

**THE TIE that binds**  
**January 2011**



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***Sunday, February 6th, 2011***  
***Church Pot Luck Luncheon at***  
***12:00 pm***  
***followed by our***  
***Annual Meeting at 1:00 pm***

Let us look back at the ministry of the past  
year,  
celebrate the ministry of the present time,  
and look ahead to the ministry of the coming  
days! (Annual reports will be available by  
January 30th)

***May God  
bless the  
ministry of***



***continue to  
marvelous  
Christ en-***

PASTORS NOTES:

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

\*Ecumenical Potluck Dinner\*

\*Community Service Award\*

**Friday, January 21st, 6:00 pm**

**Here at Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church**

This is an invitation to attend and help host the annual Mystic Area Ecumenical Council (MAEC) Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting being held here at our church on Friday, January 21st beginning at 6:00 pm.

This year we will present the second annual community service award, an award created and named last year in honor and memory of Neil and Pat Kluepfel to recognize individuals in our area who have demonstrated remarkable service to others in the ecumenical spirit. This year it will be awarded to John Butler, a member of Noank Baptist Church. We will have the opportunity to learn about his tremendous work and commitment to ecumenical ministries, and we will have the joy of sharing in fellowship with many sisters and brothers in Christ.

Please plan to attend (brining something to share for the meal), and pass the word along to members of our church and among your circle of friends so that we may have a great turnout.

Let's celebrate the unique and vital work of MAEC by coming together for the sake of unity among our churches!

## Christmas Flowers

In Memory of...

Our daughter Dina Umrysz, our parents Dina & Richard Hespeler  
& Jack & Alice Ackley

By Ted, Catherine and Tommy Hespeler

Ted McLaughlin by Bette

Husband & father Jim Baird, Daughter & sister Denise Baird

By Karen, Jim & Marilyn Baird

Lester Jordan by Belle, Dianne & Family

Yvonne Ackley by Family

Allyn & Allyn Jr. Lamb, John & Alice Ackley, Dina  
Umrysz  
by Marion Lamb



Lois & Earle Rowley, Becky, Marion & C.D. Chambers  
by Carol & Dave Rowley

Florence & Thomas A. Piscitello

by Dennis, Kathy, Cheryl, Austin & Family

Given by Vance and Shirley Lamb in loving memory of family  
and friends

who have gone before them.

My dear husband Hubert Bellefleur by Barbara Bellefleur

Mildred Gagne by Phyliss Ross

Kenneth Trail by Carol Case

In Honor of...

Libby Ribarich & Jackie Dorobkowski  
by Liz Rousseau

In Honor and Memory of...

Johanna Harris, Jack Harris & Richie  
by Jody Endrich

## Birthdays!

### January

01-Peter Deveau  
02-Noelle Butler  
02-William Deveau  
04-Mackenzie Rose Ackley  
05-Eric Bianchi  
05-Ronald Land  
07-Pete Wong  
08-Phyllis Ross  
15-Patti Crooks  
15-Adam Greene  
15-Matthew Greene  
16-Jackie Dorobkowski  
17-Go Tuang  
17-Jody Endrich  
18-Richard Tourjee, Sr.  
22-Libby Ribarich



### February

01-Gary Benson  
02-Althea Gordon  
14-Yvette Ackley  
18-Celia Lew  
19-Aline Trail  
20-Ronald Tourjee  
20-Donna McLaughlin  
23-Kristin Greene  
27-Richard Bassett



*Hope you all have a wonderful birthday!!!*



**January Ministers:**

**Communion: Prepare:** Ron Land, Catherine Greenfield  
**Serve:** Wilfred Vars, Ron Land  
Catherine Greenfield, Jane Imdahl  
**Assist Pastor:** Bob Nelson

**Lay Leaders:**

02-Barbara Brant  
09-Anita Nelson  
16-Dianne Dellarco  
23-Jackie Dorobkowski  
30-Irving Hiller

**February Ministers:**

**Communion: Prepare:** Clyde Myers, Ted Hespeler  
**Serve:** Rey Amuan, Clyde Myers  
Ted Hespeler, Joe Greene  
**Assist Pastor:** Eleanor Cebriwsky

**Lay Leaders:**

06-Bob Nelson  
13-Catherine Greenfield  
20-Darrell Tootell  
27-Rick Tourjee

**Candle Lighters:**

Ackley, Mackenzie  
Bassett, Nick  
Bianchi, Derek  
Butler, Heidi  
Butler, Noelle  
Greene, Adam  
Greene, Matthew  
Lewis, Alex  
Pasqualini, Kaitlyn  
Pezzolesi, Gianni

**Church Council Meeting**  
**December 6th, 2010**

**Financial Reports for November:**

**Financial Secretary:** General Fund deposit: \$7593

Mission Fund deposit:

\$513 incl. \$79 for WMO. (\$368 total)

Memorial Fund: \$1613 in passbook

**Treasurer:** Disbursements: \$13,531.26

Monthly Balance \$-5,937.96

**Benevolence Treasurer:** Mo. Offering \$26 Expenditures: none

Balance: &682.36

**Pastor's Report:**

\***Requested special prayers for Sally Land and Cathy Myers**, both of whom are in hospital for assessment and tests.

