

THE TIE that binds

October 2017



Autumn

*There's nothing as fine
as an autumn day,
with the smell in the air
of fresh mown hay.
Each tree is a wonder,
of beauty, untold.
Each leaf brushed with color,
a sight to behold.
There's a nip in the air
-crisp, cool and clear-
to remind us that winter
soon will be here!
But for now we have autumn,
the 'Show-Off' of seasons!
My favorite, by far,
and these are the reasons!*

*June Kellum
Oct 1973*

Pastor's Page



Sabbatical – The Return!

It's always good to come home.

Thank you for your warm and gracious welcome as I returned from vacation and from my final month of sabbatical.

I look forward to sharing some personal reflections with you during a second hour program on Sunday, October 29th after church, and I look forward to hearing from you about our time apart and your experiences with another interim pastor.

My time away was restful and refreshing. Time to move both daughters to college and send them away with love (and a few tears). Time to spend with friends and family. Time to travel. Time to remain still. Time to read. Time to relax. Time to just be. Time to discover more of who I am apart from my work. Time to disengage from ministry in order to restore heart, soul, mind and spirit. Even time to survive a hurricane!

I was delighted to return to South Road and see the new church sign surrounded by the beautiful flower bed and garden. I was surprised to enter the sanctuary and see the lovely new pew cushions in place. I was honored by the gifts of flowers celebrating our 15 years together as pastor and people. And I was inspired by your words of love and welcome, as well as your joyful hope for a sabbatical well lived and fully enjoyed.

It's always good to come home. World Communion and the rich diversity of our congregation. An Apple Festival in outreach and service. The CROP Walk raising awareness and funds for hunger. New youth group activities. A gathering for those who wish to join our church. Council, choir, work days, pastoral visits, service, ministry. Your strong support of One Great Hour of Sharing and hurricane relief. Blessings to all...

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*



OCTOBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Clyde and Cathy Myers

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

Assist Pastor: Holly Boyle

Lay Leader

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

NOVEMBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Catherine Hiller & Jon Hiller

**Serve: : Catherine Hiller
Jon Hiller
Gail Neff
Rick Tourjee**

Assist Pastor: Dianne Dellarco

Lay Leader:

**05 – Jonathan Liu
12– Rick Tourjee
19 – Catherine Hiller
26 - Jon Hiller**





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

NOVEMBER

- 04 – Andrea Dellarco
- 05 – Alex Lew
- 05 – Barry Morton
- 07 – Peg Straub
- 08 – Britni Tourjee
- 09 – Carolyn Land
- 10 – Eva Tourjee
- 11 – Vance Lamb
- 14 – Dave Rowley
- 18 – Belle Jordan
- 20 – Jenny Sanda
- 23 – Holly Mulvihill Boyle
- 24 – Megan Taylor
- 25 – Marilyn Baird
- 30 - Cathy Lewis Myers
- 30- Peter Dellarco



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 1, 2017

Meeting was brought to order at 6:30pm.

Devotions: Kathy Piscitello led us in devotion s

Review of September 11 & 17, 2017 Minutes: Filed as emailed and printed with the correction that Dave Rowley was not present at the September 17th meeting

Communications: None

Treasurer

Cash Flow Detail handout filed with minutes.

Benevolence Treasurer:

September income \$40.00 – Disbursements - \$ 0

Checking Account Balance: \$514.70

- Mei Ling thanked Richard for speaking at Last But Not Least Sunday in September and Li Ling will speak in October.

Pastor's Report

- We welcomed Claudine back with warm hearts and open arms
- Claudine said she was still catching her breath – but thanked the council for the gift of her months Sabbatical.
- She offers prayers for families in Las Vegas and she is thankful for our generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing.
- October 15th will be a new member gathering
- October 22nd will be dedication of the new pew cushions in the sanctuary. She also asked Ron to provide a list of donations for the cushions.
- October 22nd will also be the Installation of the new pastor of Union Baptist Church in Mystic, The Rev. Lonnie Brown. It will be at 3 pm
- October 29th will be a Second Hour and Claudine will review her experiences of her Sabbatical
- November 5th will be All Saints Day

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Building/Grounds

- Alex Lew thanked everyone for helping in the Work Day project that was held Saturday, September 30th. So many people showed up – all the tasks that were on the list managed to be completed. They even had enough help to finish stuffing the cushions and to put them in the pews – much to the surprise of everyone that arrived to worship on Sunday morning.
- While working around the building they did find a few structural problems so Alex has deemed another Workday the end of this month, October 29th from 9-12 again. One of the projects will be the following:
 1. The carpet in the Nursery needs to be cleaned
 2. The toys in the Nursery need to be sorted and cleaned
- Alex is considering having smaller workdays on the last Saturday of the month with a specific focus on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. More frequent workdays of shorter duration may make it easier to stay on top of church maintenance.

Education/Discipleship

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- Youth met here on September 29th and had a nice turn-out for the first meeting of the church year.

- She would like to see the Youth recruit a team for the CROP Walk – they are working on this
- October 27 they plan on doing the Corn Maze in Preston
- She also discussed having an Ice Cream Social here at PBBC on October 29th (Sunday Evening) with a Halloween Theme and all people dressing in costume. It would be a Fund Raiser for this church but she will encourage the youth to participate and help.

Hospitality

- Sandy reported that all was running smoothly

Mission/Outreach

- The CROP Walk is Sunday, Oct 15, and will start at 1:30, usual route. She will have another Moment for Mission to make a personal appeal for walkers and financial donations this Sunday, October 8th.
- She was granted permission last month 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 explored the website more and has created our own page. The link is:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mysticct/Team/View/48969/PBBC> Please feel free to go on-line and either donate or volunteer. So far we have four people collection and walking – Bob Land, Mei Ling, Patti Tootell and herself. Carol also said that they have set us a “goal” for our team donations. It is \$1500 and last year we did not meet that goal but has hope that with more walkers we will reach that goal this year.

