

# THE TIE that binds

April 2017



## April

It's spring! Farwell  
To chills and colds!  
The blushing, girlish  
World unfolds

Each flower, leaf,  
And blade of turf—  
Small love-notes sent  
From air to earth.

The sky's a herd  
Of prancing sheep,  
The birds and fields  
Abandon sleep,

And jonquils, tulips,  
Daffodils  
Bloom bright upon  
The wide-eyed hills.

All things renew.  
All things begin.  
At church, they bring  
The lilies in.

—John Updike

## Pastor's Page



### The Season of Easter

I offer my gratitude and joy for the journey of Lent. We have worshipped together, worked together, broken bread together and gathered in fellowship together. Thank you to one and all for another sacred Bread and Broth series. I will miss our table time and our table talk.

### Holy Week

We begin with Palm Sunday on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We gather at Ledyard-Gales Ferry Baptist Church at 6pm to share in communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We walk on Good Friday to raise money and awareness for local and global hunger with the MAEC.

We worship here at noon on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

We come together in resurrection joy on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the promise of our faith and the hope of new life. "Thine Is the Glory!"

### A Special Moment for Mission

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome Judy George as a guest to our worship service. She will bring greetings and mission news from Mystic River Homes and the Mystic Congregate. We look forward to hearing about this local ministry shared by our churches and community.

### Service of Infant Dedication

Please join us for worship on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. In our unique Baptist tradition we have the joy of celebrating a service of infant dedication with Ed, Holly and Joshua Boyle. May God bless this family in love and prayer.

*Women's Retreats*  
*Renew • Restore • Refresh*

**Who's in your cloud?**



**Who are your witnesses?**

**Hebrews 12: 1**

**Women's Retreat**  
**"PBBCCloud"**

Once again we return to Camp Wightman!  
November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Come for the two days or join us just for  
Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>

**OPTIONS ARE:**

1. Arrive Friday night after supper (between 6 & 7 pm)  
Bring evening snacks to share—stay overnight at Cathcart Retreat Center, enjoy breakfast and lunch on Saturday.  
(If you're sleeping over, bring a sleeping bag and bath towel - beds are made up with fitted bottom sheet, pillow and pillowcase and blanket.)  
Cost: \$70 per person
  2. Arrive Saturday morning in time for breakfast (8 am)  
Stay through lunch.  
Cost: \$35 per person
  3. Arrive Saturday morning after breakfast (9am) and enjoy lunch only.  
Cost \$25 per person
- Retreat will end by 3 pm on Saturday.  
Program will include food, fellowship and FUN!  
Worship, group discussion, free time to explore or relax!  
We will offer both crafts and inspiring programs!  
Learning our traditional sign language to "You Raise Me Up"!  
Mostly we'll enjoy each other's company and the beauty of Camp!  
Payment made to PBBC, given to Barbara Brant no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Let us know if you need directions to Camp Wightman  
(The address is 207 Coal Pit Hill Road in Griswold, though the camp is on Billings Lake in North Stonington)

***Please let us know if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions so we can inform the meal staff.***

*Reservations MUST be confirmed by November 2nd*  
*Financial assistance is available; please speak to Pastor Claudine*



## APRIL MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Dave & Carol Rowley**  
**Serve: Dave & Carol Rowley**  
**Richard Tourjee**  
**Dianne Dellarco**

**Assist Pastor: Jon Hiller**

### **Lay Leader**

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

## MAY MINISTERS

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

**Serve: : Holly Boyle**  
**Marilyn Baird**  
**Anita Fernald**  
**Ron Land**

**Assist Pastor: Pete Wong**

### **Lay Leader:**

**07 – Jonathan Liu**  
**14 – Patti Tootell**  
**21 – Noelle Butler**  
**28 - Richard Tourjee**



# Birthdays



## APRIL

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

## MAY

12 – Eleanor Cebriwsky  
15 – Andrew Dellarco  
16 – Harry Curry  
21 – Mei Ling Liu  
23 – Gayle Donahue  
23 – Jeff Land  
29 – Derek Bianchi



**Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2017**

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Yvette led us in devotions.

