

# THE TIE that binds

September 2018



## **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*



## Pastor's Page



### The Spectacular Month of September It's time for those Report Cards!

In our Bylaws and Constitution it states that one of the responsibilities of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to “conduct annual performance appraisal of the pastor including all facets of ministry.” In celebration of our sacred partnership, the PRC has prepared a new form for evaluation of ministry and leadership.

These will be distributed after worship on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask members of the congregation to fill out the forms and return them to the church office in two weeks. This process will provide valuable feedback on our strengths and resources, as well as our areas of potential growth and challenge.

Thank you in advance for supporting this effort!

### Adult Sunday school Class

Join us for a new Bible Study from Living the Questions called “Uppity Women of the Bible.” We will consider the stories of Ruth, Song of Songs, Esther and Judith. All are welcome!

### New Members Received!

Plan to join us for a special worship service on October 14<sup>th</sup> as we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to six new members!

### Books We Have Shared this month...

**“My Many Colored Days”** by Dr. Seuss

**“Children of God: Storybook Bible”**

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**“All Are Welcome”**

by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman

**“Because I Had a Teacher”** by Kobi Yamada

**“You Are Special”** by Max Lucado

# YOUTH NEWS

## Fusion Youth Ministry

YOUTHCOOPDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM

Welcome Back! I hope everyone is enjoying school so far this year, and I am so excited to get back to our regular schedule. This year we are aiming to have more regularly set meetings scheduled further out.

Join our texting service! Opt in to get text notifications for upcoming events and newsletter links. Email me at [youthcoopdirector@gmail.com](mailto:youthcoopdirector@gmail.com) with your name and number (or your child's) to start receiving text messages about upcoming activities. Very beneficial for those that don't check email often!

### Youth Meetings

This year our regular youth group meeting will take place the third Sunday of every month from 4-6pm. We will rotate churches each month. Here is our rotation schedule:

September 16th - Union Baptist Church  
October 21st - Noank Baptist Church  
November 18th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
December 16th - Union Baptist Church  
January 20th - Noank Baptist Church  
February 17th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
March 17th - Union Baptist Church  
April 21st - Noank Baptist Church  
May 19th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church

*Climbing at Fields of Fire Adventure Park*

*Friday, September 21st, 4—7 pm*

*Our first social activity of the year will be to go climbing at Fields of Fire! There are courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced. If you don't want to climb but want to join us on site there are tables to hang and you can interact with the climbers. We will provide snacks to enjoy potentially around the fire! If you would like to climb, the cost is \$40. Please bring payment with you the day of the event. Parents, a waiver may need to be signed so I will provide details to those registered. I will need to provide counts, so it is necessary to RSVP with me!*

*Courtney*

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Mei Ling Liu led us in devotions.

The meeting began by officially welcoming Heidi Butler, the new church clerk. Catherine Hiller summarized the minutes from the August meeting.

**Communications:**

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**Benevolence: Marilyn Baird**

- Marilyn reported that the September offering was \$90, and the balance is \$611.77.

**Pastor's Report :**

Claudine Crooks (presented in absentia by Heidi Butler)

- We will have six new members joining the church this fall:
  - ◇ Marie Chaney, by letter of transfer from OMBC
  - ◇ Burt Crooks, by profession of faith
  - ◇ Patti Crooks, by profession of faith
  - ◇ Diane Cunningham, by letter of transfer from OMBC
  - ◇ Becky Freeman, by letter of transfer from OMBC
  - ◇ Nancy Spalluto, by letter of transfer from Church of the City, New London
- The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- It was decided that the membership meeting to vote on new members will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup> after the service.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> will be World Communion Sunday, with scripture in multiple languages. The World Mission Offering can be received any time in October.
- The Rev. Ho-Soon Han will be our women's retreat leader this year, which will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at Camp Wightman. Claudine requested that Rev. Han be offered an honorarium of \$300 for the weekend, but did not know where it could be taken from because retreats have been eliminated from the Christian Education budget. She expressed her preference to not raise the retreat cost for participants. The council decided that would be covered under new business.

**Deacon and Committee Reports:**

**Buildings/Grounds: Alex Lew and Brian Berry**

- Alex reported that updates on the roof of the Miner Building would be covered in new business.
- At the previous meeting, discussion was held about John Rodearmel refurbishing roadside signs from Old Mystic Baptist Church. John has gone ahead and refurbished them, and they are ready to be installed. He will install them as soon as the weather permits.
- The air conditioners in the pastor's and church offices need to be replaced, and Ron Land went to buy new ones but they were all sold out. New ones will be purchased before the next heat season.

