

THE TIE that binds
May 2017



MARVELOUSLY

OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE
AND

TOUCHING THE

HEART OF

EVERYONE SHE

REACHES

Her children rise up and call her
blessed,
her husband also, and he
praises her
Proverbs 31:28

Pastor's Page



Worship in May

We gather at the beginning of the month for Communion and then to celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home on Mother's Day. On Sunday, May 21st we welcome the Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams to the pulpit as our guest preacher. Ken is currently serving as the Interim Executive Minister of ABCCONN. We receive the Blanket the World with Love offering and our second Sunday Food Collection, and we send our young people to the Regency for their monthly visit of sharing music and greeting cards.

Blanket the World with Love

Every year on Mother's Day we join with multiple churches and denominations in partnership with Church World Service to receive this offering. Each \$5 donation purchases a blanket to be sent to other nations and within our own nation, wherever emergency relief is needed. Envelopes are in pew racks, and we give gifts in memory or in honor of the important women in our lives. May we help our brothers and sisters throughout the world as Church World Service responds to natural disasters and times of distress, bringing comfort in times of great need.

Pastor's Continuing Education

Claudine will be away from Monday, May 15th through Friday, May 19th, attending the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, TX. This annual preaching conference brings clergy and laity together from across the country and from various faith traditions, providing an opportunity to hear some of our greatest progressive preachers.

The theme for this year's conference is "Preaching On the Borders."

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 10th and 11th

Come for the two days or join us just for
Saturday the 11th

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 29th.

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*



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**

JUNE MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Belle Jordan and Bob Nelson
Serve: Belle Jordan and Bob Nelson
Jane Imdahl and Will Vars**

Assist Pastor: Rick Tourjee

Lay Leader

**04 - Dianne Dellarco
12 - Jon Hiller
18 - Alex Lew
25 - Barbara Brant**



Birthdays



MAY

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

JUNE

- 03 – Garry Benson
- 06 – Colby Ackley
- 06 – Mason Harasyn
- 12 – Len Lun Niang
- 13 – Charley Freeman
- 16 – Jon Hiller
- 19 – Gail Neff
- 21 – Rachael Dellarco
- 22 – Hailey Bassett
- 22 – Jerry Watkins
- 23 – Dennis Piscitello
- 26 – Ed Boyle
- 29 – Brian Berry
- 29 – Carol Gatlin



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2017

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

Review of April 3rd Meeting: Minutes of April 3, 2017 meeting were filed as printed and emailed.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's Report:

- Claudine expressed her thanks for everyone who worked to make the Tag Sale a huge success. We broke the record in sales.
- Saturday will be the Memorial Service for Jamey Freeman, son of Portia and Charley Freeman. Because our organist is on vacation Carol VanErven will substitute
- Sunday is Communion followed by our Congregational Meeting seeking approval for the revised By-Laws and Document for Pastor's Sabbatical Leave
- Wednesday, May 10th North Stonington Congregational Church will host "Honest Conversations with our Muslim Neighbors". Posters for this event will be in this week's bulletin
- Vacation day on May 12th – going to Maryland to pick up Heidi for the summer then will be out of the office May 15th – 19th furthering her education by attending "Festival of Homiletics" in San Antonio, TX. She will be back for Sunday, May 21 but will not preach. We will hear from Rev. Dr. Ken Williams, Interim Pastor of ABCCONN. This is a gift from ABCCONN and no payment will be made. Yvette gave a sigh of relief!
- Rev. Peg Williams, Rev. Dr. Ken's wife, will possibly be our interim for the month of September when Pastor Claudine takes the last month of her much deserved Sabbatical.
- May 21st will be the SUNL meeting at the 1st Baptist Church of North Stonington. Pastor Claudine will not be able to attend but three delegates will represent our church; Catherine & Irv Hiller and Anita Fernald. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Buildings/Grounds:

- It was with regret that we accepted resignations from Sue Schmidtknecht and Darrell Tootell. Susan, however, will still work on coordinating the beautification project for the sign out front. Ron Land is looking into the cost of repairing the sign and purchasing new letters. We understand there may be generous donors waiting in the wings to cover this. Details to follow once the true scope of the project is known.
- Pat Tootell has offered to step into Darrell's position (his term would have ended February of 2018) until a replacement can be found. Thank you Patti. She also said a list of projects is being compiled for the "work day" which was originally scheduled for May 6th but because of the memorial service had to be postponed, the day will now be May 20th. Look for that list to be posted in the Lounge and in the bulletin. If anyone feels they can do any of those projects listed before that date – please see Patti. .

