

THE TIE that binds

June/July 2021



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Gardening Tips For Life

HOW TO PLANT YOUR LIVE GARDEN

First, you Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING:

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NOGARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
- 3.. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To My Beloved PBBC Community

A Prayer for Our Nation...

Almighty God,
Ruler of all the peoples of the earth:
forgive, we beseech thee,
our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts
to see and love the truth;
give wisdom to our counselors
and steadfastness to our people;
and bring us at last
to that fair city of peace
whose foundations are
mercy, justice and good-will,
whose Builder and Maker thou art;
through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Written by Robert N. Rodenmayer, 1960)

To those who have returned to worship and those still listening from home, know that I hold you in my heart each day...I wish all of you a Happy Father's Day, a Happy Juneteenth, and a Happy 4th of July! While I am away on vacation, I will carry your strong love and steady prayers with me, and I will look forward to being home again soon. My friend Bonita Grubbs will bless our pulpit while I'm gone, and God will bless each one of us until we meet again. Please know that I am grateful for your presence on this journey, and I trust God's presence to keep us close in spirit, united in faith, encouraged in hope and peace.

Pastor Claudine

Greetings from Camp Wightman

Apart from loud cities and out into the wildwood we're hard at work gearig up to welcome campers back this summer. This spring brings an added sense of hope and joy for us here at Camp. After a long year and a hail of relatively quiet cabins, we are looking forward to filling the woods with the sound of the bell at meal times, laughter and splashes at the waterfront, and songs echoing from chapel in the morning and through the villages at night. Camp is waiting patiently for the only and most important thing missing: campers!

After a year of uncertainty , being stuck in our homes, and being dependent on WiFi for connection to community, our children and families need Camp Wightman more than ever. For generations Camp Wightman has been a place for children and adults alike to be in Christian Community and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Unfortunately also after this long and difficulty year the need for financial support and camperships for our families are also needed than ever. Camperships play a vital role in building our Christian community every summer and for summers to come. They ensure that every child who wishes to come to camp can. We therefore are reaching out to you, our greater Camp Wightman family, and asking that if able you may make a donation to our 2021 Campership Fund. A contribution of any size will go a long way in providing camp programming to as many children as possible.

\$15 One Camper Meal

\$50 Camper's 1 week store bill including Camp Wightman T-Shirt and photo.

\$139 One camper day at Wightman

\$225 1 Week meals for Camper

\$695 One Camper week at Wightman

We will ensure that your funds are used wisely.

Sincerely,

Holly Blacker—Interim Executive Director of Camp Wightman

Ways to donate:

Mail a check to Camp Wightman 207 coal Pit Hill Rd. Griswold, CT 06351

Link to donation page: [Campership Fund](#)



JUNE MINISTERS

Leaders:

20 - Carol Rowley

27 - Marilyn Rodearmel

JULY MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

04 - Drew Wesche

11 - Patti Tootell

18 - Pete Wong

25 - Catherine Hiller

AUGUST MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

01 - Portia Freeman

08 - Dennis Piscitello

15 - Becky Freeman

22 - Richard Tourjee

29 - Cathy Greenfield

Birthdays

JULY

- 01– Kaitlyn Pasqualini
- 02 - Robert McLaughlin
- 05—Dianne Cunningham
- 05 - Sonny Lew
- 08 - Robert Land
- 10 - Darrell Tootell
- 11 - Wynonna Tuang
- 14 - Austin Center
- 19 - Barbara Brant
- 19– Valerie Rehberg
- 23 - Michelle Friedman
- 25 - Marilyn Benson
- 25 - Mikayla Tourjee
- 27 - Lennie Anderson
- 27 - Kathy Piscitello
- 27 - Marie Chaney
- 31 - Marion Lamb
- 31 - Jane Imdahl



AUGUST

- 02–Dianne Dellarco
- 04– Marc Friedman
- 10- Catherine Hespeler
- 10 - Beth Rummery
- 12 -Jennifer Akesson
- 16 - Marilyn Rodearmel
- 17 - Dante Dellarco
- 20 - Sharon Anderson
- 20 - Amanda Tourjee
- 23 - Cathy Greenfield



Blanket the World with Love Donations 2021

*Burt & Patti Crooks
In memory of Catherine L Crooks and Celia G Maynard*

*Gail Neff & Peggy Straub
In memory of Julia Spickler*

*Belle Jordan
In memory and honor of All the wonderful women in my Life*

*Sue Shontell
In honor of Barbara, Betty, Dorice and Helena*

*Liu Family
In honor of Len Lun Niang and Mei Ling Liu*

*Becky Freeman
In honor of All the special women in my Life*

*Becky Freeman
In memory of grandmothers, Catherine Crooks and Celia Maynard*

*Pat Tootell
In memory of Millie Dickson*

*Carol & Dave Rowley
In honor of Claudine Crooks*

*Carol & Dave Rowley
In memory of Jennifer Rowley, Lois Rowley and Becky Chambers*