**Review of March 6 Meeting:** Minutes of March 6, 2017 meeting were filed as printed and emailed along with the Minutes of the March 26<sup>th</sup> Special Congregational Meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

**Pastor's Report:**

- No Report

**Buildings/Grounds:**

- Susan Schmidtknecht reported that painting the downstairs hallway was still a thought/project in progress. Could be part of a “work-day”.
- She also discussed planting shrubs by the front church sign. Holly mentioned the sign needed to be repaired and it would be foolish to plant and then have to work on the sign and trample the new plantings. Ron thought that the cost of repairing the top of the sign would run about \$300, and he was unsure what it would cost to purchase new letters. We are currently out of some letters and would need to purchase a new set possibly. He will check on the materials needed and get back to us next month.
- There will be a “work-day” scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 20<sup>th</sup>. A list of jobs will be compiled and posted – if anyone sees any other jobs that need doing – please let the council know. A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge. Catherine Hiller mentioned that the windows should be on the top of the list as they were not cleaned last year!
- Richard did some preventative maintenance at the parsonage by cleaning the drains.
- The roof is still a challenge – although with the rains we had last weekend – no leaks were reported.
- Pat did move her Sunday school room to drier ground!
- Richard will also check into a reported leak in one of the closets in the Vestry.

**Education/Discipleship:**

- Kathy Piscitello said that the Craft Ladies will fill the Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.
- Patti reported the children will sing Easter Sunday morning, then go to the Regency because that will be the third Sunday and then they will have the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Hospitality:**

- Sandy reported that they have \$78 in the Coffee Fund
- She also thought it a good idea to ‘go green’ and for people to use the mugs in the cupboard. If anyone has a special mug – and does not want anyone else to use it – please put your name on it, wash it after use and put it away. She said there would still be a small amount of paper cups available for visitors. Everyone thought this is an excellent idea.

**Mission/Outreach:**

- Jen brought 25 bags of food to Groton Social Services last month.
- Dianne Dellarco shared Jennifer Kent has regretfully resigned from the Council. The Council thanks her for her time and talents shared with us!

**Nominating Committee:** No report

**Worship/Membership:**

- The Palms have been ordered and Peg will pick them up this Friday.
- Claudine has requested that the table in the sanctuary be set with the candles for Maundy Thursday – this will be done this week. Even though we will not be having services here on Thursday, but at Ledyard/Gales Ferry Baptist Church she would like to have it to be part of the Children’s moment.
- The Dedication of Joshua Boyle will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PRC:**

- No Report

**Old Business:****Church Cushions:**

- This is DONE – well all except the hard work by Patti Tootell! We are anxious to see the finished product, and we thank Patti for her hours of sewing this project will entail.

**By-Laws**

- Barbara emailed the By-Laws Committee Final DRAFT two weeks ago for council members to review.
- Dave Rowley motioned that the council recommend approval of this last draft of the By-Laws and Sabbatical Leave Document to the Congregation in a Special Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Holly Boyle seconded.
- A lengthy discussion followed. There were a few points in question. Questions were asked and responded to by the By-Laws Committee Members consisting of Dave Rowley, Catherine Hiller, Kathy Piscitello and Holly Boyle. There were a few small grammatical errors or small typos that were brought to their attention as well. After going through both documents page by page, a vote was called to the floor and it passed (with the few minor corrections being made) with 14 in favor and 1 opposed.
- The church clerk will now post the “Call for a Special Meeting” and it will be announced from the pulpit for next two weeks. The meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> seeking approval of the Revised By-Laws and Document for Pastor’s Sabbatical Leave.
- Copies of both documents will be available for members of the church to review prior to the meeting

Meeting minutes cont.

**New Business:**

**Missions and Outreach**

- There are now two vacancies to be filled. The nominating committee proposed that Carol Gatlin be approved to fill current vacancy with the term ending in 2018; it was approved unanimously. Welcome, Carol!
- The Nominating Committee will still be searching for another volunteer to fill the other M&O deacon position which has a term ending in 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Brant, Clerk

Next month's meeting May 1st, 6:30 pm

Devotions – Dianne Dellarco



**Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**  
**Special Congregational Meeting**  
**March 26th, 2017**

RE: Forgiveness of debt.

