

THE TIE that binds

September 2016



September

*"The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down. The gentian's
bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun. The sedges flaunt
their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook,
From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.
By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.
But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.
T'is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget." ~ ~ Helen Hunt Jackson*



Pastor's Page

Special Sundays in September

September 4th

We gather for communion, to complete our season of special music for the summer, to receive our Tools of Hope Offering, to hear Norma Hunt share stories and pictures from her missionary work in Africa and Guatemala.

September 11th

We gather for worship, to celebrate Rally Day and Homecoming, to recognize our newly appointed Life Deacons, to collect supplies for Groton Community Meals, to welcome our choir back to worship, to share in fellowship at a Potluck Lunch.

September 18th

We gather for worship, to send our children and young people to the Regency as ambassadors of spirit and song, to begin our Sunday school classes, to attend the service of Ordination for Jonathan Elsensohn at Central Baptist Church in Norwich.

September 25th

We gather for worship, to sing hymns and offer prayers, to listen for God's word and to proclaim God's glory, to open our hearts in the receiving of new members, extending the Right Hand of Fellowship to Charley and Portia Freeman, to Jennifer Kent, and to Susan Schmidtknecht.

Come and join us in this season of
Christ's ministry!

Youth Group News and Events

Friday, September 9th

Beach Bash at Kristen's house 5-8 pm



Monday, September 26th

50 Questions at PBBC 3-5 pm



Looking Ahead

Heifer Festival AND

Wightman Work Day AND

Crop Walk AND

And much more...





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**

OCTOBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Clyde & Cathy Myers

**Serve: : Clyde & Cathy Myers
Dave & Carol Rowley**

Assist Pastor: Holly Boyle

Lay Leader:

**02 – Mei Ling Liu
09 – Noelle Butler
16 – Richard Tourjee
23 - Anita Nelson
30 - Cathy Greenfield**



Birthdays



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

OCTOBER

- 02 – Nathan White
- 07 – Marvin Wong
- 11- James Lew
- 17 – Sallie Land
- 20 - Sophia (Shiou Ling) Liu
- 21 – Joe Greene
- 23 – Carol Rowley
- 23 – Pat Tootell
- 23 – Li Ling Liu
- 24 – Nick Bassett
- 25 – Rey Amuan
- 25 – Kristen Negaard O'Brien
- 26 – Iris Romanski- Passed
- 28 – Alex Lewis
- 30 – Maddison Harasyn



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:40 pm .Kathy Piscitello led the devotions.

Correspondence:

A 'thank you' note was read from Becky and Matt Arthur (niece and nephew of Catherine Hiller).

Once again we received an email from Lifeline requesting use of our church for the spring of 2017. Dianne will email the particulars needed to Building and Grounds people who will investigate the possibility of hosting them.

Pastor's Report:

In the Pastor's absence Dianne read the following

- Tonight I am joining Carolyn Land in making a visit to Enfield Correctional Facility to visit her son, George. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.
- An update on Habitat for Humanity – we have been invited to partner with Union Baptist Church and Noank Baptist Church in a project involving gutting and rebuilding a property at 235 Yetter Road in Mystic. Most of the work will not begin until next spring but in preparation, if any of us would like to volunteer to participate in the work, we must attend one mandatory training session (major construction is contracted out to professionals; we would be asked to work on painting, cleaning, repairing, landscaping, or providing refreshments on work-days, etc.) Habitat is offering two sessions, Wednesday, September 14th at Union Baptist, 5-7 pm and Wednesday, September 28th here at PBBC 4-6 pm. With thanks to our Craft Ladies we have already provided a quilt for the family once they are selected, and we will have a chance in the future to provide a Prayer Shawl as well. I attended the tour of the property last week. There are many excited members of our sister churches ready to work together, building new friendships among our families of faith. Please see me if you have any questions. With love and gratitude for the many blessing of this congregation, Claudine

Buildings/Grounds:

- Darrell met with Groton Utilities concerning the improper installation of the water meter. Dick received an estimate from J&J Plumbing for \$280.
 1. Holly Boyle motioned that we approve this expenditure with Jackie seconding. It was approved.
 2. Dick will contact J&J Plumbing to do the work.
- It was previously noted the chain on the front door of the church is difficult to hook – longer chain needed – taken care of by Darrell
- Candle holders and cross are being cleaned (Darrell)
- The wooden stand that holds the bible on the chancel is in need of painting. Darrell will take care of.
- The frames (wooden) for the flower beds out front by the sign are in desperate need of being replaced – this will be a project for the spring. While speaking about this Holly mentioned that the sign is also in need of replacement – but due to finances (and a definite plan) this too, will wait until the spring.
- Darrell noted he anticipates having surgery this fall which will restrict his ability to carry out the physical aspect of his role while he recovers. Fortunately we have a second deacon of buildings and grounds!

