

THE TIE that binds

August 2017

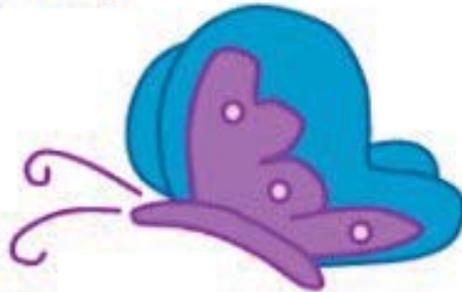


Barefoot Days

By Rachel Field

In the morning, very early,
That's the time I love to go
Barefoot where the fern grows curly
And the grass is cool between each toe,
On a summer morning - O!
On a summer morning!

That is when the birds go by
Up the sunny slopes of air,
And each rose has a butterfly
Or a golden bee to wear;
And I am glad in every toe -
Such a summer morning - O!
Such a summer morning!



Pastor's Page



Sabbatical – Part Three!

As summer rushes on, as we continue to worship God faithfully each week, and as life and ministry in the church carries on, we prepare to part ways for awhile this fall. I will be on vacation from August 23rd to August 31st, and then on Sabbatical for the month of September. Once again I offer thanks to the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Church Council and the members of the congregation, all of whom have joyfully supported and granted me a Sabbatical Leave, one month a year over the course of three years. This is the final installment!

The concept of “sabbatical” finds its roots in the idea of “Sabbath,” that on the seventh day of creation God rested. So for me as pastor this will be a time of rest and renewal from the demands and responsibilities of full-time ministry. It will be a time of “recovery” this year after bringing both of my daughters to college for their fall semesters. It will be a time of travel and exploration as I visit friends and family. It will be a time of personal retreat as I spend some days living a quieter pace of life. And it will be a time for the church to open its heart to new pastoral leadership as we welcome the Rev. Peg Williams who will serve as your interim pastor.

Peg is here in CT with her husband, the Rev. Dr. Ken Williams, our Interim Executive Minister for ABCCONN. We are blessed by their presence among us, and particularly blessed that Peg will share her gifts with us for the month of September. Peg has become a cherished friend and respected colleague, and I know your lives will be enriched by her love and ministry.

In October she and Ken will return to their home in Durham, NC, to enjoy their well-deserved, long-awaited retirement!
May God bless them and keep us all close in spirit...

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*



AUGUST MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Bob and Carolyn Land
Serve: Bob and Carolyn Land
Catherine Hiller
Jon Hiller**

Assist Pastor: Belle Jordan

Lay Leader

**06 - Patti Tootell
13 - Mei Ling
20 - Dianne Dellarco
27 - Bob Nelson**

SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Pete Wong and Peggy Straub

**Serve: : Pete Wong
Peggy Straub
Dianne Dellarco
Rick Tourjee**

Assist Pastor: Cathy Piscitello

Lay Leader:

**03 – Rick Tourjee
10– Dave Rowley
17 – Alex Lew
24 - Pete Wong**





AUGUST

- 02 – Dianne Dellarco
- 04 - Marc Friedman
- 05- Jeff Lew
- 10 - Catherine Hespeler
- 12 – Jennifer Akesson
- 17 - Dante Dellarco
- 20 – Sharon Anderson
- 20 – Amanda Tourjee
- 22 – Ruth Parker Passed
- 23 – Cathy Greenfield

SEPTEMBER

- 08 – Dawn Bassett
- 13 – Shirley Lamb
- 17 – Parker Friedman
- 18 – Eugene Brustolon
- 19 – Cheryl Mundell
- 20 – Betty Land
- 21 - Richard Tourjee, Jr.
- 21 – June Nunes
- 21 - Wil Thompson - Passed
- 26 – Lucille Robbins - Passed



Poquonock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 6, 2017 Following Worship

Meeting was brought to order at 11:05 am.

Devotions: Peg Straub

Review of July 9, 2017 Minutes: Read by Dianne Dellarco

Communications: None

Financial Reports

Financial Secretary

General Fund Deposit: \$7,572.00

Mission Fund: \$515.00

Memorial Fund: \$0

Treasurer

Cash Flow Detail handout filed with minutes.

Yvonne reported that the church monthly bills total approximately \$12,000.

Benevolence Treasurer: July income \$26.00 – Disbursements - \$ 0

Checking Account Balance: \$529.77

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Claudine's report is filed with these minutes.
- Guest Pastor for the last Sunday in August will be Pastor Jonathan Scott.
- Guest Pastor for the month of September while Pastor Claudine is on sabbatical will be Pastor Peg Williams.

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Building/Grounds

See Old Business

Education/Discipleship

- Rally Day, September 10, 2017
- A pot luck luncheon will take place following the service.

