 – Dawn Bassett
- 13 – Shirley Lamb
- 17 – Parker Friedman
- 18 – Eugene Brustolon
- 19 – Cheryl Mundell
- 20 – Betty Land
- 21 - Richard Tourjee, Jr.
- 21 – June Nunes
- 21 - Wil Thompson - Passed
- 26 – Lucille Robbins - Passed



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2016

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 pm .Carolyn Land let the devotions.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Claudine commented on the wonderful infant dedication which took place July 31st. She thanked all who helped with the dedication.
- Kristin will host a 2nd Hour Program next Sunday at 11:15 am. Topic is “Where the Spirit Moves”.
- Pastor Claudine will be attending an ABCONN Ordination Council for John Elsensohn on August 7th.
- Sunday, August 7th, the congregation will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the communion service. In place of the regular covenant the congregation reads prior to communion, Pastor Claudine will have a special covenant for this special celebration.
- A congregational business meeting will be held after worship on August 21st for the purpose of voting in new members, Portia and Charley Freeman, Susan Schmidtknecht, and Jennifer Kent. An announcement of a special business meeting will be posted in the next two Sunday bulletins.
- The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended September 25th if this is date works for everyone involved.
- August 28th will be Lay Preacher Sunday. Dave Rowley will be the lay leader and Kathy Piscitello will be reading a special story to the children.
- September 4th, Norma Hunt will return and present to the congregation a 2nd Hour Program on her mission work and where she has travelled.
- September 11th is Homecoming and Rally Day. The Life Deacons will be honored with a certificate and a pot luck luncheon will take place after the service.
- Pastor Claudine reported that Judy Allbee from ABCCONN will be retiring the end of September.
- October 15 is the Apple Festival.
- October 16 is the Crop Walk.
- October 8 will be the 60th anniversary celebration of Camp Wightman.
- November 4th & 5th are the dates for the Woman's Retreat at Camp Wightman. More info to follow.
- Last But Not Least Sunday speakers were announced – Cathy Greenfield, Jon Hiller, and Clyde Myers.
- (Christmas falls on a Sunday this year). There will be a Christmas Eve service on Saturday night.
Advent falls early this year on the last Sunday of November (11/27).

Buildings/Grounds:

- Darrell reported he is withdrawing his suggestion of having the KCsisters perform at the church. He said they come with a warm up Jazz Band and the cost is \$400.
- Ballasts have been replaced in light fixtures by Dick and Ron.
- Volunteers are being sought for helping with the gardening around the church grounds.
- Darrell is tackling during the last week of August the to-do list items for the building, such as painting, front railings, etc.

- Pat T. has reupholstered a cushion on one of the chairs in the Fellowship Room and is also making new valances for the windows.
- Darrell will meet with Groton Utilities concerning the improper installation of the water meter. The water meter will need to be replaced and Darrell will get estimates for the re-aligning of the piping, etc. for the install.

Education/Discipleship:

- No Report

Hospitality:

- Carolyn mentioned that ant traps needed to be purchased for the sink area in the Fellowship Room

Mission/Outreach:

- Jackie brought 32 bags of food to the Groton Food Bank.
- The 2nd Sunday in August we will be collecting school supplies (notebooks, crayons, pencils, etc.)
- Barbara Brant will be asked to speak on an update on the Mission for Community Meals in August. There is a need for paper products, cleaning supplies, bleach, sponges, garbage bags and dish soap.

Worship/Membership:

- Peg asked if the cleaning of the candlesticks will be completed for Rally Sunday.
- The chain on the front door of the church is difficult to hook – longer chain needed.

PRC:

- No Report – Just grateful to have Claudine back from vacation

Old Business:

- **Homebound Worship** – All set up and has been operable for a couple of months and is working well. Dianne will share news of this ministry with the congregation sometime soon.
- **Water/electricity usage/bill** – Darrell will inform the congregation of the new meter which needs to be installed.
- **Life Deacons** – The list of names of those being honored was read. Kathy Piscitello and Pastor Claudine will meet to put together the wording for the certificates. Belly Land's daughter, Brenda, will do the certificates by hand in calligraphy penmanship. Kathy P. purchased the frames for the certificates.
- **Traffic Light Pole**—Richard Tourjee met with representatives from the State and the Town Manager to get the full story on the new traffic light pole that will be installed on the corner of the church property. The work will most likely take place during Fall 2017 Job well done by this committee – a lot of work and prayerful thought went into these decisions

New Business:

- The Anderson Oil Contracts were received in the mail. Three options for payment were offered.
 \$1.99/gallon – prepaid fixed rate (Anderson Oil needs to know by 8/19 if choosing the prepaid fixed rate)
 Anderson Oil needs to know by 8/31 if choosing one of the price cap options.
 \$2.15/gallon price cap – fee of \$100
 \$2.05/gallon price cap – fee of \$150
 Mei Ling placed a motion on the floor to accept the \$2.05/gallon price cap option with the \$150 fee. Dave Rowley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting minutes cont.

