

# THE TIE that binds

February 2017



1241 Poquonnock Road, Groton, Connecticut 06340  
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## **What Valentine Can I Give Him?**

What can I give to Jesus  
On this special Valentine's Day?  
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,  
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him?  
Should I send a red heart, with lace?  
How can I thank Him enough  
For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,  
My adoration to impart?  
I'll give to Him what He wants most;  
I'll yield to Him my heart.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



## Pastor's Page



Prayer for our Annual Meeting  
(Words by Carla A. Grosch-Miller)

At every beginning, bless our dreaming and our doing. The year lies before us, full of the mundane and the miraculous, the known and the unknown. Be the breath we take before each step. Be the source from which we draw strength. Be the end toward which we direct our hope. Open our eyes to all that is around us. Open our ears to the song the soul yearns to sing. Open our hearts to the love that lives through us. Open our hands to the task the moment requires.

Let us do this thing before us as if all creation and our very life depend upon it, as if You are bent over, watching and listening and willing us to do it well. We pray for those closest to us, the people whose lives by birth and by choice are intertwined with our own. Where we have failed each other, prompt forgiveness. Where we have harmed each other, provide healing. Where we have blessed each other, provoke thanksgiving. So may we live with one another in love, awake to frailty, grateful for grace, tender in patience.

We pray for the hungry and the homeless, for the heartless and the hopeless, for the lonely and the longing, for the overlooked and the unloving, for the bleeding and the dying, for the aching and the crying, for all who need and all who plead, for the empty hand and the asking heart. Grant us to see, O Lord, it is You who are meeting us.

And finally, God, pour out Your Spirit on those chosen and choosing to exercise leadership in churches, synagogues, mosques and wherever people gather to seek Your face and drink deeply from Your well. Give them sweet humility, dogged perseverance, and listening ears. Accompany them through the hard and confusing places. Bless their wrestling. Cradle their courage. Develop their discernment. Excite their imagination. Prosper their efforts. Strengthen their trust. Yoke their passion.

Place a sustaining word on their tongues and a joyful song in their hearts. At the end of the day, grant them peace. Amen.

## Youth Group News and Events

### **Friday, February 24th 5-7pm Co-Op Youth Event**

Trampoline Place in Mystic

Got Cabin Fever?



Come join us at the Trampoline place at 5pm to jump, flip, the winter blues away! AND eat pizza!!!

The Trampoline Place is located towards the back of the Mystic Business Park at 800 Flanders Road in Mystic.

Parents must sign permission forms when dropping students off.

Feel free to contact Shannon Weigle with any questions and please RSVP by February 17th at 860-245-0835





## **FEBRUARY MINISTERS**

**Communion:** Prepare: Peg Straub  
Cathy Greenfield  
Serve: Peg Straub  
Catherine Greenfield  
Li Ling Liu  
Assist Pastor: Catherine Hiller

### **Lay Leader:**

05 - Barbara Brant  
12 - Jonathan Liu  
19 - Bob Nelson  
26 - Holly Boyle

## **MARCH MINISTERS**

**Communion:** Prepare: Rick Tourjee  
Candy Zeppieri

Serve: Rick Tourjee & Candy Zeppieri  
Clyde Myers & Barbara Brant

Assist Pastor: Noelle Butler

### **Lay Leader:**

05 - Patti Tootell  
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# Birthdays



## February

- 01 - Gary Benson
- 02 - Althea Gordon (Passed)
- 14 - Yvette Ackley
- 18 - Celia Lew
- 20 - Ronald Tourjee
- 20 - Donna McLaughlin
- 23 - Kristin Greene
- 27 - Richard Bassett

## **MARCH**

- 01 – Roberta Morton (passed)
- 02 – Burt Crooks
- 04 – Red Marquardt (passed)
- 05 – Claire Marquardt (passed)
- 07 – Josh Chomicz
- 10 - Mela Magno
- 11 – Claudine Crooks
- 13 – Betty Curry (passed)
- 13 – Jennifer Kent
- 13 – Carla Berry
- 15 – Daniel Morton
- 15 – Peg Ackley
- 15 – Meghan Berry
- 15 – Gianni Pezsolesi
- 18 – Matthew Johnson
- 18 – Cassie Johnson
- 18 – Robert Johnson
- 21 – Cheryl Piscitello
- 25 – Heidi Butler
- 26 – Janice McDonald
- 29 – Portia Freeman
- 29 – Carol Case
- 31 – Aida Amuan



**Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2017**

Vice Moderator Patti Tootell opened the meeting at 1 pm.

