Autumn Fires

Robert Louis Stevenson (from A Child’s Garden of Verses, 1885)

In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The gray smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!
Pastor’s Page

**CROP Walk**

It is always a joy to gather with our friends from the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council to raise awareness and money for world hunger.

Once again we are invited to participate in the CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) on Sunday, October 18th. Registration starts that day at 1pm at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church on Pearl Street in downtown Mystic. The walk begins at 1:30pm and goes from St. Mark’s to Noank Baptist Church and back (with refreshments and facilities offered in Noank!) The total distance we walk is about 10km.

You are invited to make donations, to sponsor walkers financially or to join us in the walk. We have had a great team from PBBC in recent years, and we do have a fun time together, with lots of support and cheering along the way (even a car available should we need a rest). A significant portion of the total funds raised comes back to our local food pantries and outreach ministries.

**Missions with Mercy**

Our American Baptist Churches USA have had a long faithful history of sending international and national missionaries all over the world and throughout this country, partnering with God’s people everywhere in the work of the gospel and the ministry of Jesus Christ. One such missionary is the Rev. Mercedes Gonzalez-Barnes, or “Mercy” as we know and love her. Mercy served our denomination years ago in regional ministries here in CT, but more recently she and her family have been doing God’s work in California and Mexico. We have long supported her ministry through our mission budget. Now we have a chance to see her in person, catch up on life and family and health, and hear about her ongoing work as well as a new direction where God is calling. Please join us Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 for light refreshments, video presentation, lively conversation with Mercy!
Youth Group News and Events

**Sunday October 4th**
**Heifer International’s Global Harvest Festival**
**11am -5pm**
Go Global at this mountain top farm! Last year we dug potatoes/Peru, smelled coffee beans roasting/Guyana and hung out/Tibetan Yak Hair Yurt! Wear layers for the mountain & bring pocket change to stop at Fort Hill (A-Mazing Graze) Farms for some yummy Farmer’s Cow Ice Cream on the way home.

**Saturday, October 10th**
**Camp Wightman Workday 8:15 am—1:30 pm**
Let’s head up to Camp Wightman for SUN, FUN & YUMMM! A busy workday in the autumnal wood prior to CW lunch!! Wear layers. Kriten will pick up at both NBC (8:15 am) and PBBC (8:30 am) to arrive at camp by 9.

**Sunday, October 18th**
**C.R.O.P. Walk**
Registration at St. Mark’s at 1 pm—walk starts at 1:30pm

**Fri Oct. 30—Sat Oct. 31**
“Amazing Graze” over nite at PBBC then off to Clyde’s Cider Mill
Let’s head off to an A-Mazing night at 4 pm. We’ll enjoy a sack supper in the car (bring a sandwich and a side to share...like carrots) Kristen will have sips & cups. On the way, we will brush up on “Amazing Grace” to sing while visiting this 320 acre “Farmer’s Cow” locale. Once there, we will enjoy a Corn Maze (bring a flash light), if cold enough a Bon Fire. Bring $5 for Ice Cream. Then back to PBBC to play games & sleep (bring sleeping bags & tooth brush) Up next morning to enjoy a Yummy Farmer’s Cow breakfast, and off to Clyde’s Cider Mill (bring $5 for Clyde’s cookies or donuts) to witness a very im-press-ive (haha) display! One of the oldest large steam presses in America! Parents pick up at noon.
OCTOBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Clyde & Cathy Myers
Serve: Clyde & Cathy Myers
Candy Zeppieri & Gail Neff
Assist Pastor: Barbara Brant

Lay Leader:
04 - Mei Ling Liu
11 – Dave Rowley
18 - Barbara Brant
25 - Dianne Dellarco

NOVEMBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Catherine & Irving Hiller

Serve: Catherine & Irving Hiller
Cave & Carol Rowley

Assist Pastor: Jackie Dorobkowski

Lay Leader:
01 – Catherine Hiller
08 - Rick Tourjee
15– Alex Lewis
22 - Jon Hiller
29 - Cathy Greenfield
Birthdays

October
02 – Nathan White
07 - Marvin Wong
17 - Sally Land
20 - Sophia (Shiou Ling) Liu
21 - Joe Greene
23 - Carol Rowley
23 - Pat Tootell
23 - Li Ling Liu
24 - Nick Bassett
25 - Kristen Negaard O’Brien
25 - Rey Amuan
28 - Alex Lewis
30 - Maddison Harasyn

November
04 - Andrea Dellarco
05  Alex Lew
05 - Barry Morton
07 - Peg Straub
08 - Britini Tourjee
09 - Carolyn Land
10 - Eva Tourjee
11 - Vance Lamb
14 - Dave Rowley
17 - Parker Friedman
18 - Belle Jordan
20 - Jenny Sanda
23 - Holly Boyle
30 - Cathy Lewis Myers
30 - Peter Dellarco
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2015

Moderator Dianne Dellarco opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Mei Ling led us in devotions.