Hospitality

- No report

Mission/Outreach

- 18 bags of food given to Groton Human Services

Worship/Membership

- No report

Pastoral Relations

- No Report

Old Business

- Church Sign
Should be arriving this week. Dick and Rn will install the new sign when it arrives.
- Decision was made on the color of the hallway paint. The color “Yogurt” received the most votes (8). It was decided by the members present to approve the color choice, Yogurt.

New Business

- Office copier contract
It was decided that the contract will be brought to the next council meeting for review to see what the maintenance contract includes for \$750 per year (# of cleanings, new drum replacement, is toner part of the contract).
- Rental Property Garage Storage
Dianne will make a phone call to the tenants and ask them to remove the mattresses from the garage. Dianne will report on the phone call at the next council meeting.
- Anderson Oil Contract
Yvette presented the contract for the upcoming winter season. A motion was made by Holly to accept Option #2 (\$150 contract with a cap of \$1.99/gallon). The motion was seconded and passed. Yvonne will get the paperwork processed and sent out to Anderson Oil.
- PBBC Support
Dave Rowley presented to the council members (to think about) putting together a group of church members to meet and brainstorm ideas on reaching out to church members who have not been attending and also ideas on how to bring in new members. This idea will be discussed in further detail at the next council meeting.

Open Discussion

- Pat Tootell reported she has 6 more cushions to complete and then the stuffing of the foam can begin. She will also be making some throw pillows for some of the pews for those in the congregation who use pillows.
- Dedication of the new pew cushions will be on October 22, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next meeting: September 11, 2017

Devotions: Holly Boyle

It's official! Meet our new Yetter Road Habitat Homeowner!

Shanette and family



My name is Shanette and I am the proud parent of three spectacular children. Shaneva, 15 years old, is in the 10th grade. The sky is the limit for her. She is involved with the cheer team, the S.T.E.P.S. and Star program. She is president of the Art Club and a member of the Math team. She is always on the First Honor Roll. Her ambition is to become a physician. Shavaughn, 13 years old, is in the 7th grade. He enjoys playing basketball. When he is not playing basketball he enjoys playing his Play Station. Shantel, 11 years old, is in the 5th grade. She enjoys modeling and outdoor activities. I am a Medical Assistant and have been employed with my current employer for three years. I am an active member of my church, Heritage Tabernacle. I am the Assistant Youth President of the Youth Ministry and President of the Vision Legacy Project where we aim to stomp out hunger in Haiti and Jamaica. I consider myself to be a hard worker, go-getter and someone you can always count on.

My family currently occupies a two-bedroom apartment. The sleeping arrangements are not always the best. There are the issues of overcrowding and affordability. I work hard and manage to keep a roof over our heads. There is always the concern of safety. Living in this apartment complex I am not sure of individuals entering. I'm always nervous to send my children outside to play. My co-worker who is familiar with my current housing situation introduced me to Habitat for Humanity and gave me some insight into the program. I went online requested information and was notified of an upcoming Applicant Information Meeting. I applied and did the necessary paperwork. Following the application process, I was told CONGRATULATIONS you have been selected to become a future Habitat homeowner. I was lost for words; I just fell on my knees and began to thank God.

The journey is well worth it. If I had gone to a traditional financial institution, chances are I would not have met certain requirements. Thanks to Habitat for Humanity I am on my way to becoming a homeowner. My family and I look forward to volunteering, so another family can experience what we experienced. To know that we will have a place of your own is so joyous. I still feel like I am dreaming, but thanks to God and to Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut my dream is going to become a reality.

Field of Greens Farmer's Market

Our 'Craft Ladies'

Bring their wares

the second Tuesday of each month here to sell.

Why not stop by to say "hi" to them and to lend a bit of support.

AND have you checked out the latest items in their Boutique?

AND a special congratulations to them

Patti and her girls received 22 ribbons from the North Stonington Fair

Most of them BLUE!!!!!!



And "special" Thank you to Cathy Myers for entering all these craft items in the Exhibit Hall of the NS Fair.

Job well done to all!

ABCCONN'S Personnel Committee
Invites you to share in
A farewell celebration in honor of our
Interim Executive Minister
The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams



Immediately following our
Mission and Stewardship Day
Multicultural Extravaganza
September 30, 2017
3:00-5:00 pm
At
Immanuel Baptist Church
1324 Chapel St, New Haven

RSVP by 9/22/2017
To: kbutler@abcconn.org

SAVE THE DATE

ABCCONN's Department of Mission and Stewardship

MISSION and STEWARDSHIP DAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Immanuel Baptist Church

1324 Chapel Street, New Haven



THEME: MULTICULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA-THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD!

It is a day to gather, to fellowship, to celebrate, to honor and to lift up Christ through worship, workshops and more.

We will celebrate our uniqueness in diversity and at the same time express liberty in the oneness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through our various cultures.

It is out of this heart of gratitude for all Christ has done, is doing, and will do, that we seek the unity of our various churches' participation to glorify God corporately.

