

THE TIE that binds

June 2017

What Makes A Dad

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad***

Author Unknown

Pastor's Page



Gathering for New Members

If you or someone you know is considering becoming a member of Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church, there will be an informal gathering after church on Sunday, June 25th. Please speak to Pastor Claudine if you have questions about joining the church!

One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support programs that help families and villages around the world build lives and communities that are healthy, safe and sustainable. changing the lives of millions of God's children.

This ecumenical offering received through the American Baptist Churches and Church World Service helps rebuild communities ravaged by natural disasters, creates sustainable sources of income for rural villages, teaches trades and job skills, offers children a chance to survive past the age of 5 and go to school, and much more.

One Great Hour of Sharing gives each of us an opportunity to respond to God's call: to share what we have, showing the kindness, compassion and mercy of Jesus in every part of the globe. We will receive the offering on June 25th.

Biennial Gathering of ABCUSA

Pastor Claudine will be joining her daughter, Heidi Butler, in attending this year's national gathering of American Baptist Churches USA, being held June 30th – July 2 in Portland, Oregon. Prayers for this exciting event!

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*



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**

JULY MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Portia & Charley Freeman

**Serve: : Portia & Charley Freeman
Candy Zeppieri
Barbara Brant**

Assist Pastor: Catherine Greenfield

Lay Leader:

**02 – Noelle Butler
09 – Cathy Greenfield
16 – Anita Fernald
23 - Dennis Piscitello
30 - Catherine Hiller**





JUNE

03 – Garry Benson (Passed)

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

JULY

01 – Nuzzy Packer Passed 2016

01 – Kaitlyn Pasqualini

02 – Robert McLaughlin

05 – Sonny Lew

08 – Robert Land

10 – Darrell Tootell

11 – Wynonna Tuang

14 – Austin Center

17 – Bette McLaughlin Passed 2013

19 – Barbara Brant

23 – Michelle Friedman

25 – Marilyn Benson

25 – Mikayla Tourjee

27 – Lennie Anderson

27 – Kathy Piscitello

31 – Marion Lamb

31 – Jane Imdahl



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 May 1, 2017 Minutes: Read and accepted as presented.

Review of Special Council Meeting of May 21, 2017 Minutes: Read and accepted as presented.

Following the review of the meeting minutes, Dick Tourjee reported there were not enough members present to make up a quorum. We continued on with the meeting, but were unable to vote on any issues.

A discussion followed discussing the use of email to reach a quorum. Robert's Rules of Order will be reviewed to see if electronic communication is approved by Robert's Rules of Order. Dick Tourjee brought a book, Robert's Rules of Order for Dummies", to be left in the church office for reference.

Correspondence: None

Pastor's Report:

Dianne read a report that was provided by Claudine and is filed with minutes.

Guest Pastor for Sunday, July 2nd will be Pastor Crooks (Claudine's dad).

Guest Pastor for the month of September while Pastor Claudine is on sabbatical will be Pastor Peg Williams.

Buildings/Grounds:

- Pat Tootell has stepped into the vacancy left by Darrell. Alex Lew has joined Building and Grounds. This was his first meeting.
- There was a small group for the work day. The Vestry and Purple Room were cleaned.
- Li Ling and family donated a new vacuum to the church. A big thank you goes out to them.
- Susan Schmidtknecht and family rebuilt the retaining wall around the church sign, cleaned and mulched the area adding new plantings, mulched the side garden, and planted a new rose bush. A public thank you to the Schmidtknecht family will be made.

Education/Discipleship

- Children's Day was a great success beginning with the morning service, performances by the children, the presentation of bibles, and the beautiful song in American Sign Language performed by Pastor Claudine to her daughter, Noelle, as the graduating senior. Fun, good food, and fellowship was enjoyed at the Church Picnic held at Bluff Point.
- Holly reported on the selection of the new Youth Director, Courtney Assad. She will begin this summer. We have one youth from PBBC, Haley, who will be part of the youth group. The other young people still have 2 or 3 years before they are old enough to become part of the group.
- Sunday School will resume on September 10, 2017, Rally Day.

Hospitality:

- No Report

PRC:

- Dick Tourjee reported he met with Pastor Claudine after the special meeting to approve the new By-Laws. He expressed concern that the by-laws were approved without each change being noted and read to the congregation.

Mission/Outreach:

- Carol reported she brought 38 bags of food to the Groton Food Locker.
- June 25th is One Great Hour of Sharing collection

Worship/Membership:

- No Report

Old Business:**None****New Business**

- A wallpaper and painting party was discussed for the hallway and the church office.
- Office Copier contract was discussed. It will be \$700/year.
- Church Sign Lettering – A proposal was presented. A copy of the proposal is filed with minutes.
- Pew Cushions – Pat reported she is coming along with getting the pieces ready (assembly line). When she has the cushions completed, she will bring them to the church and a cushion stuffing party will be planned. The painting of the pews was also suggested.
- The next meeting has not been decided upon because we could not vote on not having a July meeting. There will definitely be an August meeting to review things prior to Pastor Claudine's sabbatical.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Kathy Piscitello

Words of thanks from Noelle Butler

(as she read through tears last Sunday in church)