- The fall work day will most likely be scheduled on a Saturday in October, and Alex will work on a list of tasks. This list will include repainting the doors of the front church entrance and clearing items from the balcony (more information from Belle). Alex will check with Claudine Crooks and Jon Hiller about tasks for the parsonage.
- Holly raised a concern about the lighting of the sign out front, and Ron said that he would check it out.
- Catherine noted that ushers and greeters should be reminded that per order of the fire marshal balcony seating is not allowed.

#### **Education & Discipleship: Li Ling Liu & Diane Dellarco**

- There will be a Harvest Costume Festival on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (time TBD). This will be an event just for fun, no donations. It will consist of a costume party for kids and adults with pizza and ice cream.
- Sunday school starts this week.
- This week at music the kids started an attendance chart, where they get a sticker for every week that they attend music.
- Rally Day will be next month – followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:30 am
- They are researching new curriculum because we have the delightful opportunity for much younger pupils in our Sunday school – ABCCONN may have something for the varied age group.

#### **Mission and Outreach: Carol Gatlin and Holly Boyle**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Worship & Membership: Peg Straub and Barbara Brant**

- Nothing to report aside from Claudine's report on new members.

#### **Hospitality: Sandy Vocolina and Marilyn Benson**

- The funeral reception for Kristin Greene and the Rally Day potluck both went well, and Marilyn and Sandy thanked everybody for assistance they gave and all the work others did to serve. Catherine added her thanks to all who helped with the large crowd at the funeral.
- A card was received from Joe Greene thanking everybody for the funeral and reception, along with a check for \$200. The card has been posted upstairs. It was decided that the money would be added into the General Fund, as there was not a particular need for it in the coffee hour fund.
- **PRC: Darrell Tootell**  
A quick meeting with Claudine was held after church yesterday.
- The new pastoral evaluation, put together by Sue Shontell, will be handed out to the congregation on September 16<sup>th</sup> after the service, as the congregation leaves the sanctuary. Claudine will print copies and there will be a few people stationed at the sanctuary doors to hand them out. We will be asking these to be returned in two weeks if possible, but will allow for more if necessary, and then the results will be tabulated and handed back to the congregation, hopefully in late October. Darrell wanted to emphasize that this was asked for specifically by Claudine, (and requested in our By-Laws) rather than a decision on the part of the PRC to begin requiring an evaluation.

#### **Nominating committee: : Pat Tootell**

- No report, working on filling slots.

#### **Old Business:**

Safe Church:

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Last meeting, Dave made report and then had to leave, and some discussion & questions came up:



## SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Pete Wong & Mei Ling Liu**

**Serve: Pete Wong  
Mei Ling Liu  
Dianne Dellarco  
Rick Tourjee**

**Assist Pastor: Kathy Piscitello**

**Lay Leader**

**02 - Dave Rowley  
09 - Barbara Brant  
16 - Alex Lew  
23 - Rick Toujee  
30 - Mei Ling Liu**

## OCTOBER MINISTERS

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

**Serve: Clyde and Cathy Myers  
Dave Carol Rowley  
Assist Pastor: Pete Wong**

**Lay Leader**

**07 - Becky Freeman  
14 - Pete Wong  
21 - Carol Gatlin  
28 - Li Ling Liu**





## **SEPTEMBER**

08 – Dawn Bassett  
13 – Shirley Lamb  
17 – Parker Friedman  
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 – Dale Rehberg  
24 – Nick Bassett  
25 – Rey Amuan  
25 – Kristen Negaard O'Brien  
28 – Alex Lewis  
30 – Maddison Harasyn



Council minutes cont.

- ◇ How do we proceed from there?
- ◇ Remainder of congregation brought up to date on discussion?
- ◇ Protocol to follow in case of an incident?
- The committee has had meetings with targeted groups, but after discussion, it was decided that the committee will meet again and discuss how best to proceed getting information to the rest of the congregation.
- A note was made that the first step in any incident is to get the attention of the committee. A note was also made that in Connecticut you can now text 911.

**OMBC stained glass window:**

- The window has been placed in the wall thanks to Richard Tourjee and Ron Land, along with other helpers. It has been cleaned on the back, and Ron hopes to install the lights this week.
- The window will be framed, and samples of the framing options were provided to the council members. The council decided on a design.
- Heidi volunteered to assist Catherine in composing a write-up on the window's history and story, to be displayed somewhere near the window. Decisions on the material and design of that plaque will be made when the content is completed. Anyone who has suggestions is invited to share them with Heidi and/or Catherine.
- It was requested that a note be put in The Tie thanking the volunteers who helped with the window