Moderator Dianne Dellarco called the meeting to order at 10:47 am

Moderator Dianne informed the congregation that the council had borrowed \$5,000 back in September 2016 to pay end year bills from the Memorial Fund. The Council had 6 months to pay it back. If unable to do so, we need to seek 'forgiveness' from the entire congregation.

Dianne entertained a motion for the congregation to forgive this debt.

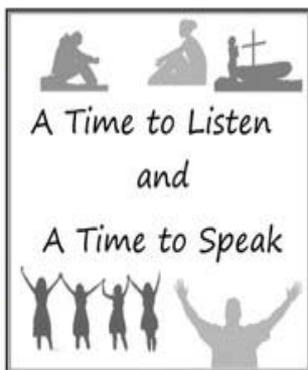
Holly Boyle motioned and Marilyn Benson seconded.

A vote was taken, and it was unanimously in support of the motion.

Meeting adjourned 10:49 am

Submitted by:  
Barbara Brant, Clerk

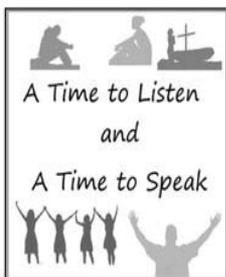
# ABCCONN ANNUAL GATHERING



SAT. APRIL 29  
8:30 AM-3:00 PM  
COLCHESTER  
FEDERATED  
CHURCH

Register now for the Annual Gathering at the Colchester Federated Church on **Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**. The day will feature a variety of workshops that will transform our ministries, worship, table conversations, lunch, programs for our children and youth, and more. Check <http://www.abcconn.org/> for a description of workshops and online registration. Our guest will be Rev. Judy Fackenthal. Judy is the President of ABCUSA.

The cost of the day (including lunch) is \$20/adult and \$12/child. Children under age five may attend for free. The cost rises to \$30/adult after April 10 (that's NEXT MONDAY), so register today! As the date of Annual Gathering approaches, check the weekly Enews and the [Facebook event](#) for updates.



## ABCCONN ANNUAL GATHERING WORSHIP REQUESTS

### Musical Groups Requested:

To celebrate the great diversity found in our ABCCONN family, the Annual Gathering Planning Team would appreciate your recommendations of ethnic musical groups from our congregations that might participate in worship on April 29 at Colchester Federated Church. The Planning Team seeks to incorporate a variety of languages and musical styles in worship. Please send your recommendations to Kevin Butler at [abcconn@abcconn.org](mailto:abcconn@abcconn.org).

Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT  
9th Annual  
**BID To BUILD AUCTION**  
Friday, April 21, 2017  
6:30 to 9:00pm  
Three Rivers Community College  
574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT



- ☐ Live Auction
- ☐ Silent Auction
- ☐ Basket Raffle
- ☐ Hearty Hors d'oeuvres
- ☐ Beverages
- ☐ Entertainment

**Mark your calendar and please attend!**

Tickets \$20 per person  
Purchase online at <http://www.habitatct.org/>  
at Habitat for Humanity, 377 Broad Street, New London  
or at the door, if available.  
For more information please contact Nell Bourgoin  
at 860-442-7890 ext. 204 or at [nbourgoin@habitatct.org](mailto:nbourgoin@habitatct.org)



## News from Camp Wightman

Dear Friends in Ministry:

We are 81 days away from Summer Camp at Camp Wightman! Summer is coming and the excitement just continues to build. We're looking forward to sun-drenched, action-packed days filled with fun, faith, and friends! How about the families and kids in your congregation?

Check below for more info about our **Youth Camp Availability Chart**. We are now posting each week about where we still have space for boy and girls. Sessions are filling and we don't want anyone to be left out!

