

THE TIE that binds

October 2016



Autumn

*When Autumn comes in all her regal finery
And coloring, which sets the world aflame.
Her spicy breath whispers of natures winery,
Her voice is filled with sounds of calling game.*

*When Autumn comes, her happy footsteps rustle:
Her companion is Jack Frost, upon her arm.
And he etches gleaming crystal, as they bustle
Through visits to each city, town and farm.*

*When Autumn comes and brilliant leaves go flying
and fill the air across the golden fields.
It is not long until the cold wind's sighing
Heralds the scythe which lonely Winter wields.*

*But Autumn comes! Each year her beauty splashes
The countryside with lovely, flaming wings.
And God, through her resplendent flashes,
Reveals His love, and all the joy it brings.*

Marian Benedict Maxwell



Pastor's Page

October "Worldwide" Events

World Communion Sunday, October 2nd

We gather around the Lord's table with Christians across the globe, breaking Portuguese sweet bread in memory of Bette McLaughlin and sharing a cup of the family traditional grape juice from Len Lun Niang. We hear God's Word proclaimed in American Sign Language, Tagalog from the Philippines, French, the language of Myanmar, Norwegian, Chinese, German, Spanish and the language of Zomi (Chin). We sing "Break Thou the Bread of Life" in Zomi as we pray for God's unity in the world.

World Mission Offering 2016

This month we receive our World Mission Offering. Gifts to this offering support our American Baptist Churches USA and our Board of International Ministries as we seek to share in Christ's ministry through the work of our ABC Missionaries and Partners serving in countries throughout the world. Envelopes available.

CROP Walk, Sunday, October 16th

Registration begins at 1pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mystic. Walk begins at 1:30 pm, 10km, to Noank Baptist Church and back again. Proceeds help raise awareness, stop hunger and provide funds for local food agencies through our Mystic Area Ecumenical Council (MAEC). See Bob Land to donate.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Claudine will be away October 17th through October 23rd. Our guest preacher on the 23rd will be the Rev. Jonathan Scott. If there are pastoral needs during this time, please call the church office or Moderator Dianne Dellarco.



Youth Group News and Events



Heifer International Global Harvest Festival 9-5 pm on October 1, 2016

Go Global in the mountain top farm! Last year we dug potatoes/Peru, smelled coffee beans roasting/Guyana and hung out/Tibetan Yak Hair Yurt! Wear layers for the mountain. Bring pocket change for yummy Farmer's Cow Ice Cream at Fort Hill Farms on the way home. Li Ling will lead the way!

Autumn Apple Picking Wednesday, October 5th 3-5:30 pm

Let's gather @ PBBC to go apple picking for PBBC bakers! They in turn will make a tasty variety of baked goods using our apple pickins!!! To purchase these goodies, come to PBBC Apple Fest on October 15th for the Apple Festival from 10am-2 pm!

A-Mazing Overnight Friday, October 28-Saturday, October 29th

Let's leave from PBBC on an A-Mazing night at 4 pm! We'll enjoy a sack supper in the car (bring a sandwich you can sit upon & a side to share like carrots. Kristen will have sips and cups) Once there, we will enjoy a Corn Maze & Farm Tour to sunset. Back to PBBC to play game, eat a yummy supper, watch movies (**bring** your favorite DVD movie) and sleeeeeeep (**bring** sleeping bags and tooth brush.) Up next morning to make your yummy Farmer's Cow breakfast, then off to Clyde's Cider Mill (**bring** \$5 for Clyde's cookies or donuts) to witness a very im-pressive (haha) display - one of the oldest large steam presses in America! Parents plan to pick up youth at Clyde's @ noon





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**

NOVEMBER MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Catherine Hiller
Jon Hiller**

**Serve: : Catherine Hiller
Jon Hiller
Gail Neff
Rey Amuan**

Assist Pastor: Belle Jordan

Lay Leader:

**06 – Holly Boyle
13 – Rick Tourjee
20 – Catherine Hiller
25 - Jon Hiller**



Birthdays



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

NOVEMBER

- 04—Andrea Dellarco
- 05– Alex Lew
- 05 - Barry Morton
- 07 - Peg Straub
- 08 - Britini Tourjee
- 09 - Carolyn Land
- 10 - Eva Tourjee
- 10 - Mildred Midgley
- 11 - Vance Lamb
- 14 - Dave Rowley
- 18 - Belle Jordan
- 20 - Jenny Sanda
- 23 - Holly Boyle
- 25 - Marilyn Baird
- 30 - Cathy Lewis Myers
- 30 - Peter Dellarco



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 pm .Dianne led the devotions in lieu of Li Ling's absence.