**New Business:**

Miner Building Roof: Alex

- Alex looked for bids and managed to get at least 4. He has been considering a couple of them, and they are as follows:
    - ◇ \$17,950 from J&R General Company
    - ◇ \$21,000 from MJT Roofing Company
- There were also much higher bids from Roofing and Home Solutions and Advanced Improvements.
- Richard Tourjee spoke to J&R General Company today to get questions about their bid answered and he is satisfied with the answers he was given.
  - Discussion was held on how to pay for the roofing. The Buildings and Grounds Committee moved that the council approve accepting the contract from J&R General Company for \$17950.00 to replace the roof on the Miner Building and pay for it by going to the membership and getting their approval to transfer \$16,000 from the memorial fund to the general fund. Mei Ling seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed.
  - The possibility of investing the remainder of the Memorial Fund to have it earn more interest will be discussed at a future time, after the projects for the year are completed.

Garbage pickup:

- The company that we have used, Sauchuck, which has given us several years of free service, has been sold to Crandall, who does not do gratis work. Crandall will give us a reduced rate of \$30/month. They will give us one garbage and one recycling can, and we will be advised about pickup days.
- Holly will look into garbage companies that might have more of a discount for nonprofits. She will report back and a decision will be made before the weekend. If a better deal is not found, we will contract with Crandall.

Retreat leader cost:

- Mei Ling moved to use the contingency fund to pay for the \$300 leadership fee to Rev. Ho-Soon Han for the Women's Retreat. Holly seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Update on Old Business – Mei Ling did sign Anderson oil, we are on a budget plan based on what we used last year, our monthly is \$650 church and \$146 parsonage for 10 months. Went up significantly, she did sign it, just wanted council to know

Catherine decided to postpone the budget planning item from new business until the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Marilyn Benson

Submitted by: Heidi Butler



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
4th Annual Apple Festival  
October 13, 2018 - 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!

*And other goodies as well!!!*

*We are now accepting donations of:  
Apples, light brown sugar; Crisco shortening;  
butter... just bring them in and leave them in  
the kitchen at church...many thanks!*



**CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF  
POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday September 30, 2018**

The membership will act upon the following items of business:

- The Worship and Membership Committee will recommend the following candidates for membership:  
Dianne Cunningham - Marie Chaney - Becky Freeman - Rev. Burt Crooks - Patti Crooks - Nancy Spalluto
- The Church Council will ask the membership for permission to transfer up to \$16,000 from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Miner Building.
- (Article VII-Memorial Fund. PBBC Bylaws)
- The Church Council will ask the membership for permission to expend over \$5000 for the purpose of replacing the roof of the Miner Building.  
(Article III- Church Council. PBBC Bylaws)

Heidi Butler,  
Church Clerk



## **Mission and Stewardship Day**

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

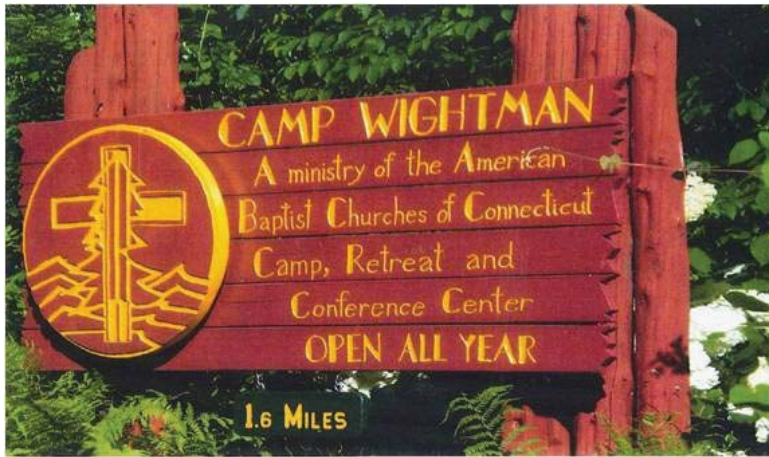
**Central Baptist Church, Norwich**

Our 3rd annual Mission and Stewardship Day, **Come Join the Dance**, will be on **September 29th, from 8:30am to 3pm** at the [Central Baptist Church of Norwich](#).

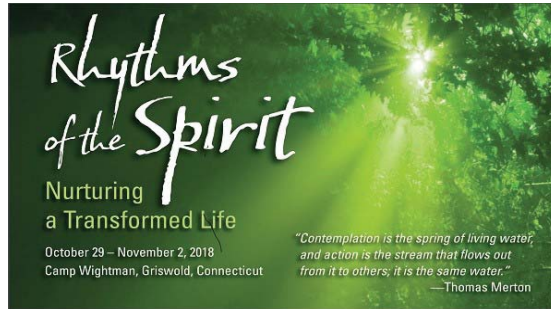
Come celebrate 'Unity in Diversity' as we move to the rhythm, dancing to God's heartbeat!

