

THE TIE that binds

March 2017



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Pastor's Page



The Season of Lent

We begin with our Ash Wednesday service on March 1st, coming together to quietly reflect on God's word, to let go of the past, and to commit ourselves to God's new future as we walk the road to Jerusalem with Christ.

We gather each Sunday for morning worship and each Wednesday night for Bread N Broth, a time-honored tradition of sharing simple meals around the table, with devotions and conversations as people of faith.

We prepare for Holy Week
Palm Sunday is April 9th
Maundy Thursday is April 13th
(Ledyard-Gales Ferry Baptist Church)
Good Friday is April 14th
(service here at noon)
Easter Sunday is April 16th

America for Christ

Throughout the month of March and the season of Lent we will be receiving your gifts to this offering. America for Christ supports Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transform people across the United States and Puerto Rico – through evangelism training, church renewal and discipleship resources, local programs of our ABCCONN region, American Baptist camps and retreat centers, including Camp Wightman, volunteer disaster response plus initiatives that fight poverty and so much more. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Youth Group News and Events

Youth Co-Op ShamROCK!

When: March 17th

Where: Union Baptist Church Multipurpose Room

Time: 5:00-7:00

Are you ready to ROCK?!? The Youth Co-Op is hosting a video game/board game night! The main event will feature the ultimate RockBand tournament! Come with your best good sport attitude and a food that's green...(yes, green)! Questions see Megan Strand or Robin Crandall.



Start Fresh Annual Fundraising Banquet

Sunday, March 26, 2017 @ 5-8 pm
Crozier Williams Hall—Connecticut College
270 Mohegan Blvd—New London, CT 06320

Banquet Ticket

\$50 each; under 12 \$30 Online orders:

Startfreshbanquet.eventbrite.com

Start Fresh—The goodwill of those that volunteer and contribute makes it possible for refugee families to find a new home.

More info call/text 860-705-3902



MARCH MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Rick Tourjee
Peg Straub**

**Serve: Rick Tourjee & Peg Straub
Clyde Myers & Barbara Brant
Assist Pastor: Noelle Butler**

Lay Leader:

**05– Patti Tootell
12– Catherine Hiller
19– Richard Tourjee
26 - Holly Boyle**

APRIL MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Dave and Carol Rowley
Serve: Dave and Carol Rowley
Richard Tourjee
Dianne Dellarco
Assist Pastor: Noelle Butler**

Lay Leader:

**02 - Pete Wong
09 – Catherine Greenfield
16– Bob Nelson
23 - Rick Tourjee
30 - Dave Rowley**



Birthdays



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

APRIL

- 01 - Irving Hiller
- 05 – Betty Brustolon
- 05- Jonathan Liu
- 08 – Anita Fernald
- 10 - Mark Mundell
- 10 – Reese Friedman
- 16 – Liz Rousseau
- 17 – Stephen Morton
- 21 – Wilfred Vars



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Claudine led us in devotions.

Minutes of the February 5, 2017 were filed as printed and emailed

Correspondence:

None

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Claudine shared Rev. Jonathan Scott will be preaching this Sunday, March 12th. We would need a check to pay him.
- Prayer Chain was updated recently but needs to be updated once again to include new members of Council. Barbara will see that this is done.
- Meeting was held concerning the new Co-Op Youth Leader. Job description was finalized, and the job has been posted. Looking to start with a new leader on a smaller scale. The ages now are inclusive of 5th-12th graders. If anyone knows a person who would be interested in this job, please let the pastor know.
- March 17th will be a Co-Op Youth Group event at Union Baptist – “ShamROCK” where the kids will gather to enjoy music. On that same subject she thanked our Craft Ladies for making a beautiful scarf for Kristen as our parting gift. It will be presented to Kristen during worship at a date to be announced later this month.
- Bread & Broth will start this Wednesday, March 8 and the monies collected will go to the America for Christ Offering. Sunday, March 19th will be the official America for Christ Offering. Claudine met with Jennifer Kent, our new deacon of Missions and Outreach, and they have discussed the coming offerings.
- March 26th will be our Prayer Shawl Blessing
- Care and Share program has been revamped and now the distributions will take place at Groton Human Services and Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center instead of here at PBBC.
- The MAEC Choir Festival will be this Sunday at Noank Baptist Church.
- Jon Hiller is working on names and obtaining plaques for our Memorial Board.
- Palm Sunday will be April 9.
- Maundy Thursday service will be hosted this year by Ledyard/Gales Ferry Baptist Church, but we will still have participating readers, and of course, Pastor Claudine will be take part in leading that worship service.
- Good Friday Service will be here at PBBC at noon.
- April 16th is Easter Sunday.
- April 29th Annual Gathering of ABCCONN at Colchester Federated Church.
- Planning infant dedication in early May for Joshua Boyle.
- May 21st – the Rev. Doctor Ken Williams (Interim Leader of ABCCONN) will be speaking from our pulpit.