Correspondence:

A letter from Superior Court was received and will be reviewed under New Business

Pastor's Report:

In the Pastor's absence Barbara gave the below report:

- Claudine will be on vacation from October 17th until Oct 23rd . Jonathan Scott will be preaching October 23rd .

Buildings/Grounds:

- The improper installation of the water meter has been corrected. A bill was received from J&J Plumbing for \$280 and was paid.
- The chain on the front door of the church is difficult to hook – longer chain needed – Darrell took care of this!
- Mark Denning from LifeLine sought to utilize our church for screening tests next March and sent in a list of requirements needed for the screening room. Going over the list he provided we determined our facility does not meet their requirements (a 30' x 50' room, AC, etc.) and would not be a good match. Also, the timing is not compatible with our Annual April Tag Sale. Dianne will graciously decline.
- Richard completed these tasks during the past month:
 - a. Fixed window sill in sanctuary
 - b. Fixed toilet in ladies upstairs room
 - c. Replaced toilet seat in downstairs restroom
 - d. Replaced wrap on eaves on parsonage
 - e. Replaced doorknob on Pastor's Office door (destroyed in robbery)
- 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 and a Building and Grounds Committee!

Education/Discipleship:

- The children had a Field Trip walking the Poquonnock boardwalk. Going forward they will do this one Sunday a month. In October they will go apple picking at Holmbergs, and the apples will be used to make caramel apples to sell at the Apple Festival. No permission slips are required because each child is accompanied by a parent or grandparent, and the children travel in vehicles with their family member. They will then create a booklet of memories of these 'field trips'.
- They are studying Fruits of the Spirit

.Hospitality:

- Barbara had a message from Carolyn saying she regretfully could not attend. She wanted to thank Jackie for all the extra work she has been doing with the Habitat event, the new members' celebration, etc **Mission/Outreach:**

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- Jackie noted that this past month was the largest amount of 'stuff' she brought to Groton Human Services. She brought 45 bags of cleaning products, food supplies, and paper goods to be used by Groton Community Meals. She also brought 16 bags of food.
- For the months of October and November we will be collecting food for the Holiday Baskets. The items needed will be listed in the bulletin.
- World Mission Offering was taken October 2nd
- Crop Walk will be Oct 16th. Walkers are seeking sponsors. If anyone would like to walk, please see Jackie or Bob Land.
- Jackie also mentioned the turnout for the Habitat for Humanity training was much larger than she expected, the presentation was excellent, and she thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and willingness to help in this new venture.

Worship/Membership:

- Peg thanked Darrell for the nice job he did on the candlesticks and the cross and the wooden stand that holds the bible.
- All Saints' Day will be November 6th
 - a. Holly noted that the bells are in need of repair. The rubber springs/stoppers in them dry out and split. She will see if she can get an instructional manual from the manufacturer for their care/maintenance. We experience problems with the springs/stoppers each holiday we play for, and she would like to determine what might be causing it (age, temperature, etc.). In anticipation of that, Holly also mentioned that she would like permission to spend approximately \$40 for parts IF parts are needed. Especially for the bell used on All Saints' Day. She just wants to be pro-active and not wait until the last minute. Jackie motioned that Holly purchase the necessary parts and potential free instructional manual and Dave Rowley seconded. The motion was carried.
- Peg asked permission to use the vestry (or the purple room) on November 19th for a baby shower for Holly. It was voted on and unanimously agreed.

PRC:

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

Old Business:

• Church Pew Cushions

Pat is still waiting for estimates for the material, foam, etc. We anticipate having them before the next council meeting. (Post meeting note – we did look into purchasing new cushions. However, the cost was prohibitive and the color selection of very bright red and blue would not work with our carpet. We are very thankful Pat will be taking on this challenging task!)

