

THE TIE that binds

May 2009



THE POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday May 10th, Blanket the World with Love

**A gift of \$5 purchases a blanket through Church World
Services for people in need all over the world.**

**As we celebrate Mother's Day and the Festival of the
Christian Home, give your gift in memory of a special
woman in your life!**

(Envelops can be found in the pew racks.)

PASTORS NOTES:

Sundays in May

Sunday, May 3rd

Worship and Communion

Sunday, May 10th

Festival of the Christian Home
Blanket the World With Love Offering

Sunday, May 17th

Rev. Burt Crooks, Guest Preacher

Sunday, May 24th

Worship Led by our Youth Group

Congregational Meeting following worship
For the Purpose of Voting on New Members

Sunday, May 31st

The Day of Pentecost
Celebration of Believer's Baptism

Pastor's Vacation

*Pastor Claudine will be away from Monday, May 11th
through Monday, May 18th.*

*If there are any pastoral needs or emergencies during this
time, please call Liz in the church office or our Moderator,
Catherine Hiller, at 464-7497.*

Rev. Burt Crooks will be our preacher on Sunday, May 17th

Easter Flower Donations

In Memory of loved ones past...In Honor of loved ones present. By Garry & Marilyn Benson

In Memory of Kip Brant, Ada & Cliff Brant & Robert, Richard & Annie Banning. By Barbara Brant

In Memory of A.J. & Virginia Brister, Debra Gatlin - Finnegan. By Carol Gatlin

In Memory of Denise A. Baird, & James M. Baird, daughter & sister, husband & father. By Marilyn, Karen & Jim Baird

In Memory of Yvonne Ackley. By Ted Ackley, Peg, Yvette & Mackenzie

In Memory of Johanna & Jack Harris. By Jody Enrich

In Memory of Allen C. Fernald Jr., Mary Elizabeth Fernald, Glenys A. Gross, Lloyd O. Gross & Betsy Oviatt.
By Anita & Bob Nelson

In Memory of Joanna Lynn Arpie, Robert Burgess.
By David & Chris Arpie

In Memory of Lois Rowley. By Carol & Dave Rowley

In loving Memory of Dina Hespeler Umrysz & family members. From Ted & Catherine Hespeler

In Memory of Ted McLaughlin By Bette McLaughlin

In Memory of John & Alice Ackley, Allyn Lamb, Wilmer Schmidtknecht & Dina Umrysz. By Susan Schmidtknecht

In Memory of Noni, Nana & May Volkman. In Honor of Libby Ribarich. By Jackie, Josh & Liz

Birthdays

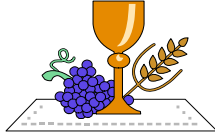
June

02-Jeri Janes
02-Carolyn Tourjee
03-Garry Benson
06-Colby Joshua Ackley
11-Lester Jordan
16-Jonathan Hiller
19-Gail Neff
21-Rachael Dellarco
22-Hailey Bassett
22-Jerry Watkins

01-Nuzzy Packer

02-Robert McLaughlin
05-Sonny Lew
08-Robert Land
10-Darrell Tootell
17-Bette McLaughlin
19-Barbara Brant
23-Michelle Friedman
25-Marilyn Benson
25-Mikayla Tourjee
27-Lennie Anderson
31-Marion Lamb
31-Jane Imdahl

July



June Ministers:

Communion: Prepare: Anita Nelson, Bob Nelson
Serve: Anita Nelson, Bob Nelson
Clyde Myers, Eleanor Cebriswsky
Assist Pastor: Holly Mulvihill

Lay Leaders:
07-Anita Nelson
14-Catherine Greenfield
21-Bobbi Morton
28-Catherine Hiller

June Ministers:

Communion: Prepare: Marilyn Baird, Vance Lamb
Serve: Vance Lamb, Marilyn Baird
Ron Land, Barbara Brant
Assist Pastor: Richard Tourjee

Lay Leaders:
05-Rick Tourjee
12-Marvin Wong
19-Belle Jordan
26-Bob Nelson

Candle Lighters:
Ackley, Mackenzie
Bassett, Nick
Bianchi, Derek
Butler, Heidi
Butler, Noelle
Greene, Adam
Greene, Matthew
Lewis, Alex
Pasqualini, Kaitlyn
Pezzolessi, Gianni

MORE WHEELS THAT MAKE US MOVE

In previous issues of THE TIE we have reviewed the responsibilities of the four main areas of ministry that are directed by members of the council (the deacons). Here, I would like to draw your attention to the two committees that deal with very different tasks.

The **Hospitality Committee** is chaired by Carolyn Land. She has a committee working with her whose most visible task is coordinating the Fellowship Hour following Sunday worship. Her right hand person for that task is Claire Marquardt who sets up the all important coffee pot and sees that we do not suffer from caffeine deficiency. However, that is not the only responsibility of this committee. Others include: providing greeters for each service of worship and other special occasions, maintaining the guest book, and generally seeing that the sanctuary looks tidy and welcoming. Those aspects create the first impression that a newcomer has of our church community and we cannot ignore the importance of addressing them. These folks man the kitchen for pot luck meals, and work cooperatively with other areas of ministry such as the Education and Discipleship Committee in planning the Church Family Picnic. Assisting Carolyn in these efforts are Marilyn Benson, Holly Mulvihill, Peg Straub, Marilyn Baird, Gail Neff, Barbara Brandt, Jackie Dorobkowski, and Cathy Greenfield. We appreciate the response these folks have made to the tasks of this committee.

