

# THE TIE that binds

## November 2016



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### **Most of All**

Thanksgiving Day brings to mind  
the blessings in our lives  
that usually go unnoticed:  
a home that surrounds us  
with comfort and protection;  
delicious food, for pleasure  
in both eating and sharing;  
clothes to snuggle up in,  
books and good entertainment  
to expand our minds;  
and freedom to worship our God.  
Most of all we are thankful  
for our family and friends,  
those treasured people  
who make our lives extra special.  
You are part of that cherished group.  
On Thanksgiving, (and every day)  
we appreciate you.

Happy Thanksgiving!



*By Joanna Fuchs*

## Pastor's Page

### All Saints' Day Celebration

With both joy and sadness we remember the saints among us, recalling on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> those who have died this past year. As we read their names we light a candle and ring a bell. Please look for the list as it appears in this newsletter. Together we rejoice in the glory that now is theirs, and in their light as it continues to shine. May God bless their loved ones with care and comfort.

### Opportunities for Giving Thanks

This month we give thanks in a variety of ways! We fill our Second Sunday food baskets with items for the Groton Food Locker Thanksgiving baskets. Our young people collect these items on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

We join in Thanksgiving worship on Sunday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and our young people make their monthly visit to friends and neighbors at the Regency. And once again St. Mark's Episcopal Church graciously extends an invitation to gather for Thanksgiving Day.

In all we do and say, let our hearts be truly grateful!

### Stewardship Commitment Sunday

We have been taking the time, on the last Sunday of each month, to reflect on our giving to God, on the abundant gifts we have received, on the stewardship of resources entrusted to our care, and on our support of this church's ministry. Let us now move into the future God has in store for us, as we prayerfully consider our faith and financial commitments and present our gifts and pledge commitments on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Group News and Events

### **Saturday November 19th NBC Holiday Bazaar!**

9 am -2 pm Co-Oppers—Leme know if can help serve LUNCH  
From 11:15—1:00 pm!!!  
Don't miss Cakes, Cookies, Fudge, Jelly Jams & great Christmas  
Shopping!



### **Thursday, November 24**

### **THANKSGIVING DAY**



During this special Holiday, list all you reasons to be thankful!! Go ahead! Count on your fingers & your toes...Give PRAISE as we head into the advent Season!

### **Lookin' Way Ahead**

### **Saturday, December 3rd**



PBBC Holiday Bazaar  
9am—2 pm

### **Tuesday, December 9th**

Christmas Gift Swap & Movie Night  
3-5:30 pm at NBC



### **Thursday, December 15th**

Co-Op Caro-Ling –O-Ling

3 pm—6pm



Join Us for  
Caroling



## **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**

## **DECEMBER MINISTERS**

**Communion: Prepare: Marilyn Baird  
Holly Boyle**

**Serve: : Marilyn Baird  
Holly Boyle  
Anita Fernald  
Bob Nelson**

**Assist Pastor: Richard Tourjee**

### **Lay Leader:**

**04 – Jackie Dorobkowski  
11 – Barbara Brant  
18 – Dennis Piscitello  
25 - Holly Boyle**



# Birthdays



## 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

## DECEMBER

- 04 – Sandy Wong
- 05 – Joan Watkins
- 06 – Robert Nelson
- 10 – Ted Hespeler
- 11 – Dick Spencer - Passed
- 17 – Clyde Myers
- 21 – Sheila Manchester
- 25 – Catherine Hiller



**Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2016**

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 pm .Peg Straub led the devotions.