New Business:

- **Johnson's Hardware Account**

In conversation about this account it was mentioned there is not a list of approved purchasers on file at Johnson's. It should be the Buildings & Ground Committee members plus the sexton ONLY. Barbara will call Johnson's and give them the names of each person and request that they be the ONLY people able to charge items. Johnson's should ask for identification. It was also noted Johnson's, while convenient, can be expensive. With planning many items can be purchased elsewhere like BJ's or Wal-Mart for less. Yvette noted finances are tight, and we need to try and save every penny we can. The council was in agreement.

- **Benevolence role update (temporary)**

Marilyn Baird will be the Benevolent Fund Deacon while Mei Ling undergoes and recovers from surgery. Thank you, Marilyn for helping! Be well Mei Ling! We miss you already!

Waterford Harvest Day Celebration

Kathy Piscitello mentioned she and Patti will have a tent at the Waterford Harvest Day Celebration. They will bring items from the Craft Ladies to sell. There is no charge, and they feel it will have a good crowd of younger families due to the family based attractions there. No action was required so they go with our blessings!

- **Key Lock Box**

Richard motioned the Key Lock Box in the office be moved to a less obvious place. Dave Rowley seconded and the motion carried.

- **Correspondence/Sept. 2016 Vandalism**

A Victim Response Letter addressed to Holly was received from the State of Ct Judicial Branch concerning the robbery the church suffered on September 12th. We have to fill it out and have it notarized. The Council discussed whether or not to seek damages (\$70 cash taken and \$34.31 to purchase a new doorknob for the pastor's office) as well as community service from the youths involved as this needed to be included in our response. Dave Rowley shared community service was a great idea. However, he noted as much as we might like to see the community service take place at the church, in his experience it is not a good idea to take place at the scene. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with this and to state that we would seek restitution/community service. The motion carried and Holly will sign and have the letter notarized in the morning. She will deliver the letter to Juvenile Court in Waterford. (Post meeting note – We received a request from New London Superior Court for the other participant. This one can be handled via a phone call to the prosecutor. Dianne will call and ask for the same restitution/community service.)

- Dave Rowley would like the report from the By-Laws Committee put on next month's agenda

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant

Next Meeting Monday November 7th, 6:30 p.m.
Devotions will be Peg Straub



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.)**



PBBCloud

Who are your witnesses?

Coming November 4-5, 2016

PBBC Women's Retreat

At Camp Wightman

Flyers with info in the Lounge

Save the date!...and Join us!



A Little Church Humor



October 19th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Union Baptist Church
119 High Street, Mystic, CT 06355 860-536-9659
Handicap access available

Mental Health: Coping w/Depression

A Presentation with Q & A

Speaker: Jeffrey Montague, Southeastern Mental
Health Authority, Norwich, CT

For all areas or ages of concern.

There will be a time for clergy to share concerns with Jeff Montague RE: Mental Health Issues.

A note of gratitude

From Judy Allbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart overflows. Thank you so much for coming to my retirement party. It was beyond my wildest thought. (having no idea what was going to happen, I did have some wild thought!) It was a lovely farewell with very kind words and cards and like the good Baptists that we are we had good food and wonderful singing.

The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut is a unique and special place to be sharing in ministry. And I could not have found a more caring group of people who are as passionate of serving you in this way.

I will keep you in my heart and in my prayers.

Judy

Meet the New Interim Executive Minister

ABCCONN

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Williams

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Williams has been called as ABCCONN's Interim Executive Minister. He will begin to serve early in October. (He is replacing Rev. Judy Allbee)

Ken was the Senior Pastor of First Baptist church in Rochester, NY before retiring in 2013. He was the Executive Minister of the ABC of Rochester/Genesee region from 1995-2000. He also served as senior pastor of two churches—one in Rochester, NY for almost 11 years and one in Chicago, IL for 3 years—and as Associate Pastor of Waukesha, WI for almost 4 years. He was ordained at the church in Waukesha.

Ken received his DMin from McCormick Theological Seminary, did post graduate work at Emory University and received his MDiv from Colgate Rochester Divinity School and his BS from Campbell University. He is from Buies Creek, NC and is married to the Rev. Peg Jones Williams.

The committee was impressed with the “freshness” of his responses and approach to ministry today:

“I know myself to be outgoing, gregarious, sensitive and compassionate...I am a collaborative leader, preferring to help folks define a vision and pursue it together, with energy and ownership...My skills include building trusting relationships, personal counseling, mentoring, worship leadership, and leadership formation.”

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