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Buildings/Grounds:

- Susan Schmidtkecht reported that the toilets in the ladies room are being fixed by her husband and Richard Tourjee
- She also brought to our attention that the wallpaper in the hallway and stairway is in dire need of either replacing or removal/painting. She will investigate further; this would not only be a costly project but also time consuming.
- Richard Tourjee reported that all furnaces were cleaned – the church, parsonage and the rental property. The tenants, however are responsible for cleaning of their furnace. The bill will be given to them.
- Richard Tourjee brought to our attention that mattresses are being stored in the rental property garage. This issue will be addressed.

Education/Discipleship:

- The Youth had a wonderful Trampoline event last month which was a great success and of course our own Austin took part in the coaching!
- ShamROCK event March 17th
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Easter Sunday, April 16th following worship.

Mission/Outreach:

- Jen brought 20 bags of food to Groton Social Services.
- America for Christ Offering will be March 19th. The monies received from Bread and Broth will also go to this mission.
- Jen and Portia Freeman completed training to participate in Groton Community Meals

Hospitality:

- The Palms have been ordered and once again, we will offer some to Old Mystic Baptist Church.
- Bread and Broth supplies have been purchased.

Worship/Membership:

- Sandy said a few people met and it was decided that they would rotate months in preparing for Sunday refreshments. Those taking responsibility for this will be Gail Neff, Cathy Greenfield and Sandy Vocolina. She also reported that they had \$65 in their coffers.
- She will print out a “to-do” list as to how to make coffee and to do the set-up for refreshments so others could follow should the need arise.

PRC:

- No report – Richard had to scoot, couldn't miss the girls' basketball game you know!!!

Old Business:

Church Cushions:

- Donations have been coming in, which is wonderful, and if anyone else would like to donate that option is still available. However, we are pleased to share we are being blessed with a donation to cover the remaining cost of the pew cushions. That donation is from Yvette and Peg Ackley in loving memory of their mom and dad, Yvonne and Ted Ackley. Thank you so much for your generosity – mom and dad would be proud!

By-Laws

- By-Laws Committee has worked long and hard and are nearing the end of the road! They have a FINAL draft ready for Council review. They will send them out to Council two weeks prior to our April Council meeting to enable all of us to peruse them at our leisure and not take time away from the meeting. Upon Council's approval we will then call a special church meeting for the final approval of the congregation of the new By-Laws. This most likely will take place after Easter.

Devotional Chart for Council Members:

This was done and will be typed and emailed out to all members of Council.

New Business:

Parking Request

Barbara Brant has requested use of the overflow parking lot on the days of December 5-7, 2017 (Tuesday thru Thursday) for people to park as they traverse to Lancaster, PA to see the Sight and Sound Theater production of The Miracle of Christmas. Nothing is on the church calendar at this time. Holly Boyle motioned that this be allowed, Kathy Piscitello seconded. The motion was carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant, Clerk

Next month's meeting April 3rd, 6:30 pm Devotions - Yvette Ackley



Bread and Broth Began 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!!!

*Part of our Annual Tag Sale is our
Bake Sale on Friday and Saturday.*

April 21st and 22nd

We are in need of baked goods

Cookies



Pies



Breads

*Make them now and feel free to store them
in the church freezer!*

*We need lots of these goodies to make it a
successful bake sale!*

*See Sandy Vocolina or Patti Tootell if you
can help in this way!*

Sydney Avena's Senior Recital



As Sydney prepares to graduate from high school she will be offering a violin recital and invites friends and family to join us:

Saturday, April 8 at 7:30pm

Noank Baptist Church
18 Cathedral Heights
Noank, CT

She will be playing Mozart's Concerto No. 3 in G and selected other works.

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*



Habitat for Humanity Demo Work Days

Sat. March 18th from 8:30 to 2:30

Sat. April 8th from 8:30 to 2:30

235 Yetter Road, Mystic

We are READY to do some demolition and building on the Yetter Road house! Volunteers MUST sign up to work on the Habitat Volunteer Up web page. No one under the age of eighteen can volunteer for these two work days. We really need help so please take the time and register on line. If you have any questions call Susan Morton at 860-949-4441 or Amanda Shanks at Habitat at 860-442-7890.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING
2017



Your America for Christ offering is making life-changing impact through ministries and resources that vitalize our congregations and communities across the United states and Puerto Rico with the hope of Jesus Christ.



You are invited to
A Weekend Retreat for Women
At Camp Wightman in Griswold, CT



Life is Sweet!



Wouldn't You Like To Savor Some Time
With God?

Dates: Friday, March 24th to Sunday March 26th

We begin with supper at 6 pm on Friday and end after lunch on
Sunday.

Place: The Reynolds and Myers Retreat Center at
207 Coal Pit Road at
Camp Wightman, Griswold, CT

Lisa Gustafson, Pastor of First Church, Winsted will be our
leader

Singing—Worship—Bible Study—Guided Meditation—Art
time
Time to rest—Refresh—Renew

Reserve your place today by calling Camp Wightman @
860-376-2179

***I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry again.***

Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

Saturday night is movie night, snacks and time for yourself...



CAMP WIGHTMAN

CALENDAR

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!

A Note of Thanks From Carolyn's daughter Connie

Dear PBBC,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have sent cards, kept in touch with my mom on my progress and all the prayers being sent my way. Please keep prayers coming my way to get me through this long journey

*...straight from the heart.
Love and prayers
Connie*

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