**Correspondence:**

A letter from the tenants of 15 South Road was read and recorded. It stated that due to serious health issues, the October rent would not be able to be paid. However, for the next six months they will pay \$50 extra per month to bring their account back to good standing. It was also noted that they had paid the rent for November and indeed paid the extra \$50.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Sunday, November 13 will be Stewardship and Pledge Sunday. Pledge cards will be available in the bulletins. On the back of the Pledge cards will be a 'percentage giving chart'.
- Care and Share update – They are experiencing 'growing pains' i.e. the needs of the community are exceeding the available funds. A letter was sent out asking churches to give more if possible. Bob feels much is provided on behalf of PBBC via Bob's leadership, Barbara's assistance in the office, our site hosting voucher distribution, etc. – all of which are valuable contributions to the effort.
- It is with joy and sadness that a letter was read from Kristin Negaard O'Brien announcing her retirement from the Co-Op Youth Ministry. She and her husband George will be moving to Great Britain for 2-4 years in early 2017. She will complete this current year. Kristin has served the youth in our community well for many years, and we will miss her! We will recognize Kristen and George the second Sunday in January for all of their good works and dedication.
- In regards to our Youth Ministry we will continue to work with Noank Baptist and possibly invite Union Baptist to join and all work together as they too (Noank) are scaling back.
- Our new Interim leader of ABCCONN is Rev. Dr. Kenneth Williams. He will most likely be with us for about 2 years as they seek to fill that position.
- Christmas this year is on a Sunday. We will be having our usual worship service on Sunday, as well as Christmas Eve Service on Saturday night.
- Claudine's last vacation for the year will be from December 28 – January 1. Catherine Hiller will be our Lay Preacher on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>. Communion will be moved to Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- MAEC has asked that we host the Pot Luck Supper this year on January 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the Annual Award Dinner. The Hospitality Committee will organize the details.

**Buildings/Grounds:**

- The railing on the church front steps has once again been repaired by Darrell.
- The refrigerator and kitchen has been cleaned.
- The vines and trees have been cleaned out and cut down.
- The Fire Extinguishers are all up to date.
- Darrell called Anderson Oil and made an appointment to have the furnace cleaned. It will be done in February as that is Anderson's first opening.

### **Education/Discipleship:**

- In lieu of Sunday School this past week the children went on one of their proposed 'field trips' - shopping at Big Y for Thanksgiving items to start our Second Sunday Food Collection next week. A good time was had by all (well, at least the children!)

### **Hospitality:**

- No Report

### **Mission/Outreach:**

- Jackie reported that she is waiting to receive information about our "family" that we adopt each Christmas. She should get it this week.
- Jackie said she will do the Moment for Mission November 20<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Family. Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) will be taken in December.

### **Worship/Membership:**

- Peg said we would decorate the sanctuary for Advent November 20<sup>th</sup> as Advent begins November 27. Peg has also purchased a new Moravian Star – thank you, Peg!

### **PRC:**

- The committee will meet this Sunday after worship, November 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss their budget recommendations.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Church Cushions:**

Pat did extensive research on this project. She had a detailed report as to what things would cost – right down to the zippers and zipper pulls. The final cost will be just under \$7,000. As we all know this is a much needed project to be done, and we are very fortunate that Pat will do all the sewing. This is a huge donation on her part, and we cannot thank her enough for her generosity of her time and talents...BUT we still have to pay for the materials. Some parishioners have inquired as to how they can help, and some have offered to donate funds. This is wonderful. When Pat broke the estimate down she came up with the figure of about \$175 for each pew. We all thought it would be an excellent idea if people would like to donate that amount to 'purchase a pew' in honor or in memory of someone special in their lives. If anyone would like to do this now, please feel free to do so. Just make out your checks to PBBC and put "Pew Donation" in the memo line. This will give us an idea as to how much more money we need to raise to start this endeavor after the first of the year.

**Johnson's Hardware Account:** Barbara sent a formal letter to them listing the names of the people authorized to charge items to this account.

**Waterford Harvest Day Celebration:** This was not as successful as they had hoped as they raised \$40. Kathy Piscitello and Pat attended and had a great time.

**Key Lock Box:** Richard moved the key lock box

**September 2016 Vandalism Court Update:** All the proper paperwork was filled out and brought directly to the court. Awaiting final outcome.

## Minutes Cont.

**Handbells:** Holly ordered the springs for the bells and they were delivered. In conversation with the company, she learned storing them upstairs on the third floor, which can have substantial temperature variations, was not was good idea. It could shorten the life of the springs or the rubber. They will now be stored in the music room on the second floor. Holly also noted that they are looking a little rough and would like to have them polished before Christmas.

### **New Business:**

**2017 Snow removal contract:** E.J. Smith has submitted the 2017 proposed contract. It remains the same as in years past. Darrell motioned that we accept this and it was seconded by Peg Straub. It was carried. Darrell will sign and mail back.