Claudine led us in devotions.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 were filed as printed and emailed

**Review of December Meeting :** Minutes were filed as printed

**Correspondence:**

None

**Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Claudine wanted a special thank you to Kristen for all of her work in the past with our youth.
- She will be meeting with Union Baptist and Noank Baptist and they are planning on working together with the combined youth. Their first event will be the end of the month at the Mystic Trampoline Park
- Claudine will be holding a new member class this spring

**Deacon and Committee Reports:**

**Buildings/Grounds:**

- No formal report – Richard Toujee fixed some leaks at the parsonage and replaced glass in a window that was broken while moving some furniture

**Education/Discipleship:**

- Children are going to sing “All God’s Creatures Got a Place in the Choir” this Sunday

**Mission/Outreach:**

- No Report – Jennifer Kent being new to Council – they will meet shortly with Claudine and plan Missions for the coming year

**Hospitality:**

- Sandy Vocolina said they were going to form a committee of volunteers to do the prep work for Sunday refreshments. They will meet this Saturday, February 11 at 10 am.

**Worship/Membership:**

- Peg asked Richard to do the ashes once again for Ash Wednesday which is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Nominating Committee:**

- Mission accomplished!

**PRC:**

- No Report

**Old Business:**

**Church Cushions:**

- Status about the same – it is time to start the campaign – a blurb will go out in the bulletin each week and in the TIE

**By-Laws**

- By-Laws Committee will meet this Sunday during Sunday school time.

**New Business:**

**Devotional Chart for Council Members:**

- Pastor Claudine will do devotions for the month of March
- Yvette Ackley will do devotions for the month of April
- A new chart will be available at next month's meeting for members to fill out

**Phone Log for council members**

- Barbara will make out a new phone list with emails and phone numbers to be distributed via email this week

**Keys for new council members**

- Barbara will have new keys made for new council members

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm  
Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Brant, Clerk

**Next Meeting: March 6, 6:30 pm**  
**Devotions: Pastor Claudine**





## **Bread and Broth Begins March 8th**

We will again gather each Wednesday evening during Lent from 5:30—6:30 pm for a simple supper of soup and bread, and informal faith conversations around the tables.

Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Lounge if you plan to attend, and if you'd be willing to make soup or provide bread.

We like to have two soup makers and bread providers each week.

The series will run from March 8th until April 5th.

Please join us for this favorite Lenten tradition.





**SAVE THIS DATE**

# **TAG SALE**

**POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**1241 Poquonnock Road**

**Groton, CT**

**Thursday, April 20th \* extra day**

**First Hour Early bird fee of \$3.00**

**9 am- 10am**

**Be first to see the unique items!**

**Friday, April 21st 9AM – 2PM**

**Saturday, April 22nd 9AM – 2 PM**

**COME AND CHECK IT OUT!!!**

**BAKE SALE ON FRI. AND SAT. ONLY**

**CLOTHES - SHOES - POCKETBOOKS**

**ANTIQUE BUTTONS – LINENS - COLLECTA-**

**BLES**

**DISHES – POTS & PANS - UTENSILS**

**FURNITURE**

**JEWELRY & ANTIQUES**

**BOOKS - TOYS – TOOLS - TREASURES**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!!**

**GREAT BARGAINS!!!!**

# *Help Needed!!!*

*Tag Sale Team Members will meet each Monday at 9 am*

*To prepare for the April Annual Tag Sale*

*Many hands make light work!*

*This tag sale is a church wide project.*

*100% of all monies earned goes into the General Fund*

*\$10,000 is budgeted each year for the tag sale but the workers are not limited to just a few. ALL members and friends of the church are urged to do whatever they can to help in any way!*

*This is YOUR church and YOUR outreach project so won't you help?*

*Start cleaning out your basements, your attics, your*

*Closets and your sheds!*

*We need "stuff" to sell*

*We need PEOPLE to work*

*We need YOUR support!*

## **BENEFIT CONCERT CARE AND SHARE**

Care and Share provides emergency food or gas vouchers to our neediest residents. Annual distribution of over \$40,000 for these emergency funds. Suggested tax deductible donation \$20 for concert. Your entire donation goes to Care and Share.