Education/Discipleship:

- Holly reported that the Annual Church Picnic will be Children's Day, June 11th. It will be at the usual spot, Bluff Point – more details will follow.
- She also noted that each year we honor our graduates – this year it will be Noelle Butler. This will also be acknowledged on that same day, June 11th.
- Claudine mentioned that we will provide one Camp Sponsorship this year. The church offers 75% of the cost of the camp. Monies come from the Memorial Fund or the Thomas Fund. Yvette will check into this and a deposit will be sent to Camp Wightman.
- Claudine also mentioned the Youth Co-Op event was very well attended. It is now with three churches. Noank Baptist, Union Baptist and PBBC.
- The Co-Op Youth Ministry Search Committee is seeking a new leader. The position has been posted in the Lounge. If you know of anyone interested, please have them see Pastor Claudine

Hospitality:

- No Report as Sandy was not in attendance, but someone mentioned that no one had signed up to bring refreshments for the month of May – maybe a blurb needs to go into the bulletin again.

PRC:

- No Report

Mission/Outreach:

- In Carol Gatlin's absence Claudine said the Blanket the World with Love offering will be on May 14th.
- Carol and Claudine will meet in the coming weeks and go over the monthly offerings
- One Great Hour of Sharing will be in June.

Nominating Committee:

- Still working on filling one Mission and Outreach and 2 Buildings and ground positions

Worship/Membership:

- Pentecost Sunday will be June 4th - remember to wear red!

PRC:

- No Report

Old Business:

By-Laws

- The Congregational Meeting will be this Sunday, May 7th. It was determined that the By-Law Committee (Dave Rowley, Holly Boyle, Catherine Hiller, Cathy Piscitello) should sit up front – if not up on the pulpit at least in the front row – to answer any questions the congregation may have. Dave will speak and let the congregation know how the entire process worked. Once again, our hats are off to them for the wonderful job they did. It was not an easy or quick project that they took on.

New Business:

No new business so Dianne adjourned the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant, Clerk

Next Meeting June 5, 6:30 pm
June devotions: Patti Tootell



A special "thank you" to our
By-Law's Revision committee
who worked for over a year
on this monumental task!
Dave Rowley, Holly Boyle,
Kathy Piscitello, Catherine
Hiller and in the early
process Jackie Dorobkowski



The Charles Wesley Singers ON TOUR return to Union Baptist Church!

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary at UBC

The event will be hosted by the Youth CO-OP

Robin Crandall will coordinate the event

Be sure to mark your calendars, and read on to see how you can help!

The Charles Wesley Singers was founded by Rev. Walter Edmonds in 1988 and is now directed by his daughter, Polly Edmonds-Baldrige. The chorus of 60-70 youth singers will perform *Hear My Prayer* by Felix Mendelssohn, anthems based on the prophetic texts of Isaiah including an excerpt from *The Peaceable Kingdom* by Randall Thompson, as well as favorite sacred anthems and songs. The congregation will be participating in hymn singing, and perhaps our youth will join their choir to sing an anthem or two. A free will Love offering will be collected which is given to missions. If you'd like more information please check out their Facebook page: Charles Wesley Singers – Damascus United Methodist Church

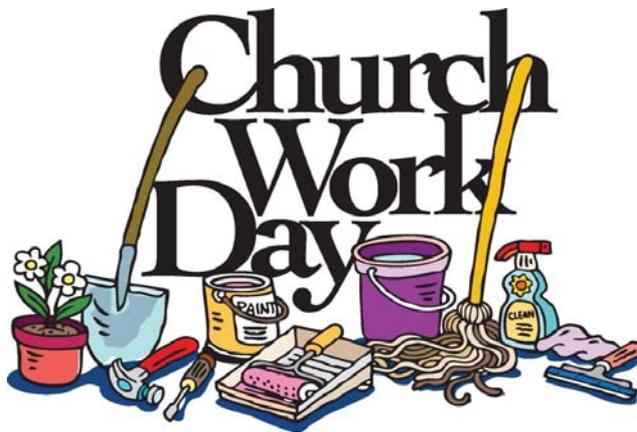
HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Housing: We will need to house about 70 youth and adults. You would need to take your house(s) home after the concert on the 21st, give them breakfast in the morning and then return them to Union Baptist Church—exact timing to be arranged later.

Dinner: We will prepare dinner for the choir to be served at 6:00pm at UBC in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a pasta and salad meal with pick up desserts and some drinks. I already have a few helpers from UBC, but would welcome more. We can have a cooking/serving team and a clean-up team!