*Jane Imdahl
In memory of Mary Marquardt*

*Clyde & Cathy Myers
In memory of Ruth E Myers and Shirley E Howard*

*Catherine Hiller
In memory of Alice Hagerty Wheeler and Agnes Burrows, her
Sunday school teachers*

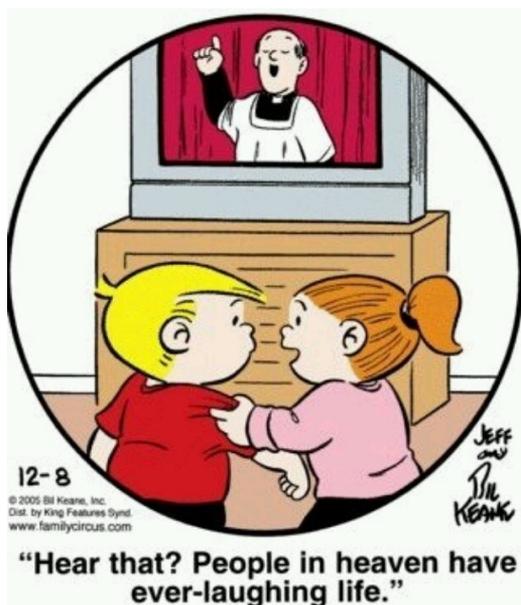
Blanket the World with Love cont.

*Dianne & Dave Augeri
In honor of Belle Jordan, Betty Land and Barbara Brant*

*Dianne & Dave Augeri
In memory of Jennie Augeri, Irene Gilchrist and Dorothy Jordan*

*Carol Gatlin
In honor of Jackson, Owen, Emery and Hattie*

*Marilyn and John Rodearmel
In honor of the church's reopening*



RAFFLE TICKETS

There are packets (10 each) of raffle tickets available for you to sell (or buy) in the church office. The quilt this year is called
“Seaside Cabin”

Please feel free to stop by the church office and pick up a packet.
Last year we made over \$1,000 on this Raffle and hope to top that amount this year. Can you help?





2021 Graduates

*Jonathan Liu graduating from
Three Rivers Community College with Associates
Degree in Nuclear Engineering, summa cum laude*

*Marilyn and John Rodearmel's grandchildren
Hannah Lee Champ from Florida State University, Magna Cum
Laude*

Ryan Daniel Trupia from Virginia Tech majoring in Civil Engineering

*Carol Gatlin's daughter, Courtney Gatlin graduated with a Master of
Education, Reading and Literacy from
Carolina University*

*Carol Gatlin's grandson, Jackson graduated 8th grade and will go to
Lynn, MA High School in the fall*

*Noelle Butler graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of
Science degree in Theatre Arts Management and a double minor in Ed-
ucation and Art History. Noelle was also selected as this year's
outstanding graduate in the Fine and Performing Arts disciplinary
area, and recipient of the School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's
Award for 2021.*

And our little graduates:

*James Paul Ming Lew from kindergarten and will be attending the
Waterford School System in the fall*

Dante Dellarco, a kindergarten graduate



Minutes of the June Church Council Meeting

Call to Order: Moderator Dave convened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Devotions: Portia read an extract of correspondence from her daughter Stacey, “When we get through this”, about the Covid experience and expected return to life’s norms: sitting around a huge table, telling stories, hugging, being with friends and family, grateful for the little things, seeing time as gifted, knowing what we need.

Minutes of previous Meeting: Dave brought to attention the previous (May 3rd, 2021) Council Meeting Minutes which referenced, in item 4 of “Old Business”, the seconding of a motion by Darrell. Not being a Council member Darrell is unauthorized to second a motion. Consequently, the motion officially could not be carried, the approval in error. The motion was to accept itemized conditions for reopening the church. To recap: 3 foot spacing between individuals, an allowance of 55 parishioners for seating in the sanctuary, alternate pews employed, Dave, Richard and Ron to be greeters, two entrances used with masks and hand sanitizer available at each entrance, along with programs and offering plates, singing with masks on, speakers free to not use masks, air flow designed by Holly, fellowship to be conducted out of doors, refraining from handshakes and hugs, no shared food, a request that those feeling ill not attend the service, visitor POC’s established in case of determined Covid exposure, space for additional attendees to be provided in the lounge, Betty to continue to provide music through the summer. To address the erroneous approval of the above-described motion, Holly made the motion to accept conditions for reopening the church as previously described at the 3 May 2021 Council Meeting. Marilyn seconded Holly’s motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Benevolence: Marilyn reported a balance of \$215.78, no change in the last month.

