

# THE TIE that binds

## September 2011



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### **It's Rally Day!**

Come, now is the time...  
To Worship  
To Begin Sunday School  
To Join Together in Fellowship



Sunday, September 11th, 2011  
Worship at 9:30 am  
Sunday School Classes at 11:00 am  
Potluck Luncheon at Noon

PASTORS NOTES:

### **A New Journey of Faith**

With a grateful heart I look back on our summer weeks of worship and I thank God for your faithful attendance and your endurance of the heat! Now we begin a new season of joyful worship and program events. Sunday school classes for all ages will begin on Sept. 11th and Youth Group begins with a Beach Bash on Sept. 9th and a "50 Questions" Gathering on Sept. 28th. I pray this fall season finds you secure in God's love and grace, and as always, I look forward to seeing you in church!

### **Opportunities to Give**

As we continue to join together for mission and outreach, I invite you to prayerfully consider all of these opportunities to give: Tools of Hope Offering for Church World Service, gifts to One Great Hour of sharing for Hurricane and Flood Relief in this country and throughout the world, offerings and pledges for the church in response to our Last But Not Least Sundays, and coming in October...our World Mission Offering in support of International Ministries and missionaries Rick and Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes, and the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 16th, raising money and awareness for world hunger relief and local food pantries. God is doing marvelous things!

### **New Members Gathering**

If you are considering becoming a member of Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church, please speak to Pastor Claudine. Watch for news of a date when the next class will be held.

### **Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Claudine will be away Monday, September 19th through Sunday, September 25th. If there are emergency pastoral needs during this time, please contact Liz in the church office or Moderator,  
Richard Tourjee at 860-536-6989.  
The Rev. Burt Crooks will be our preacher on the 25th!

# Attention! Attention! Attention!

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist will once again be  
having a **Fall Tag Sale!**

It will be held on ***October 14th*** and ***15th***.

If you have any items at home that you would like to donate, please stop by the church between regular office hours (***9-noon***) to drop them off.

We are also in need of **workers!** We need people to help ***set up*** the tag sale, ***work*** the tag sale, and ***clean up*** after it's all done! Please see Belle Jordan or Betty Land for information!



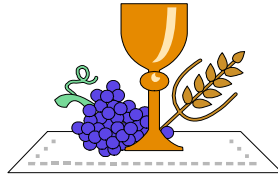
## **Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday, December 3rd**

Save the date! We hope to make this year's bazaar even more successful than last year. Tables will include Grandma's Attic, The Greenery, The Bakery, Fanciwork, The After-School Group's homemade crafts, and a Silent Auction. Lunch will be served and the "Potholders to Quilts" drawing will be featured. If you are donating items in the following categories you may notify/give to the appropriate chairwoman: Fanciwork~Anita Nelson; Grandma's Attic~Belle Jordan; Silent Auction~Marilyn Benson.

***Let's make this year's bazaar the best one yet!***





### **September Ministers:**

**Communion: Prepare:** Peggy Straub, Jon Hiller  
**Serve:** Holly Mulvihill, Will Vars  
Jon Hiller, Jane Imdahl  
**Assist Pastor:** Catherine Hiller

#### **Lay Leaders:**

04-Pete Wong  
11-Richard Tourjee  
18-Jackie Dorobkowski  
25-Anita Nelson

### **October Ministers:**

**Communion: Prepare:** Jackie Dorobkowski, Richard Tourjee  
**Serve:** Dianne Dellarco, Jackie Dorokowski  
Richard Tourjee, Vance Lamb  
**Assist Pastor:** Pete Wong

#### **Lay Leaders:**

02-Irving Hiller  
09-Pat Tootell  
16-Catherine Greenfield  
23-Bobbi Morton  
30-Bob Nelson

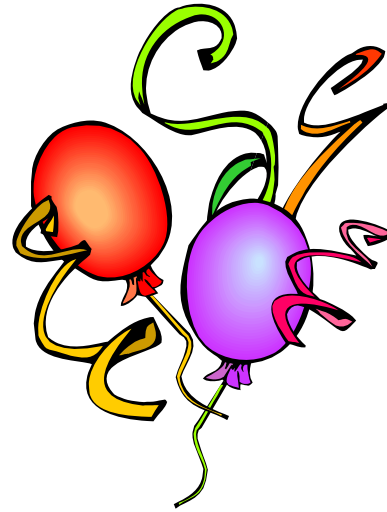
#### **Candle Lighters:**

Ackley, Mackenzie  
Bassett, Nick  
Butler, Noelle  
Greene, Adam  
Greene, Matthew  
Lewis, Alex  
Pasqualini, Kaitlyn

# Birthdays!

## September

01-Grace McGrath  
08-Dawn Bassett  
13-Shirley Lamb  
17-Parker Friedman  
18-Eugene Brustolon  
19-Cheryl Mundell  
20-Betty Land  
21-Richard Tourjee, Jr.  
26-Lucille Robbins



## October

02-Nathan White  
07-Marvin Wong  
16-Erich Shafer  
17-Diane Shafer  
17-Sallie Land  
21-Joe Greene  
23-Patricia Tootell  
23-Li Ling Liu  
24-Nicholas Bassett  
25-Rey Amuan



Wishing everyone a  
safe and happy Birthday!!

# Mystic Area CROP Walk

Fall is just around the corner and so is the 2011 edition of the Mystic Area CROP Walk. We need you and your church to make this another successful year as we seek to walk with and for the hungry people of our community and the world. The CROP Walk will be on Sunday, October 16th, with registration at 1:00 p.m.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 2011

**Correspondence:** A thank-you note from CT Baptist Homes was received expressing appreciation for our gift to the fund that provides amenities which enhance the lives of the residents.

