

# THE TIE that binds

September 2017



## September

*"The golden-rod is yellow;  
The corn is turning brown;  
The trees in apple orchards  
With fruit are bending down. The gentian's  
bluest fringes  
Are curling in the sun;  
In dusty pods the milkweed  
Its hidden silk has spun. The sedges flaunt  
their harvest,  
In every meadow nook;  
And asters by the brook-side  
Make asters in the brook,  
From dewy lanes at morning  
The grapes' sweet odors rise;  
At noon the roads all flutter  
With yellow butterflies.  
By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather,  
And autumn's best of cheer.  
But none of all this beauty  
Which floods the earth and air  
Is unto me the secret  
Which makes September fair.  
T'is a thing which I remember;  
To name it thrills me yet:  
One day of one September  
I never can forget."* ~ ~ Helen Hunt Jackson



## Interim Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

As I write this I'm preparing to join you for worship this coming Sunday, September 3. I am looking forward to these next four weeks as we have this opportunity to be the people of God together.

I know you are already the people of God, but being in community isn't always easy. I'm excited to see how you "do" community in Poquonnock Bridge, CT! I've already learned of some examples from Pastor Claudine, and I'm sure quietly you each go about the "work" of being the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in your world.

When I think of examples of being in community, there isn't a better and more poignant example than in Houston, Texas....right now.

Watch the news and we are given examples of how to be community. Some are rescuing neighbors in row-boats. Others are volunteering at shelters. First responders are putting their lives on the line. The list goes on and on.

If you would like to be in community with the people of Houston, please donate what you can to "One Great Hour of Sharing" through PBC and the ABC-USA.

And we will pray for their strength to continue. We will pray for the waters to go away. We will pray for what will be found once those waters are gone. There is so much work yet to be done in Houston. Let us pray for the days ahead.

See you in church,  
Pastor Peg



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

*Who's in your cloud?*



*Who are your witnesses?*

*Hebrews 12: 1*

***Women's Retreat***  
***“PBCCloud”***

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*



## SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Pete Wong and Peggy Straub**

**Serve: : Pete Wong  
Kathy Piscitello  
Dianne Dellarco  
Rick Tourjee**

**Assist Pastor: Peggy Straub**

**Lay Leader:**

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

## OCTOBER MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Clyde and Cathy Myers**

**Serve: Clyde and Cathy Myers  
Dave and Carol Rowley**

**Assist Pastor: Holly Boyle**

**Lay Leader**

**01 - Mei Ling Liu  
08 - Barbara Brant  
15 - Richard Tourjee  
22 - Anita Fernald  
29 - Catherine 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

## **OCTOBER**

- 02 – Nathan White
- 07 – Marvin Wong
- 11- James Lew
- 17 - Sallie Land
- 20 - Sophia (Shiou Ling) Liu
- 21 – Joe Greene
- 23 – Carol Rowley
- 23 – Pat Tootell
- 23 – Li Ling Liu
- 24 – Nick Bassett
- 25 – Rey Amuan
- 25 – Kristen Negaard O’Brien
- 28 – Alex Lewis
- 30 – Maddison Harasyn





**Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2017**

Meeting was brought to order at 6:30pm.

**Devotions:** Holly Boyle led us in devotion s

**Review of August 6, 2017 Minutes:** Filed as emailed and printed

**Communications:** Letter from E. J Smith to be brought up under New Business

**Treasurer**

Cash Flow Detail handout filed with minutes.

**Benevolence Treasurer:**

September income \$34.00 – Disbursements - \$ 100

Checking Account Balance: \$437.77

- Mei Ling sent a report via Dianne to thank fellow council members for stepping up during her absence. Her life has been blessed by everyone.
  
- Catherine Hiller did a great job kicking off the Last But Not Least Sunday Program last week, and Mei Ling is recruiting speakers for the months of September and October.

**Pastor's Report**

- No Report—still on Sabbatical

**Deacon and Committee Reports:**

**Building/Grounds**

See Old Business

**Education/Discipleship**

- Rally Day was September 10, 2017, and a pot luck luncheon took place following the service.
- Holly met and continues to meet with the youth director. Plan to have 3 events per month.
  1. Discussion style youth event – similar to the 50 Questions they had in the past
  2. A once a month activity – aka- corn maze
  3. A volunteer event – aka – caroling – work day at Camp Wightman
- She also suggested that they may have their meeting here September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm
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**Hospitality**

- Sandy and Marilyn Benson (recently added to council) thanked everyone for a successful Potluck.
- Sandy reported that they have \$203 in the 'coffee fund' but reminded everyone that the fridge in the Lounge may be short-lived! We're keeping an eye on it. This fund will cover that cost should the need arise.

**Mission/Outreach**

- Carol sent a report - 28 bags of food were given to Groton Human Services.
- We have received material and info for participating in the CROP Walk. The date is Sunday, Oct 15, walk to start at 1:30, usual route and support. She has written a blurb to be put in Sunday's announcement page and will also have a Moment for Mission to make a personal appeal for walkers and financial donations. She will put up posters and has the forms for volunteers as well.
- She asked permission to add a PBBC page or section to the CWS CROP Walk to enable people to donate on-line and it will allow us to have a broader awareness of our participation. She will explore the website more and have more info at the next meeting

- She also reported on the Hurricane Relief projects. Donations may be made to CWS (Church World Services) or OGHs (One Great Hour of Sharing )with hurricane relief in the memo line.