\***Homecoming Sunday.** Claudine thanked the Deacons of Worship and Membership for their efforts in making the day a success. Five inactive members responded to the invitations.

\***Baptism Class** will be formed in the Spring. There is a potential for six youth to make up the class.

\***Calendar:** Lent begins in March. Easter - April 24th.

**12/19** - Potluck Luncheon at noon followed by Carol Sing

**12/25-1/1** - Pastor's vacation. Rev. Burt Crooks will preach on 12/26.

\*Claudine recommended to the **Financial Committee** that the visiting pastor's remuneration be raised from \$125 to \$150. That amount will be reflected in the 2011 proposed budget.

**Deacon & Committee Reports:**

**Worship/Membership:** Committee working on Advent and Christmas worship details.

**Education/Discipleship:** No report.

**Mission/Outreach:**

\***Adopt-a-Family project** nearly complete. Gifts will be delivered to Groton Human Services on 12/13.

\***MASH** has developed a program for training transitioning families. It is asking churches to provide a place and a simple meal for one meeting. It was **M/S/Voted to offer our services for one**

**meeting.** Belle will follow up.

\*The **RMMO offering** will begin 12/12. Darrell will be present.

**Buildings/Grounds:**

\*Ted received a **bid from John Dapp to wrap (aluminum) the side windows of the sanctuary** for \$300 each. These windows are the most in need of maintenance. It was **M/S/ and voted that we accept this bid** understanding that the work will be done in the spring. After discussion it was also **M/S and voted that we should obtain a bid from Mr. Dapp for painting and or wrapping the three windows (depending on need) on the front of the sanctuary at the same time.** Ted will follow up.

\*Certain maintenance problems in the rest room will be addressed **Stewardship/Finance:** the Financial Secretary reported that as a result of **Pledge Sunday only 32 pledges were received for a total of \$47,071 toward the 2011 General Fund budget.** (For comparison-last year there were 40 pledges for \$77,00 toward the 2010 budget.) this disparity is of great concern to the council! Knowing that there are still pledges that can be expected to be turned in, Pastor Claudine will prepare a special stewardship bulletin insert to be distributed on Sundays.

**Hospitality:** PBBC will be hosting the **MAEC Community Dinner** on Friday, January 21. This program is in observation of **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Carolyn will oversee this effort.

**Old Business:**

\***A New York City Bus Trip in December 2011** was proposed as a fund raiser. Barbara Brant offered to plan, execute and lead a trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall that would be open to first our church, and then to others as space allows. It was M/S and voted to accept her offer.

**Next Meeting:** January 3rd at 6:30 pm.

*Catherine Hiller, Clerk*

**Church Council Meeting**  
**January 3, 2011**

**Correspondence:**

\*Thank you note was received from Groton Human Services for the gifts and holiday food. They were able to serve 400 local families at Christmas.

**Financial Reports for December:**

Financial Secretary: General Fund deposit: \$11241.15  
Mission Fund deposit: \$499 RMMO-\$498  
Memorial Fund: \$1613 in passbook

Benevolence Treasurer: Mo. Offering \$22  
Expenditures: none Bal: \$709.38

**Pastor's Report:**

\*PBBC is recipient of a gift of \$4200 **in memory of Will Packer.**

\*Pastor thanked all those who helped with the many and varied tasks of the Advent/Christmas season.

\*Although the Haiti Earthquake Response Service was cancelled, there may be future opportunities for support and she notified the planning committee of her availability.

\*She announced that **Camp Wightman is in a state of transition** as **David & Karen Warfield** have completed their work as directors.

\***MAEC Community Dinner will be held at PBBC on Jan. 21.** The Community Service Award will be presented to John Butler of NBC and she urged PBBC members to attend.

\*The Co-Op Youth did a magnificent ministry in caroling and she thanked Anita and Bob Nelson for their assistance that night. **The Youth will sponsor a pasta supper on February 11 at PBBC** as part of their fundraising efforts.