- It was suggested that we have a donation basket at the Apple Festival for other people to donate as they attend the event

Worship/Membership

- Li Ling reported that Peg is doing well and she thanked all participants in World Communion Sunday.
- They will now be preparing for All Saints Day on November 5th

Pastoral Relations

- Richard reported that our Pastor is BACK!

Old Business: Church Sign

- It is up and looks beautiful! Thank you Richard and Ron for installation.

PBBC Support

- Dave Rowley has put together a group of people to meet and brainstorm ideas on reaching out to other church members who have not been regularly attending and also ideas on how to bring in new members. The group consists of Holly Boyle, Li Ling, Dianne Dellarco and himself.
- They met once and have some ideas but it will take a lot of time and effort. Here are a few ideas that they are thinking of developing:
 1. A suggestion was made that in today’s electronic age that a possible Facebook page is not out of the realm of possibilities – especially with the Youth and trying to get out events out to younger people
 2. More signage of our events – people putting posters in their car windows

Old Business cont.

3. Contacting inactive members either by email, phone or personal visits.
 4. Radio or TV ads – but they cost money – except for papers like the Groton Times and each town has a free publication similar to this
 5. Changing the Visitor Card located in the pews to incorporate their email address and cell phone numbers.
 6. Incorporating Worship and Membership into this group
- If anyone else has ideas he suggests they join in this group at their next meeting which will be Monday, October 9th at 4:30pm here at PBBC

Snow removal contract

- Richard contacted a potential vendor, and that person provided a price. As there are still a few unanswered questions, Richard will speak with him further. He will also seek a few other vendors to see what the ‘going rate’ is. It is going to be more than we have been paying in the past.

OMBC

- A letter of intent went out to OMBC (now in file) explaining our desire to offer them another option than to give the church to Community Baptist Church in Groton. They had their meeting last week and voted that idea down. Now they will have to explore all the other options open to them, one of which is ours.
- Richard has established a team to work with OMBC, should the need arise and to develop our plans as what to do with the building. The team consists of; Richard Tourjee, Peg Ackley; Carol Gatlin and Dave Rowley. They plan on doing a ‘walk-through’ sometime next week.

Claudine mentioned that for now OMBC is limbo and it will take a great deal of time before anything definite will be determined. That we are best to wait patiently until we hear from them.

New Business

Metal Chairs

A new chair rack has been donated to the church and will be delivered this week.

We have far too many metal chairs and Richard suggested we ‘weed’ them out – throw out the bad, sell some of the good ones at the Tag Sale and keep 100 for our use. He also suggested we take the old heavy tables (because none of us are young enough anymore to haul those heavy ones) and use them for storage. Two in the parsonage garage as shelving, one upstairs and then Holly said we should keep one for hot items because the plastic ones don’t withstand extreme heat.

Marilyn Benson motioned that we approve this suggestion, Dave Rowley seconded, a vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

Parking

- Dianne said that those arriving later for church have trouble finding adequate parking because we are leaving too much space between cars. She asked that we all ‘tighten it up’ a bit to allow for more cars. It was so noted.

Submitted by:

Barbara Brant, Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: November 6, 2017

Devotions: Dave Rowley

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!



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 Fellow-
ship Hall

Clergy are invited to vest & process

Youth News

The Youth will be participating in the CROP Walk. They are looking to form a team—Email Courtney Assad youthcoordinator@gmail.com if you would like to join the Youth team.



Flashlight Corn Maze at Preston Farms

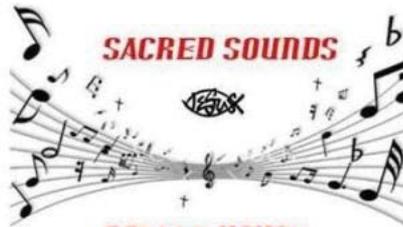
Friday, October 27 5pm

Meet at Union Baptist Church Parents pick-up at

Union Baptist at 8:30 pm

Lifesong at Sacred Sounds Coffee House

Sunday, November 5, 2017



Doors open at 6 pm with music starting at 7 pm.
Come out for a night of fun and music.

A Casting Crowns tribute band will be performing at the Sacred Sound Coffee House in Salem, CT. they play contemporary worship music, and you may recognize many of the songs. Meet up at the coffee house at 6:45pm for a 7-pm show



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST
CHURCH

(CORNER OF ROUTE 1 AND SOUTH ROAD)

SAT. DECEMBER 2ND 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

BAKED GOODS

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SILENT AUCTION

BOOKS, JEWELRY AND GRANDMA'S ATTIC
CRAFTS AND NEEDLEWORK AND COOKIES!!!



SPECIALTY CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS



A Little Church Humor



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BULLETIN BLOOPERS



Low Self-Esteem
Support Group will
meet Thursday at
7 to 8:30 p.m.

Please use the
back door.

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Looking Ahead!!!

Our Christmas Bazaar is December 2nd

So we are looking for items for our Silent Auction

Antiques



Gift Certificates

Any new items



And nicer items for Gram-
ma'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!!!





Ice Cream Social

Halloween Ice Cream Social

Spooky and delicious!



Come to church on October 29th at 6 pm

Wear your costumes!!!

How creative are you???

*Enjoy fun, fellowship and a few games and of
course, ICE CREAM!*

Fun for young and old

Our youth team will be helping!

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