### **ENJOY GREAT MUSIC AND SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

#### **CONTE JAZZ TRIO**

**First United Methodist Church Mystic  
23 Willow Street, Mystic, CT  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017, 3 P.M.**



Vocalist and Upright Bassist, Chris Conte, along with Dan Brandl and Chris Johnson.

Classic, swinging American Songbook jazz & blues favorites, influenced by musical legends such as: **Nat King Cole**, **TONY BENNETT**, **Ella Fitzgerald**, **Frank Sinatra**, **Steve Tyrel**, **Harry Connick Jr**, **DIANA KRALL**, **Chet Baker**, **Mel Torme**.

**The Conte Trio concert is supported by The Don Kimball Fund of First United Methodist Church Mystic. Care and Share is an outreach of the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council.**

# **ABCCONN Gathering**

*April 29, 2017*

*“A Time to Listen  
and*

*A Time to Speak”*

*8:30 am to 3:00 pm*

*Cost \$20 per person until April 10th*

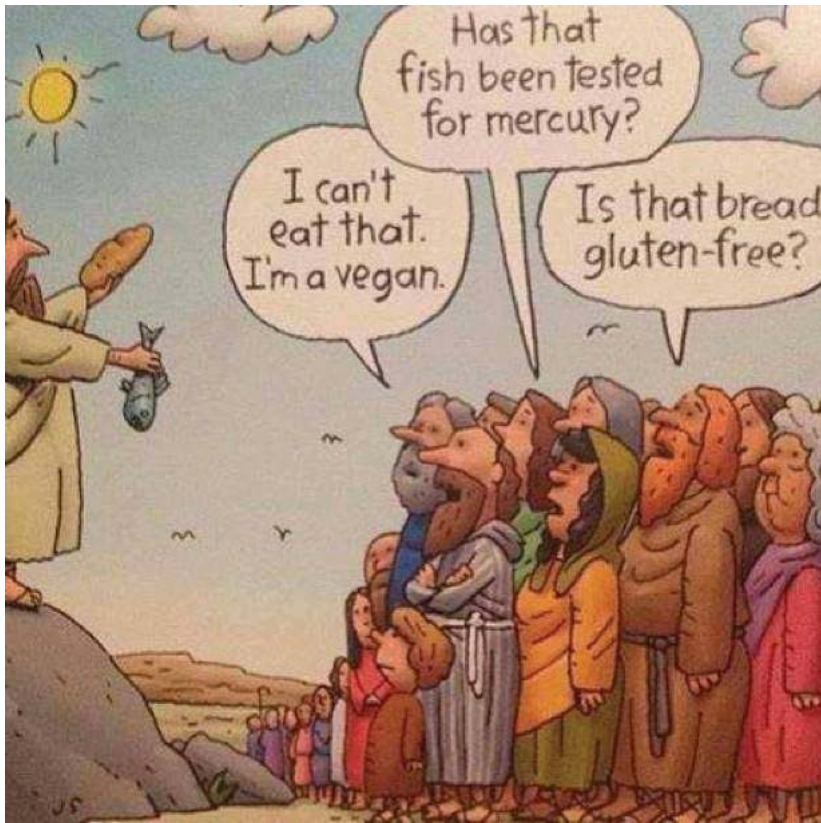
*\$30 Per person after April 10th*

*Featuring guest preacher:*

*The Rev. Judy Fackenthal, President of the  
American Baptist Churches. USA*

*Colchester Federated Church  
South Main St.  
Colchester, CT*

## A Little Church Humor



### Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapp



"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."

## ***A donation letter***

January 17, 2017

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Attached please find a donation in the amount \$250 in memory of Red and Claire Marquardt.

This donation was given by Mr. Glen Marquardt an employee of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union who is celebrating his 35th year of employment at Charter Oak. Employees choose between having a luncheon in their honor or donating to their favorite charity. Mr. Marquardt has chosen to donate to the Church in honor of his parents.

Sincerely,

Laurie B. Cormier

SVP/CHRMO

Thank you Glen for thinking of us and what a nice way to remember your mom and dad.



## **CAMP WIGHTMAN**

### **CALENDAR**

February 12-18—Random Acts of Kindness Week

March 17—100 days until Camp!!!

April 16—Resurrection Day

May 6—Spring Work Day—(9am-3 pm)  
Family Fun Day ( 1-4 pm)

May 21—Family Fun Day (1 to 4 pm)

June 11– Staff Development Begins

June 18—Rookie Camper Day (2 to 4 pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

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