Planned activities will include a Culturama or Cultural Showcase of food, national dress, and music. We will again be presenting several Workshops and we anticipate that the Praise and Worship sessions will not only draw us together as one people under God but draw us closer to the triune God as we "join His dance." Also, Mission t-shirts will be available for a small donation with all proceeds given to United Missions.

We encourage you to respond to the calls and information that will be given to you through telephone contact, e-mails, the weekly e-News and ABCCONN's website.



## News from Camp Wightman



**Do you struggle for balance between prayer and activity?**

**Do you long for a more quiet, centered time for silence and reflection?**

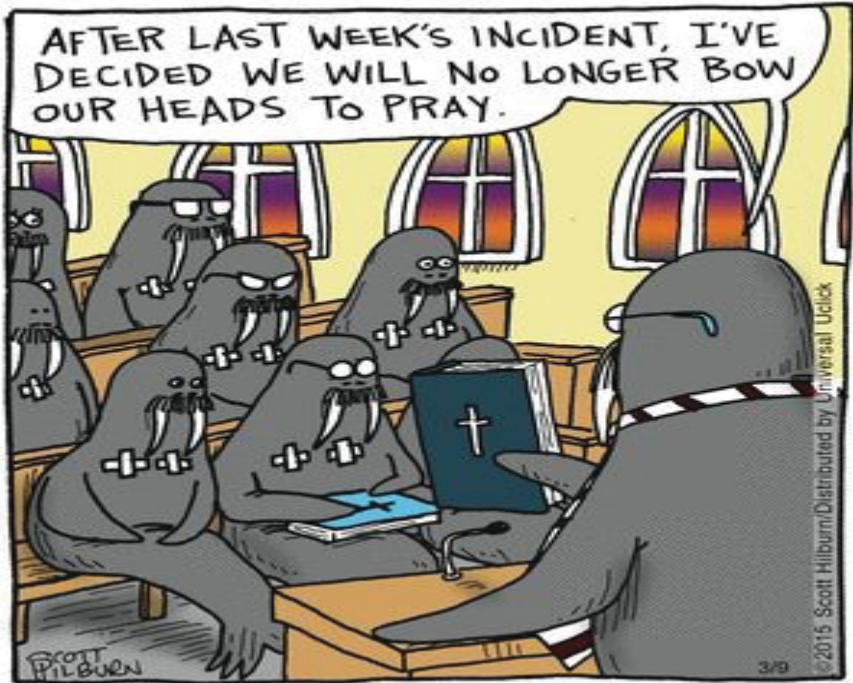
**The conference, offered in a retreat style is a unique opportunity to explore and practice the transformed life together.**

**“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. - Howard Thurman**

Download registration from at [www.rhythmsofthespirit.com](http://www.rhythmsofthespirit.com) or call

Holly Blacker 860-376-2179

# A Little Church Humor



# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



*Hello Friends,*

*This is the 41st year of the Mystic/Stonington CROP Hunger Walk which will be held on Sunday, October 14th.*

*The walk will be generally the same as before. Registration will be at 1pm at St. Mark's 15 Pearl Street, Mystic. The walk will be from St. Mark's to Noank Baptist Church and back (about 10K). Walkers will depart at 1:30pm and there are always plenty of snacks at Noank Baptist! There are also options for rides back to St. Mark's for those not able to walk the whole way.*

*Please contact Kathy Parker of Mystic Congregational Church ([kayoparker@gmail.com](mailto:kayoparker@gmail.com)) can be contacted for assistance with on-line registration which is being encouraged this year. Materials can also be accessed online at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) and you can search for our walk or find it at [www.crophungerwalk.org/mysticct](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mysticct)*

*Hunger is on the rise. West Timor (recently part of Indonesia) is home to the most stunted people on earth! Church World Service teaches them about better gardening, animal husbandry and helping with sanitation and water.*

*Many thanks for your efforts,*

*Julia Porter*

*Our PBBE representatives are Bob Land and Carol Gatlin*

*Last year we had quite a number of walkers—won't you consider joining us this year to end hunger—one step at a time?*



There are so many people to “thank” for this wonderful gift!

First we thank the people from Old Mystic Baptist Church—part of your old church will now live on in our church.

We would also like to “thank” Rick Tourjee, Dick Tourjee, John Rodearmel and Steve Champ (Marilyn Rodearmel’s son) and a friend of Steves for packing and delivering the window.

Many thanks goes to patient person who cleaned it—Catherine Hiller.

And no less thanks goes to Richard and Rick Tourjee and Ron Land for installing, lighting and framing it!

It indeed was a labor of love and we cannot thank you enough!

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