**Review of September 8th and Special Meeting of October 4th Minutes:** Barbara gave a highlight of the minutes, and they were filed as printed.

**Correspondence:**  
A “thank you” note was received and read from a recipient of the Care & Share Program.

**Pastor’s Report:**  
- Claudine mentioned Training Workshops for Lay Leaders available through ABCCONN the last week in October if anyone is interested.  
- This weekend is the Fall Festival and our Youth will be at Camp Wightman for a workday on Saturday.  
- Saturday night 10/10 will be a Fundraiser for MAEC Care & Share Program at the First United Methodist Church in Mystic. 7 pm featuring Michael Sheridan Trio.  
- Claudine will be performing a funeral this weekend for Bert Adams (neighbor of Carolyn & Bob Land)

**Deacon and Committee Reports:**

**Buildings/Grounds:**  
General Maintenance:  
- Great thanks to the team that gathered Saturday to clean all the accessible windows on the first and second floors. Missing screens were located and replaced in the kitchen windows.  
- Custodian’s closet was cleaned out and much unusable material discarded or placed in tag sale.  
- Light bulbs in sanctuary apparently were replaced because they were working Sunday.  
- Four evergreen shrubs were purchased and planted in the South Road side garden. They and some fertilizer cost $94, since $105 was allocated to this project the rest will be used to buy some mulch.  
- The workday scheduled for Sat, October 10 will include: Sealing the flat roof of the Miner Wing  
  1. Tightening up the parsonage mailbox  
  2. Paint the back door of the parsonage  
  3. Washing the outside of sanctuary windows on the west side  
  4. Trimming azalea bushes on west side  
  5. Sweeping up loose material around South Road Door  
  6. Removing a carpet stain in purple room  
  7. Cutting back brush and weedy material around parsonage  
  8. Pulling down the hanging branch in parsonage backyard  
  9. Repair gutter on back corner of parsonage – hit by downed tree branch  
- Suggested trees, etc. to be removed:  
  1. Taxus at corner of abutting neighbor’s yard – overgrown, near the pool  
  2. Young tree in parsonage front yard – appears to be dying
To Dear friends at PBBC

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The Committee suggests that we consider planting either shrubs of some sort along the property line between the parsonage and the Holman home. It would serve to avoid the type of problem we experienced this spring as well as provide a sense of privacy to the parsonage. There are no funds for doing this now but could be provided for in the new budget and be done in the spring.

(the spring problem was that a heavy truck, delivering gravel, drove over the parsonage lawn and left ruts – which have not been fixed as of yet) Catherine has spoken to Mr. Holman and he was supposed to have had it done but Dick said it still remains undone. Catherine thought it now should come from Council so Dianne, as moderator, will send a letter and ask the progress of repair work and when we should expect it to be completed.

Education/Discipleship:

- Rachael said she and Kathy are working on the upcoming budget

Mission/Outreach:

- Last month 150 pounds of food was delivered – think that was a record! Good job!
- Crop Walk next week
- We will be promoting the “family” for Christmas in November, since the gifts should be in by early December. Jackie will check with Groton Human Services as to what the needs are.
- December Mission will be RMMO

Nominating Committee:

- No Report.

Hospitality:

- Carolyn thanked everyone who helped out in her absence

Finance/Stewardship:

- Dave Rowley will speak on stewardship in October
- Rick Tourjee is all set with Amerprise
- Bob will compose a letter to go out the end of October to all members and friends of PBBC and a pledge card will be included. The Pledge Card has been updated – according to Bob Land –
  - The cards will be available the first week of November.
  - Bob reminded everyone that ALL budgets are due no later than November 1st. This will enable the Finance Board to comprise a budget for 2016.

PRC:

- No Report

Old Business:

- October 10th is the Fall Festival in Groton where our church has a booth. We will take this opportunity to advertise our Christmas Bazaar and our upcoming NEW EVENT – Apple Festival – The Women’s Retreat – Barbara made a flyer that they will be distributing.
- The Apple Festival is in full swing and will be held in the purple room.
- Missions/Outreach said the October 25th date for Mercy Gonzales-Barnes will just have cookies and beverages. They do not expect a huge crowd.
Meeting minutes cont.