### **Worship/Membership**

- Peg reported that she will have total knee replacement surgery September 27<sup>th</sup> and will be out of commission for a bit but Li Ling will take the helm.
- World Communion Sunday will be October 1<sup>st</sup> – Len Lun will again make the wine and Li Ling will purchase the Portuguese sweetbread in honor of Betty McLaughlin who used to provide it years ago. Barbara has emailed the people to read the Psalm for One Word, Many Languages.
- Betty Land, our organist will be on vacation in October/November and a substitute organist is being sought.

### **Pastoral Relations**

- Richard reported that because of her outstanding service they gave Claudine the month of September off!!!!

### **Old Business**

#### **Church Sign**

- It came last Saturday and Ron Land and Richard Tourjee will install it Tuesday.

#### **First Floor Hallway Painting**

- It has been done – the color Yogurt – and a thank you will be sent to Marilyn Baird, for purchasing the paint, and Richard Tourjee for preparing the hallway and Bob Land for the painting. Once again we are grateful for so many volunteers who give of their time, treasures and talent!

#### **Rental Property Garage Storage**

- In lieu of recent circumstances Richard Tourjee has volunteered to remove items that have been stored there and take them to the dump

#### **Anderson Oil Contract**

- Contract was signed and delivered – the monthly payments will be as follows: \$77 for parsonage and \$314 for the church property  
Yvette also noted that last year was less but only because we had a huge credit from the previous year. Payment plan started this month.

#### **Office copier contract**

- The contract is \$750 per year and it includes # of cleanings, new drum replacement, parts, developers and fuser, preventive/maintenance calls. Toner is NOT included but never has been.

#### **PBBC Support**

- Dave Rowley is putting together a group of church members to meet and brainstorm ideas on reaching out to church members who have not been regularly attending and also ideas on how to bring in new members. Dave has been given sample letters (that have been sent out in the past) and the current list of inactive and active members. A new list will be compiled and updated. The committee plans to meet Sept. 25 at 4:30.

### **New Business**

#### **Snow removal contract**

- We received a letter from E. J. Smith who has been doing our snow removal for years. He will no longer be doing this. We are now seeking another vendor for snow removal. Richard Tourjee will call the person who was suggested and bids will be sought.

Submitted by:

Barbara Brant, Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: October 2, 2017



The Staff Relations Team and Members  
Of Union Baptist Church  
Cordially invite you to join us  
As we celebrate the New Ministry  
Of

Rev. Dr. Lonnie A. Brown  
&  
Union Baptist Church

Dr. Brown will be installed as  
Senior Minister of Union Baptist Church

On Sunday, October 22, 2017  
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon

A reception will follow in the Fellowship  
Hall

Clergy are invited to vest & process



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
3rd Annual Apple Festival  
October 14, 2017 10 am - 2 pm



EAT HERE OR TAKE HOME!  
APPLE PIES

Whole or by the slice!

APPLE SQUARES

APPLE TURNOVERS

OLD FASHIONED APPLE BUTTER

AND MUCH MORE!

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](mailto: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!!**

# *Tools of Hope Offering 2017*

*Dianne Dellarco & Belle Jordan in memory of:  
Lester Jordan*

*Jerry & Joan Watkins in honor of  
Jerry & Jerry Jr.  
In Memory of Jerry Watkins III*

*Catherine and Irving Hiller  
In Memory of Carroll Chapman*

*Barbara Brant  
In Memory of Richard Banning*

*The Lew Family  
In Memory of Jim Lew, Wai S. Lee  
In Honor of Sonny, Jeff, Alex and James*

*Dave & Carol Rowley  
In Memory of Lois & Earle Rowley*

*Pat & Darrell Tootell in memory of:  
Harry Tootell & Edward Dickson*

*Sandy Vocolina  
In Memory of Carl McQuillan*

*Burt & Patti Crooks  
In Memory of our parents*

*Yvette & Peg Ackley  
In Memory of their dad Ted Ackley Jr.  
In Honor of their brother Ted Ackley III*

*Four anonymous gifts*



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**



# A Little Church Humor







## Looking Ahead!!!

Our Christmas Bazaar is December 2nd

So we are looking for items  
our Silent Auction

for

Antiques



Gift Certificates

Any new items



And nicer items for Gramma's attic



Things that would be great for re-gifting or just things one  
cannot live without!

And SAVE the DATE so you will be available to help!!!

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Have you seen our new church sign out front????



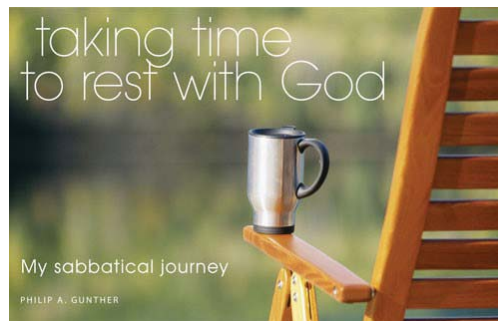
We are very happy to share the sign is installed and looks  
beautiful!

Thank you: Ron, for your hard work in selecting a vendor/  
placing the order; Ron & Dick for installing the sign; and  
Carol Gatlin- for financially making it possible.



## *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.*



**Poquonock Bridge Baptist Church  
1241 Poquonock Road  
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