Education/Discipleship:

- No Report

.Hospitality:

- In Carolyn's absence Jackie said that they will set-up for the pot luck this Saturday. Peg asked if there would be a cake to commemorate the Life Deacons and Jackie said she would see to it. Jackie also noted they would take responsibility for refreshments for the Habitat volunteer session on the 28th.

Mission/Outreach:

- This next week's Second Sunday offering will be dedicated to Groton Community Meals
- Next Mission will be the Crop Walk – Oct 16th

Worship/Membership:

- Peg just reminded us that this Sunday was Rally Day, Homecoming and Life Deacons

PRC:

- In the process of scheduling a meeting to work on Claudine's contract for next year

Old Business:

- **Water/electricity usage/bill –**
- Richard Tourjee has arranged for J&J Plumbing to install the meter correctly. We believe the water bill overages were due to several running toilets and the meter issue.
- **Washington Park Farmers Market**
- Patti said the crowd was not there because of the weather – only made \$19 - - but because of the weather they will be allowed to attend at another date at no charge – she also stated that the 'boutique' upstairs was doing quite well.
- **Church Keys**
- There is an inventory in the office.

New Business:

Church Cushions

- Patti mentioned that they need to be replaced. She had a few preliminary figures as to the cost. Some conversation ensued and when more accurate amounts are available action will be taken.
- **Gift Received**
- A substantial donation of \$1,000 was received from Rev. and Mrs. Molton earlier this summer. Upon receipt Catherine Hiller sent a thank you note; more recently, Dianne purchased a card that was sent out on behalf of the Church Council/ congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant

Next Meeting Monday October 3, 6:30 p.m.
Devotions: Li Ling Liu



PBBCloud

Who are your witnesses?

Coming November 4-5, 2016

PBBC Women's Retreat

At Camp Wightman

More details to follow but...

Save the date!





60th Anniversary Celebration & Homecoming
Gather around the campfire again!

You're invited to
Camp Wightman's 60th Anniversary Celebration
at camp on:
Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th



GATHER AROUND THE CAMPFIRE AGAIN!

Join the fun for Camp activities, Special Events and Guests,
Dinner, Contra Dance, Surprises, and campfire program.
Visit with old friends and make some new ones!

Have you completed the **Alumni Roll Call** yet?
Get on the mailing list for more information by going to
CampWightman.org>Summer Camp and Programs>Summer
Youth Camp and locate the "Alumni Roll Call" button in the
footer

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
2nd Annual Apple Festival
October 15, 2016 10 am – 2 pm



EAT HERE OR TAKE HOME!

APPLE PIES

Whole or by the slice!

APPLE SQUARES

APPLE TURNOVERS

OLD FASHIONED APPLE BUTTER

AND MUCH MORE!

See Pat Tootell if you can help in any way

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

(CORNER OF ROUTE 1 AND SOUTH ROAD)

SAT. DECEMBER 3RD 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

BAKE GOODS

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SILENT AUCTION

**BOOKS, JEWELRY AND GRANDMA'S AT-
TIC**

**CRAFTS AND NEEDLEWORK AND
COOKIES!!!**



**“POTHOLDERS TO QUILTS” DRAWING
(DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1:30 P.M.)**

**HAVE SOMR FREE TIME ON
WEDNESDAYS?**

*Meet on the third floor to
process donations for the future
Christmas Bazaar and
Annual Tag Sales.*

Come one, Come All !

*9 am to 11 am each Wednesday
We promise to have a few laughs*



A Little Church Humor





Please express our thanks to the members of Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church for their recent gift in support of the ministry at Camp Wightman. We are grateful for your generosity and regular support.

Donors like you make our programs possible! You provide resources that have an immediate impact on others. You help families send kids to camp where they feel God's unconditional love. And you help create an atmosphere of growth and continual improvement.

We had another terrific summer at Camp Wightman, and achieved growth in our youth camp programs. Thank you for helping make this possible.

In His Service,

Thomas A. Hall, Minister of Camping & Conferences

Dziękuję bardzo

*Is Polish for
thank you very much*

Dear PBBBC Family,

Thank you so much for the three prayer shawls—they have been such a tangible reminder of the love and support we've felt throughout our adoption journey! Knowing that so many people (even some that we've never met!) are praying for us and for our daughter is so unbelievably humbling.

It's been a long journey, but we've felt God's hand showing us the way throughout. We can't wait until we can come up and visit again, and show off our brand-new family of three!

God bless!

Becky and Matt Arthur

This is from Catherine Hiller's niece and nephew who are adopting a little girl from Poland



Honoring Judy Allbee

You are invited to HONOR, CELEBRATE, and GIVE THANKS for the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee as Executive Minister of ABCCONN

Join us.

Date: 09/24/2016
Time: 03:00pm
RSVP: 09/22/2016 to
Kevin Butler
860-521-5421

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
60 Broad Street
Meriden, CT 06450

There will be a greeting time at 3:00 pm followed by the program at 4 pm

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Groton, CT 06340