**New Business:**

- Dick mentioned that he is not 100% confident that the repair of the roof will survive the winter.
- He suggested that we investigate the use of heat tapes on the gutters so it will not happen again. He said we would just need them at the corners and not in their entirety. We would plug them in when needed. Dick will check and get an estimate of the cost and will present it at next months’ meeting.
- The “after church” special meetings have not been the most successful because not everyone gets there promptly, or there are other people standing there talking plus it is difficult to hear what will all the other conversations going on all around us. She suggested that we meet IMMEDIATELY following worship in the Nursery room. It also be put into the announcements each time.
- Home Bound Worship – It was brought up that in the past we had home-bound members that could ‘dial-in’ and hear the service. Dianne thought we should implement this program again since we have so many people home-bound. She will check with Ron Land and inquire if he still has the proper equipment to do this.
- Dick mentioned that after the Pastoral Prayer instead of the last stanza of the previous hymn that Betty play the Three Fold Amen. Claudine will speak to Betty.
- Patti said she was approached from a parishioner about renting tables at the Bazaar. We have done this in the past but because we make so many of our own things now it no longer is the policy. However, Megan Taylor asked and it was granted that she have her own table at this years’ Christmas Bazaar if room allows.
- Jessica King from Long Meadow Landings came into the office and asked Barbara if the tenants could use our overflow parking lot as temporary parking the first two weeks in November. They are having their parking lot paved and it would only be during the week, NOT on Sundays.
  - This brought up many questions:
    1. What about liability?
    2. What if we need it for some other occasion – i.e. - a funeral?
    3. Do we need a contract?
    4. Will they block Claudine’s driveway?
    5. Do they have specific dates?
   Well after much discussion it was decided that Dianne will meet with Barbara and they will revise the contract to state the above conditions.
   It was then motioned that we allow Long Meadows using our overflow parking lot after signing the contract. It was seconded and then passed.
- The Pictorial Board was mentioned and asked if it is being updated. Barbara said she just had one more picture to get of the new members but should be done shortly. She also mentioned that it was difficult to take down pictures of the people who have passed as asked what the acceptable time would be. Claudine said it usually is one year after their passing. Peg Straub and Barbara will have it done by All Saints Day and the pictures taken down will then be given to Catherine Hiller, Historian to put in the “Annual Album”

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Brant, Clerk

Next Meeting November 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
250th Anniversary Celebration Gala Event

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 7, 2015
6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Mystic Aquarium ~ Mystic, Connecticut

Tickets $30 Donation
Proceeds to Benefit the Union Baptist Church Historic Preservation Fund

For Information contact UBC Office 860-536-9659
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We Couldn’t begin to thank you,
But we hope that you can see,
Your thoughtfulness
Will always mean so much to us!
Because you give real joy and pleasure
By the nice things that you do.
This is meant to bring a “thank You”
Of the very warmest kind to all of you!
What does Stewardship mean to you?  
The need for stewardship is growing!!!

We all have busy lives and we only think about Stewardship when someone reminds us.

Stewardship is all around us every day. It is not only tithing; that of course is very important but it is giving of your time, talents and yourself.

It involves each and every one of us.

Stewardship is another way of talking about ministry.

Stewardship is sharing with others your Faith journey.

Pledge cards will be coming out at the end of the month. Please return them as soon as possible.

Marilyn Baird and Bob Nelson

We all have special gifts to share….what are yours?
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church

Apple Festival
October 17 2015
10AM-2 PM
Eat here or take home

Apple Pies whole or by the slice
Apple cake
Apple squares
Apple turnovers
Old fashioned apple butter
And more!
“Wonder Women: Biblical Heroines and Everyday Angels”

We always have so much fun, food and fellowship!
If you have never joined us in the past won’t you please consider being a part of this wonderful experience?

We do some crafts, some spiritual renewing, eating, and this year we will be doing Tai-Chi.

It is an overnight on Friday or just come out to Camp Wightman on Saturday morning...
The dates have been set—the contracts have been signed!
November 13th - 14th

Plan on joining the “Wonder Women of Poquonnock Bridge”
Sign up sheets are in the lounge along with flyers containing all the details about times and cost.
Tools of Hope Offering 2015

The Dianne Dellarco family in memory of Lester Jordan & Thomas Gilchrist
Carolyn Land in honor of her husband, Bob Land
The Liu & Tuang Families in memory of Ching Tai Liu
Carol Gatlin in memory of George and A. J. Brister
June Nunes in memory of Joe LaRose
and in honor of Ted Ackley
Joan Watkins in honor of Jerry, Jerry Jr. & Roslyn Watkins
In Memory of Jerry Watkins III
Catherine and Irving Hiller in honor of Jon Hiller and Peter Hiller
Peg Straub in memory of her dad, Albert Straub
Barbara Brant in memory of her dad, Richard Banning
Yvette & Peg Ackley in honor of Ted Ackley
Ted & Catherine Hespeler in memory of Dina Umrys
Clyde & Cathy Lewis Myers in memory of Departed loved ones
Jane Imdahl in honor of Will Vars
The Lew Family in memory of Jim Lew, Wai S. Lee
and in honor of Sonny Lew, Jeff Lew, Alex Lew
Unknown in memory of The Master Carpenter
Dave & Carol Rowley in Memory of Earle Rowley, Marion Chambers
Marilyn Baird in Memory of her dad, Father-in-law, and Husband Jim
Darrell Tootell in memory of Harry Tootell
Patti Tootell in memory of Ed Dickson
Sandy Vocolina in memory of Louis Starr Sr.