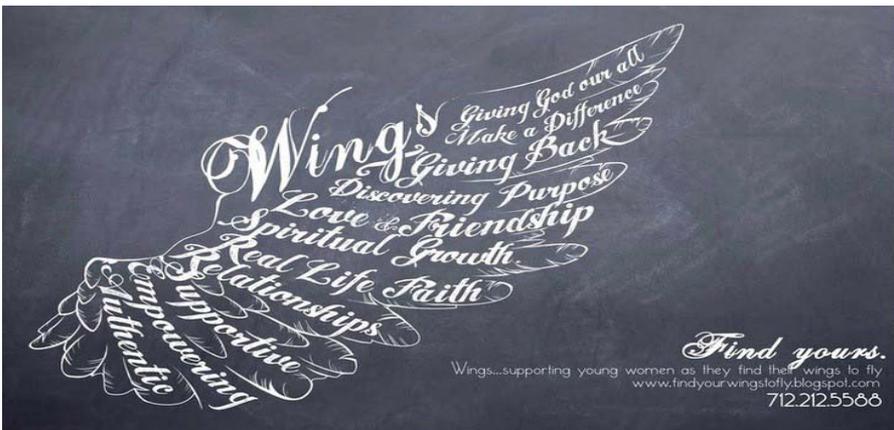
Good Morning,

As you know next Friday I will be graduating from Fitch High School and therefore moving on to the rest of my life.

In the fall I will be attending Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York to study Theater Arts Management. This is a program I have been excited about for a long time and I feel very blessed to be able to go.

Moving on to college for me brings a whole bunch of emotions all together: I'm excited, nervous, scared, and nostalgic about everything and everyone I'm leaving behind. This church family has been just that to me over the years: a family. Each and every one of you has loved me, inspired me, believed in me, changed me, and helped me grow into the person that is standing here today. You nourished my faith journey and I see God in each one of you.

I get very emotional when I think about leaving this family here, but I know that when I return home I'll be welcomed with open arms.





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

Letter from Malta
Bridging the gap for the homeless in Ct

We donate the left over clothes from our Tag Sale to Malta every year.

May 18, 2017



Dear Christian Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Malta, I would like to thank you for giving us many bags of clothing that were left from your sale back in April. We will be handing them out to the homeless and poor of this area.

We know this event is a lot of work for you and for all of your Volunteers. We appreciate you all. Thanks again for helping us do our job as we reach out to those in need.

Sincerely,

Pamela D. Krom, Director

**Betty is looking for people to share their talents for
Special Music during the summer
Do you sing?**



...See Betty

Play the piano ?



...See Betty

Or another instrument?



*...See Betty and she will set a
date for you to share your special
talent with the congregation!*

Dear American Baptist Leaders,



It is a common, perhaps daily, experience for many of us, as we live in our technology driven age: a pin drops on a GPS map, marking a current location or indicating a destination, orienting us in space. These map pins represent where we are and where we hope to go.

The scriptures for the special offering this year provide a similar point of reference, an orientation of our lives—God is near; love one another in truth and action; feed those who are hungry, clothe those who are naked, welcome those who are strangers. These texts help us position ourselves in relation to God and to one another by reminding us of our call to be here for one another, loving one another as God has loved us. Our destination, where our map pin sits, is near to the heart of God, is alongside our neighbors who are suffering.

This year our offering theme is **“You are here.”**

By this simple statement, we glorify God’s faithful presence, affirm that Christ is uniquely present in those whom we serve, and celebrate how you are here for your neighbors in their times of need. One Great Hour of Sharing is present for people near and far in moments of crisis and calm because of your partnership generosity. We have been present, **so you also** have been present.

You are here— in Nicaragua, where women are given the training and tools to cultivate home gardens to provide nutritious food for their families.

You are here—In West Virginia, where communities rebuild after flooding claims lives and livelihoods.

You are here—in Lebanon, Hungary, Mexico, the United States, and elsewhere around the world, where refugees are receiving food, water, and medicine with dignity, as our partners offer aid and accompaniment.

Often we receive notes from those who have experienced disasters, expressing thanks because “One Great Hour of Sharing was here.” In times of loss or struggle, after a fire or flood, and when communities struggle to overcome the chronic absence of water, food, or economic opportunity, the church is present through the work of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Through your gifts, you are here.

In grateful partnership,

Lisa Rothenberger-Winter,

World Relief Officer

A Little Church Humor



"I liked his sermons better when he didn't include interpretive dance."

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**"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...
but not on Twitter."**

Blanket the World with Love Offerings

*In honor of Theresa Scroggins
In memory of Jeannette St. Jean
Given by Sandy Vocolina*

*In honor of Sallie Land
Given by Jeff Land*

*In honor of Belle Jordan & Rachael Dellarco
In memory of Irene Gilchrist
Given by Dianne Dellarco*

*In memory of Pamela Adams Norman
Given by Sarah Adams*

*In memory of mother and father
Given by Dave and Carol Rowley*

*In honor of Aunt Lucie
Given by Bob and Carolyn Land*

*In memory of Viola Land and Tillie Christenson (our moms)
Given by Ron and Betty Land*

*In memory of Anne Banning
Given by Barbara Brant*

*In memory of Millie Dickson
Given by Patti Tostell*

*In memory of Lester
Given by His Family*

*In memory of Mary Marquardt
Given by Jane Imdahl*

*In memory of Yvonne Ackley
Given by Yvette and Peg Ackley*

*In memory of My Dad, Albert Straub
Given by Gail Neff*

*In memory of Marjorie McGraw and Lena Benson
Given by Marilyn Benson*

*In honor of Amy, Sherrie & Sharon
Given by Catherine & Irving Hiller*

*In memory of loved ones
Given by Clyde & Kathy Lewis-Myers*

*In memory of Julia Straub
Given by Peg Straub*

*In memory of Carol Reeves
Given by Cathy Greenfield*



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