Ushers: Here's a really easy job! All you need to do is attend the concert, welcome the audience and collect the offering.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Robin Crandall by email (NOT TEXT OR PHONE) to let her know. By doing this she is easily able to file your responses. Email address: robin6868@gmail.com



May 20th
9 to ????

It's time for some "Spring Cleaning"
Here at PBBC.

If you can come and join us—many hands will
make light work.

1. Jobs that need to be done here at church:
Wash curtains in Vestry
2. Clean kitchen cupboards and fridge
3. Weed South Road gardens and remove center
brush
4. Weed gardens at front steps
5. Clean parsonage garage of junk and leaves
and weeds from yards
6. Scrape South Road grey paint and repaint
7. Wash windows (church)
8. Third floor rooms—clean and take "junk"
away
9. Wash Vestry floor with Murphy's Oil soap
10. Any other job you feel needs doing here
at YOUR church

If you would like to do any of these jobs be-
fore the official work day—please let Patti
Tootell aware and cross them off of the list
that is located in the Lounge.

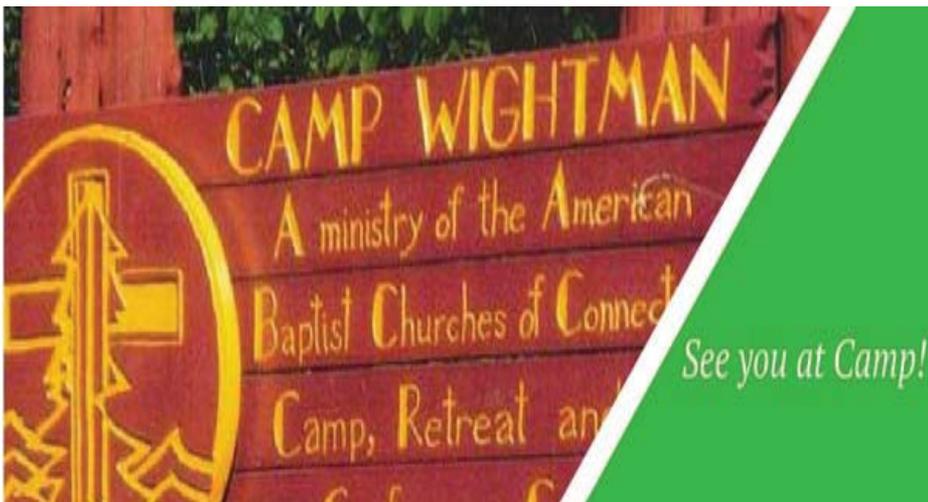


Join us at Camp This Summer!

Registration is now open for all of Camp Wightman's **Summer Camp Programs**. We offer a wide variety of programs for children, youth, adults, and families. Visit Camp-Wightman.org/SummerCamp to check out the schedule and complete your registration. We look forward to serving your family this summer!

Spring Work Days:

Do you have some time to help Camp Wightman get ready for the summer season? Please join us for our spring work day, Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Help us with gardening, painting, minor repairs, preparing firewood, and countless other projects for people of all ages and abilities. We will provide lunch. Why not bring a group from your church and make a day of it? Contact Camp Wightman at 860-376-2179 or wightman@abcconn.org to request additional information or to let us know you're coming.





Taken from ABCCONN Weekly News

In Our Prayers:

Pray for our newly installed ABCCONN President, **Rev. Lisa Gustafson** who is recovering from a subacute hematoma in the occipital lobe of her brain. Lisa's condition will not require surgical intervention, but she will need rest and medical monitoring.

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We celebrate because **Sandra Hadland** has agreed to serve as ABCCONN's Vice President this year. Sandra sees her new role as a calling from God, and we will all benefit from her spiritual leadership. Sandra will continue to work with Stewardship and Missions through the Multi-Cultural Day they have planned for September 30.

Pray for **Rev. Kevin Butler**, ABCCONN's Administrative Manager, who will undergo surgery on May 18. We are grateful for Terry Dwyer who will provide office support while Kevin is on medical leave.

Prayers for all victims of violence locally, nationally, and globally.

We pray for all of our nation and all elected officials.

A Little Church Humor



"Lord, I lay before you the prayer concerns voiced this morning . . . even though most of 'em sound like whining to me."

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"I downloaded them from a cloud."



A Thank you note from Portia & Charley Freeman

To our PBBC Family,

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all your love and support at the loss of our son Jamey.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers that we saw sitting there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever part.

We are blessed to belong to such a loving church family, we love you all.

Charley & Portia

Blanket Sunday

May 14th

What is the Church World Service Blankets+ Program?

Blankets+ is a special mission opportunity for all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world.

For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens

Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

You're the plus in Blankets+!

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