### **Financial Reports for August:**

Financial Secretary: General Fund deposit: \$9881

(includes \$450 designated for rehab work on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and \$811 from sale of potholders)

Mission Fund deposit: \$ 474

Memorial Fund:

Treasurer: Disbursements: \$7959.87      Monthly balance: \$1921.38

Benevolence Treasurer: Offerings: Aug: \$21 and Sept: \$67

Disbursements: \$300    Bal. \$423.13

### **Pastor's Report:**

- 9/11 Memorial Observance at Congregation Beth-El, NL sponsored by Greater New London Clergy Assoc. and Mystic Area Ecumenical Council.
- Benson wedding – Oct. 15
- Bob Land will again represent PBBC on the MAEC board. Thank you Bob! This board will sponsor CROP WALK in Mystic-Noank during October.
- World Communion Day will be celebrated October 2.
- Pastoral Relations Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the ministerial compensation package for 2012.
- Membership Records continue to be reviewed.
- Pastor Claudine will be on vacation from 9/19-9/26. Rev. Burt Crooks will fill our pulpit on 9/25.

### **Deacon and Committee Reports:**

**Education/Discipleship:** Church School classes will commence on 9/11. Teachers have new curriculum and the custodian announced that all the classrooms have been cleaned. Pat made new curtains for hallway windows.

**Mission/Outreach:** World Mission Offering will be held in October. Materials are here.

**Buildings/ Grounds:**

- Painting of fence has been completed. Thanks Pete! Ted suggested cutting off the pickets below the lower bar so that a mower can fit beneath the fence.
- Overgrowth at edge of west parking area has been cleared

**Stewardship/Finance:**

- Marilyn thanked Holly for her presentation in the *Last But Not Least* Stewardship Campaign. Another presentation will be made in September.
- Bob requested that all budget requests for 2012 be given to him by October 15.
- Ameriprise Account balance has not quite recovered previous amount, but creeping upward.

**Hospitality:** Marilyn will oversea preparations for the Rally Day potluck on 9/11 following classes.

**Old Business:**

- **15 South Road:** Dianne noted that by state law in any case where an individual 18 years or older resides with the lease holder that person's name must also appear on the lease agreement. Since one of our tenant's sons is now 18 this information will be added when it is time to renew the lease.

**New Business:**

- **Window, sofit rehab:** We have a commitment from Richard Maddox to start the project in on Monday 9/12, weather permitting. He has asked for \$1000 with which to purchase materials. It was agreed to have Jon Hiller write a check from the Memorial Fund.
- **Nursery housekeeping.** Our custodian suggested that we put out a call for volunteers to oversee the upkeep of the nursery. Perhaps once a month they could evaluate the toys and materials in the room for cleanliness and age appropriateness, and tidy up the area.

She will continue to clean the room itself, but feels that monitoring the equipment in the room is outside her range of duties. A request will be printed in the newsletter and bulletin.

- It was suggested that Buildings/Grounds should schedule another **Work Day** this fall.
- Although it was questioned whether we might be able to **purchase oil** at a lower price by checking around, it was agreed that it was wiser to stay with Mohegan Oil since they allow us to pay our bill as we are able where other companies require payment upon delivery.
- The **\$5000 borrowed from the Memorial Fund** in March is due to be repaid by 10/ 1. **It was moved and seconded that we ask the membership to forgive the loan.** Remarks followed suggesting that we pay some back even though our treasury won't allow for the total amount at this time. Another suggestion was that the \$4000 in the Ameriprise Account that is not making significant interest could be used for this purpose and make up the rest from Tag Sale proceeds. **The motion was voted down. A second motion was made to call a special business meeting on 9/25 for the purpose of asking for a three month extension on the borrowing period. By the end of that period use the Ameriprise Account fund and any necessary additional amount from sale proceeds to repay the borrowed amount.** The motion was seconded and passed.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:32 p.m.

**Catherine Hiller, Clerk**

## Nursery Angels Needed!

Our dedicated custodian keeps our nursery room clean and pleasant for our families of young children to use as needed. Every few weeks, however, the toys, books, and other equipment in the room need some loving attention. No matter how careful we are, toys do get soiled, paper materials get tattered, and the room gradually becomes untidy. This kind of evaluation is outside the range of duties of our custodian, so the council is looking for two or three “angels” to keep an eye on that room and see that it remains a place where we want our youngest members to be spending time.

If you are willing to be a part of this effort please speak to Belle for further information.

The council thanks you and so do our babies and toddlers!



## Youth Group News from KNOB!

Fri. Sept 9 Beach Bash 5:00 - 8:00pm at 99 Noble Ave.,  
Noank...

As a kick off to this school year, let's gather at the beach to play volley ball, badminton, hang out in the hot tub, share a meal, good conversation and a maybe a campfire!?! Bring a friend, your bathing suit, something for the grill & a side dish to share! Drinks and tasty goo will be provided...

Wed. Sept 28 3:00 - 5:30pm is 50 Questions at PBBC  
Join us to chat about topics of the day, what we hear in "the news" or simply to chat about ideas and snack a little... Kristen will pick up from schools.

### Looking Ahead to Oct. Events!

Wed. Oct 5 Hike Pequot Woods 3:00-5:30pm

Let's hike this sweet park thru wooded path and over babbling brooks. We'll bring a wee picnic to linger longer under the soft shade of pine trees so we can nibble & chat about our new school year! KNOB to pick up students from Fitch HS 2:07, Cutler Middle 2:47, & PBBC by 3:00. Wear sneakers for hiking ease...

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