\*Claudine asked for **prayers for Old Mystic Baptist Church** as it goes through ministerial transition. Its pastor will be leaving after Lent. **OMBC will host Maundy Thursday this year.**

\*Joan Watkins is home from L&M. Grace McGrath, while experiencing breathing difficulties, is in good spirits.

**Deacon and Committee Reports**

**Worship/Membership:**

\*The creche is in need of repair, and Peg is looking for better packing material for the nativity. Peg received offers of bubble wrap and Ron agreed to repair the creche.

**Mission/Outreach**

\*MASH has received sufficient responses from host churches for the family training course. It will put PBBC on a reserve list for the next series of meetings.

\*It was announced that the Mission Treasurer's annual report showed considerable monies received above the anticipated income for the year. We were able to increase our donations to each of these agencies in our mission budget for 2010.

**Buildings/Grounds:**

\*John Dapp will start the window wrapping project as weather permits. Ted will investigate Mr. Dapp's painting credentials for consideration in the next phase of our exterior.

\*It was noted that the front outside overhead light bulb needs replacing.

**Stewardship/Finance:**

\*The financial Secretary reported that since last meeting pledges have increased to 37 for a total of \$65,818.71 toward the 2011 General Fund budget. (For comparison - last year there were 40 pledges for 77,000 toward the 2010 budget.) Mission pledges total 16 for \$7,296.

\*Our investments in the Riversource Fund (Columbia Portfolio) gained 11.97% in 2010.

**Hospitality:**

\*PBBC will be hosting the MAEC Community Dinner on Friday, January 21. The program is in observation of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Carolyn will oversee this effort and will need kitchen assistance.

**New Business:**

\*The possible closing of Ladies Circle as a church auxiliary was discussed. Catherine asked for reassurance from the council that if that happens that the mission ministries of Ladies Circle would be absorbed by the Mission & Outreach department of PBBC. The church bylaws already include the coordination of White Cross and Church/Shut-in Communication as a responsibility of the M/O ministry. The consensus of the council was that with

Addition of someone knowledgeable in this area on the M/O Committee it would be an easy transition of responsibility.

\*Belle announced the next Tag/Bake Sale will be late in April. She reminded the council how difficult the last tag sale and the Holiday Bazaar were because of lack of help for those events. If the sales are to continue to be a budgeted source of income, more individuals need to be part of the work force throughout the preparation weeks as well as the days of the sales.

\*Disposition of the Packer Memorial Gift. It was moved and seconded that \$1000 be put in the Memorial Fund for the purpose of providing camperships to Camp Wightman, and the rest to establish a Sanctuary Fund that could be added to and be a source of funds when a rehab of the church sanctuary is begun. Discussion indicated that the maintenance of the exterior of the building is of more immediate priority and the motion was defeated. A second motion was made to put aside \$1200 for camperships, and the remaining \$3000 into the Amerprise Cash Account at Chelsea Bank as a Building Improvement Fund line necessary maintenance projects that are now in progress. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting:** February 7th at 6:30 pm

*Catherine Hiller, Clerk*

## Youth News From Kristen

**Thurs. Jan. 13th 50 Questions 3-5 pm at PBBC!** Let's chat about our New Year and munch a bunch! Kristen will pick up from school.

**Fri. Jan. 28th Jesus Christ Super Star 3-5 pm at NBC** what an incredible movie with even better songs!!! Let's watch it in cozy warmth! Kristen will pick up from schools.

**Fri. Feb. 11th from 5-6:30 pm at PBBC "Please Pass More Pasta"** Our Annual Pasta Supper! Back again by Popular Demand!! Due to busy lives, we are able to serve **only one pasta supper** at PBBC on Fri Feb 11th! So do not miss your chance!!!

Kristen is looking for **Kitchen Angels** to lend a "pasta cooking" hand (which means *hot water*)! We **youth will gather at PBBC at 3:00-5:00 pm** to prepare for the dining experience. KNOB will pick up from school (as usual). Inviting *both churches* to join us at this one event for a marvelous Pasta Supper featuring our famous **Trio of Pasta Sauces**: Red (Tomato with or without meat), White (Alfredo) & Green (Pesto), and of course our fabulous salad bar with waaaaaaay too many choices for just one salad!! Please let Kristen know if you would be able to help with the pasta cooking portion at church!



*March 4-5 is a great time for our Co-*

# RWANDA

The role of the Media in a  
land beyond Genocide

Pulitzer-prize winning photojournalist  
Sally Stapleton

Images and perspective on the role of the  
media in concerning a land torn apart by  
brutal war and genocide.

Sunday, January 23, 2011  
7:00 pm

Noank Baptist Church  
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The program is free and open to the public!!!

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