From a spirit of oneness, we seek the participation of our churches and request a pot luck engagement for lunch. We are also asking for persons from our various cultures to wear something portraying their native culture. As a follow-up to this inclusion, someone from the Department of Mission and Stewardship will be contacting our various churches in order to enhance participation and also to answer any questions you might have pertaining to this event. It is our prayer that together, through the various endeavors offered, (iron sharpening iron) we can promote an even more visible overflow of Christ's love in our communities, being His hands and feet, building bridges that will not only close the gaps that separate us, but instead will serve to unite us. Workshop topics include:

- The Missional Church in the 21st Century
- Millennials Matter: Meaning, Mission and Ministry
- Equipping the Saints for the Times
- The Church and its Main Responsibility
- The Multicultural Church-workshop panel
- Mobilizing the Army of Christ
- Church Website 101

DURING LUNCH - ABCCONN'S Mission T Shirts will again be on sale along with an exciting "CULTURAL ARTIFAX AUCTION!!" All contributions including the offering will be donated to United Missions, after expenses. For your convenience we have placed a downloadable food chart [here](#) for you to sign up for the pot-luck lunch. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT ** ADMISSION IS FREE **

SEE YOU THERE!!

A thank you note from Joe Green

Dear All,

Thank you so very much for your kind prayers and thoughts through my operation and into my recovery.

I know so much of my health has be returned through your intercessions.

God Bless You,

Joe Green

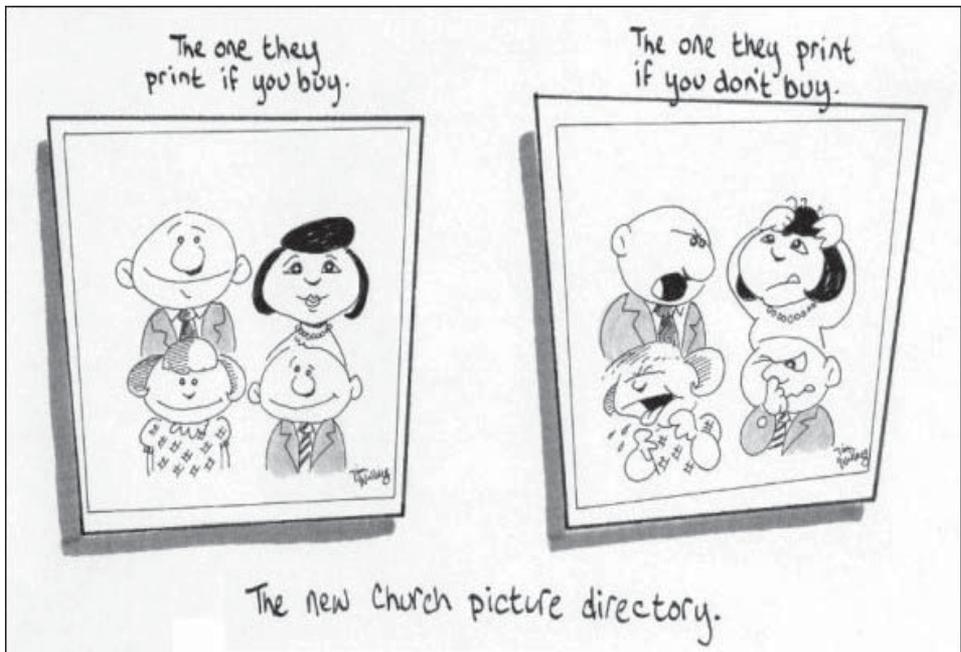
MARK 
DATE 
IN YOUR CALENDAR



September 10th
Rally Day here at church!
Sunday School for the children will begin!

Followed by our Annual Pot Luck

A Little Church Humor



A Thank You note from Church World Service



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope.

Your generous contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guests at homeless shelters. Around the world, your support of this program means vital supplies and support for those in need.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you!

May God bless you for your support,

Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO
Church World Service

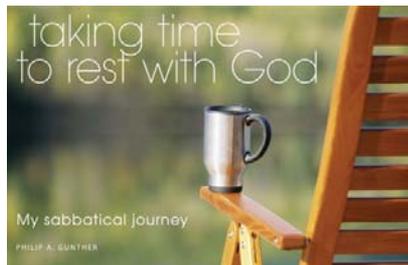
P.S.

To find out more about the individuals, families and communities you're helping, please visit [cwsblankets.org](https://www.cwsblankets.org)



Prayer Requests

While Pastor Claudine is away, if you have prayer requests you would like shared on Sunday morning, please pass them on to Barbara Brant during the week, either by phone call or email. These will be added to the prayer list for Sunday worship. You may still write down your prayer requests on the sheet in the Narthex each Sunday morning before worship.



Pastor Claudine will NOT be receiving phone calls or responding to emails during her leave of absence, but her thoughts and prayer will be with us.



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