New Business:

- Richard Tourjee reported on the trimming of the trees lying on the power lines next to the parsonage. Groton Utilities was notified and a work slip is being submitted for the trees to be trimmed.
- Richard Tourjee suggested that an inventory and audit of church keys be performed and collect back the keys from those who no longer needed them.
- Pastor Claudine said that Belle has contacted the AA group also and hopes to get the name of the person in charge of the key for the church for their group.
- Dick spoke of his concern with the number of pledges and the amount of money being pledged. There was a considerable amount of discussion on this sensitive subject. Many expressed their opinions on how we, as a church, could bring in new members to increase our intake of funds. It was suggested that the congregation be given more information on the finances of the church and the amount of money it takes monthly for the upkeep of the church and the salaries of its employees. The Sunday Bulletin in the past would list the amount of money collected the previous Sunday and maybe this should be reinstated.
- Pat T. reported that she, Kathy P, and Sandy V. will be setting up a table at the Washington Park Farmers Market on Tuesday, August 2nd to sell items from the Ladies Craft Store.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Piscitello

Next Meeting September 6, 6:30 p.m.
Devotions: Kathy Piscitello



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!



Marilyn Benson shared this recipe

1 cup of good thought
1 cup of good deed
1 cup of consideration
faults

2 cups of sacrifice
3 cups of forgiveness
2 cups of well beaten

Mix this thoroughly and add tears of joy and sorrow and sympathy for others. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith to lighten other ingredients. Raise texture to great heights of Christian living after pouring this into your life. Bake well with the heat of human kindness. Serve with a SMILE.

I found this in an old recipe book—Marilyn Benson

A Reception of Thanksgiving and Praise to:

Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee

Upon her retirement as Executive Minister of the
American Baptist Churches of Connecticut
After eleven years of ministry

On:

Saturday, September 24, 2016
4:00 pm—6:00pm

First Baptist Church
460 Broad Street
Meriden, CT 06450

RSPV to ABCCONN
860-521-5421



News from Camp Wightman

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/Alumni Roll 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!

Hold the date!

October 8, 2016

Make plans now to take part in Camp Wightman's 60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration at camp on October 8. Camp activities will include hiking, boating, crafts, outdoor cooking, a campfire, a dance, a scavenger hunt, building a Camp Wightman Time Line, a Rededication Service, a barbecue dinner, and lots more. Weekend lodging and meal packages are available.



Calling all volunteers!
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!!!

Please join us

A Little Church Humor

**COP: MA'AM WHAT'S
IN THE BOTTLE?**

**ME: OH, JUST
SOME WATER.**

**COP: MA'AM..
THAT'S WINE.**

**ME: *JESUS DID
IT AGAIN!***

The first ever
Cordless Phone
was created by
God.

He named it
"Prayer"...

It never Loses its
Signal and U never
have to Recharge it.
Use it Anywhere...!



Congregational Meeting



CALL FOR BUSINESS MEETING OF

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
After worship Sunday, August 21, 2016

For the purpose of voting into membership:
Charley and Portia Freeman
Jennifer Kent
Susan Schmidtkecht

Barbara Braut
Clerk

Received a beautiful “thank You” note from

Vance and Shirley Lamb

I want to Thank You

Dear Pastor Claudine and P.B Church Family,

We miss our P.B Church family so much.

We always felt so blessed to have you as our minister.

It was so nice of all of you for your prayers cards, and phone calls.

We thank you for prayerful support from the time of my diagnosis, through surgery and healing process. I'm pleased to say that surgery went well. I am coming along fine.

Many thanks again for your support. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Love, Shirley & Vance

**A little time to care for others,
A little time to share with others
That's what makes PB church family so caring,
So thanks to our friends for caring and sharing and fun to
be with, too!**

See the beautiful card she created hanging on the ‘flower’ board in the Lounge

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