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The **Pastoral Relations Committee** is somewhat different from other areas of ministry in that it is made up of the elected chairperson who is also a member of the Church Council, the pastor, and three *appointed* committee members. One is appointed by the pastor and two by the council. It's duty is to attend to the care and nurturing of our pastor by: Fostering constructive communication between the pastor and congregation. Encouraging the pastor in professional development. Being a means for resolution of conflict. Conducting an annual performance appraisal of the pastor. Recommending a suitable compensation package for the pastor. Keeping the council informed of any needs that require follow up action... Because the tasks within the purview of this committee tend to be of a personal and private nature ordinarily we will not hear specific discussion details that we do from other committees. However, we can share with you that most recently the PRC has been actively negotiating with an insurance broker who will provide an insurance package that will benefit our pastor's family as well as the church, and at a cost much less that we have been paying. Members of PRC are Richard Tourjee Sr., chairperson, and Peg Ackley, Anita Nelson and Rick Tourjee, Jr.

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SUNL Annual Meeting

On Sunday, May 3rd, Old Mystic Baptist Church will host the SUNL Association Annual Meeting, beginning at 3:00 pm. The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Glynis La Barre, Transformational Stategist for the National Ministries. Glynis knowledge and experience will be very helpful for congregations that acknowledge their need for renewal. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Thank You from Mystic Area Ecumenical Council
Care & Share Program

March 6, 2009

Dear Claudine,

A belated, but most sincere thank you for all of your recent donations to replenish the funds for our *Care & Share Program*.

Through the generosity of churches such as yours, we have been able to resume the distribution of food and gasoline vouchers. We plan to continue to open the third week of each month. That seems to be the time when there is the greatest need as food stamps are running low and the monthly checks (disability, unemployment, Social Security) have been spent.

The number of people seeking our assistance these days is frighteningly high. Added to the ill and chronically unemployed who are normal "customers," there are now many people, both young and old who have recently been laid off or have had their working hours cut back.

While our voucher distribution program is really only a temporary fix, for the people who leave with vouchers sufficient to partially fill their refrigerators and gas tanks, it is a real blessing. For a week or two our *Care & Share Program* is a life enriching experience for these poor people - they really appreciate our generosity.

Again, in closing, thank you for your donation.

All the best,
Neil Kluepfel
Coordinator

SAVE THE DATES!!!!
Monday, July 13th-
Friday, July 17th
For
Vacation Bible School
(Poquonnock Bridge & Union Baptist Co-Hosts!)
Evenings 6-8 pm

YOUTH NEWS

Wed. April 29th we will gather from 3:00 - 5:00pm for our precious time of **50 Questions @ PBBC**. First we will chat and nibble with Hansel & Gretel.. Kristen will pick up from Fitch High & Cutler Middle.

Sat. May 2nd Camp Wightman Workday from 9:00 - 2:00 Cleaning windows and light fixtures, changing smoke detector batteries. Moving leaves away from buildings and decks. Raking/cleaning up the ropes course, placing new wood chips in areas and more!!! We'll plan to arrive in time to have a tasty breakfast nibble, then off we'll go to work, then a scrumptious lunch will be served. We'll work a wee bit after lunch prior to leaving for home at 2:00pm. Chat with Kristen to be picked up or dropped off at home or NBC/PBBC.

Sun. May 3rd. Sunday Matinee at 2:00pm. "Music From The Stage II" A group of us will go see Youth Choir Director Scott Weaver "Lots more GREAT Music" with your favorite singers including you "Song & Dance Man" Scott at the same wonderful Deep River Town Hall Auditorium May 1, 2 & 3. Contact Scott for info.

Sunday May 10th, 2009 Brenna's play will be **presented at the world renowned O'Neill Theater Center** as it was **selected for the Young Playwrights Festival!!!!** Over the next weeks, Brenna will work with a creative team composed of a director, dramaturg and actors to develop and stage her selected script. For more information go to oneilltheatercenter.org/ypf.asp The Festival culminates in a script-in-hand public reading of Brenna's other winner's work! **Congrats to Brenna S!!!**

Wed. May 20 mark your calendars for **50 Questions** from 3:00-5:00 Lets vote for either Haley's Farm or Esker Point Beach for a easy time to hang out and just beeeeeee!

Sun. May 24 is **Youth Sunday at PBBC & NBC** when we will sign our theme song "Go Light Your World" while we present a slideshow of our past year's mission involvement (when we are in mission, or when we are filled by other's missions)

Sun. May 31 our **congratulations** will go out to **Derek** of PBBC who will be Baptized! We are all very proud of you!!

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