### **Vanguard Monies:**

Dave motioned that we take the Vanguard monies (\$8,035.24) and pay back the \$5,000 we borrowed from the Memorial Fund, then deposit the remaining \$3,035.25 in the General Fund to help defray some of the upcoming expenses. Holly seconded. A discussion ensued.

It was mentioned that if we do this we will spend it and then will not have much of an emergency fund.

It was also noted that we do not know what criteria, if any, the Vanguard Fund had attached to it. This will be further investigated.

A vote was called and 2 were in favor – 10 opposed and two abstentions. Another motion was then made by Dick Tourjee that we put it into a separate account that would be readily available to us, in case of an emergency. Yvette seconded. The vote was carried but with an abstention. The Finance Committee will look into options.

### **By-Laws:**

The By-Law Revision Committee consists of Dave Rowley, Kathy Piscitello, Jackie Dorobkowski, Holly Boyle, and Catherine Hiller. They have worked long and hard to come up with these revisions. They have corrected some grammatical errors, along with making them easier to understand and work in today's society. The group has also given us a 'homework' assignment.

The document is now a draft. When reading the by-laws, please bear in mind the red text reflects words proposed/added by the committee, and the blue text represents words in the current by-laws that the committee proposes be removed. This enables us to look and see exactly what is proposed and what currently exists. We are to study the changes, ask questions should there be any, and come back next month for discussion. We were also made aware that this is a 'work in progress', and there are still a few sections that have not been addressed as of yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Brant

Next Meeting Monday December 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Devotions Mei Ling (but Yvette is in the wings!)





LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS !

WE PLAN ON PLAYING CHRISTMAS EVE!

PLEASE SEE HOLLY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!





Community

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 2016

St. Mark's Church

15 Pearl Street

Mystic



All are Welcome

Call 860-572-9549

To arrange a ride, schedule a meal delivery, or  
donate food

Volunteers needed for Thursday,  
Especially clean up (2:00—3:30 pm)

# 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  
ATTIC  
CRAFTS AND NEEDLEWORK AND  
COOKIES!!!



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



To the Hospitality Committee,

On behalf of myself and my family, we thank you all so much for your part in making our mother's celebration of her life so wonderful. It was a beautiful tribute to her.

We also thank you all for being her friend and always watching out for her even though no matter what, she would always say to you, "I'm fine" even if she wasn't.

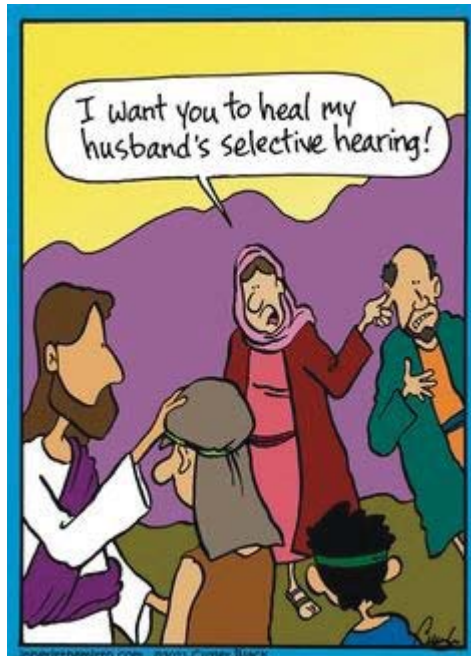
We will be forever grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

Judy Plouffe and family



## A Little Church Humor



***All Saints Day November 6, 2016***

***Ted Ackley***

***Dolores Benson***

***Alvin Colby***

***Betty Curry***

***Ron Dorobkowski***

***Connie Elliot***

***Suzanne Fortune***

***William Gilroy***

***Nicholas Greene***

***Althea Gordon***

***Charmaine Curry Hutcheson***

***Red Marquardt***

***Nazera "Nuzzy" Packer***

***Richard Rogers***

***Catherine Rowe***

***Betty Shontell***

***Joan Spitzschuk***

***Jeanette Spring***

***Lowell Standley***

***June Standley***

***Dorilew Tourjee***

***Chuck Watrous***

***Robin Weckesser***

***Rose Whittaker***



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