Pastor’s Report: Claudine was not feeling well and was unable to attend. Sue, from an email sent by Claudine, stated Claudine would be on vacation June 21st to 30th. The Rev. Grubbs will preach at the service on June 27th. Worship guidelines have been updated to allow masks being optional for those fully vaccinated. For those not vaccinated it is requested that they continue to wear them. Other Covid restrictions remain in place with fellowship to be conducted outside, no food provided, though consideration of restrictions being lifted in September continue. Heidi’s registry and licensing journey continues.

Ministry and Committee Reports

Pastoral Relations: Sue had nothing to report.

Hospitality: Cathy and Sarah had nothing to report.

Nominating: Richard had nothing to report.

Finance & Stewardship: Patti reported the three accounts continue without change.

Education and Discipleship: Carol reported there would be a meeting “tomorrow”.

Mission & Outreach: Holly and Diane had nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds: Rick reported he went to Express Kitchens to get options for renovating the kitchen in the rental property.

Rick discussed the images. Of importance was the placement of the refrigerator, 32 inches wide, in the allotted space, 36 inches wide. Because of the radiator placement the refrigerator door will not fully open. Getting to the cabinet above the refrigerator would not be easy. Pros and cons of refrigerator location were regarded. Adequate access to inside the refrigerator was established. Richard made a motion to accept the plans as distributed, Sue seconded the motion. Further discussion of the plans followed. An island was thought to be too impractical for the space available. Richard stated the quoted price of the cabinetry was \$4,870.22, though minus tax, and with a \$200 allotment from Express Kitchens for a church project, the actual price would be \$4,329.43. Estimated cost of installation was \$1,400.00.

Rick pointed out possible further monetary savings from energy conservation programs and noted free estimates are available for insulation costs. Groton Utilities may offer discounts, Drew said he would investigate what is available and see what the qualifications are. Richard said insulation of the house might be expensive by virtue of its construction, the only insulation currently in the house at the top of the stairs in the storage spaces. Discussion of insulation progressed. It was affirmed there are no requirements for insulation, further assessment for such needs of the property can be later regarded. At a savings it was stated the stove is donated and would fit in the prescribed location. There is no exhaust fan above the stove. Richard said the designated cabinetry is of good quality, all wood, birch, light, there is no particleboard, drawers dovetailed with automatic closure, base cabinets containing drawers. Dave asked for a vote on Richards's previous motion to accept the plan distributed to the Council members, which vote was unanimous in approval.

Budgeting for the renovations was discussed. As there is a line item which covers current expenses it was requested that purchases to remediate the rental property have it noted on the receipts that the purchase are for the rental property. However, the line-item amount is projected as being spent. Use of money from the Memorial Fund and the General Fund for the rental property renovation were widely discussed. It was noted that up to half the money in the Memorial Fund can be employed for church purposes, in this instance for renovation of the rental property, without approval from the congregation with the stipulation it be paid back in a six-month timeframe. Additionally, the returned security deposit for the property, put in the General Fund, may also be used. Costs for the renovation have yet to be established. To determine anticipated costs Richard said he would generate a checklist of needed projects. Donations and fundraisers may help cover expenses. Rick noted permits will be required for plumbing and electrical work, which permits would require a plan with expected cost. Previously in the discussion Richard made a motion to use half the money in the Memorial Fund to pay for the property renovation, seconded by Cathy, which motion was at the end of discussion unanimously approved.

New Business: Belle asked the Council to grant permission for a tag sale the 19th of June. Patti said she would like to incorporate a bake sale on the same date. Holly made a motion to have a tag/bake sale on June 19th with proceeds to be for the rental property renovation. Rick seconded the motion, unanimously approved. While previously permission for tag/bake sales was not under the purview of the Council it was noted that we are still under Covid restrictions which deems such approvals warranted.

Dave noted Candy Zeppieri was given permission to use the Purple Room, June 26th, for a bridal shower, after Council approval via email vote.

AA has asked to restart their meetings at PBBC as they had previously, prior to the Covid pandemic. Marilyn made a motion, seconded by Li Ling, to have AA's return be held off until September. Discussion followed: salient concerns were that up to 40 people might attend, significantly more than estimated to be at non-church gatherings otherwise permitted; AA was not always attentive to effective clean up after their meetings; would holding off an immediate return incline AA not to return come September. The motion to hold off return of AA meetings on church property was upheld by a vote of 6 for, 3 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

Dave noted the Council historically has often not held meetings on the Monday after the first Sunday in July, though meetings have been called for after Sunday service on an as needed basis. Holly made a motion to suspend the Council meeting which would have met in July and to deal with any Council issues that arise via email, or to set up a meeting at everyone's convenience. Marilyn seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Greene, Clerk

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