Lent is coming to a close and Eastertide is almost upon us. This is our favorite time of the year -- we are so excited for Resurrection Day and the celebration of our Savior's work on our behalf. Tending the campfire,

Tom Hall and Tink Rabey-Hall  
Camp Wightman  
860.376.2179



# **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!!!!**

# A Little Church Humor

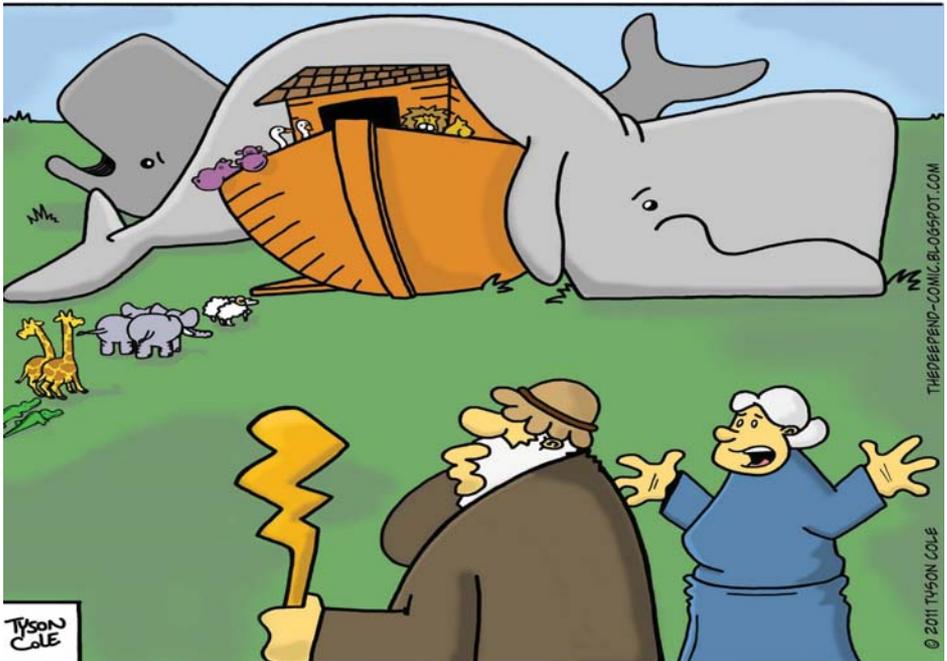
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"Some religions don't eat meat on Friday because there's separation of church and steak."

THE DEEP END

TYSON COLE



"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."

The Mystic Area Ecumenical Council  
Cultivating Compassion series presents  
Spring Mental Health Program:  
*Drug-Abuse Prevention*  
*& Understanding Heroin*

Presentation, Q&A and Resources

**SPEAKERS: Mr. JIM SPELLMAN and Dr.  
FRANK MELETZ**

**Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

United Church of Stonington

67 Main Street, Stonington, CT 06378

860-535-0879

Handicap access available

**A Local retiree, Mr. Spellman has served as a  
teacher, a coach and assistant principal.  
In his second career, he worked in the field of  
narcotics abuse prevention.  
Through this he has known and helped many  
of the youth in the area.  
His presentation will include reflections on his  
recent trip to Afghanistan.**

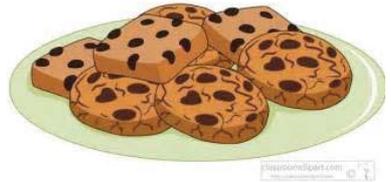
# *Help Needed!!!*

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

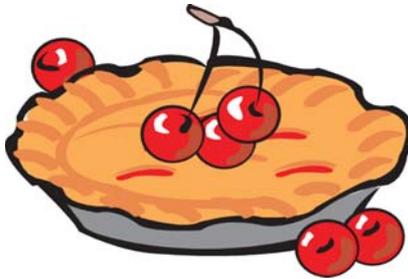
*April 21st and 22nd*

*We are in need of baked goods*

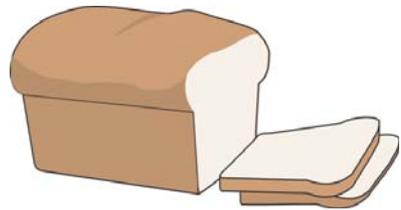
## *Cookies*



## *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!*

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