

THE TIE that binds
April 2018



Daily Checklist
for a
Happy Christian

- ✓ Don't let little things disturb you.
- ✓ Face each day knowing "Jesus does all things well."
- ✓ Give all your cares to Jesus.
He heals - He guards - He guides - He saves completely!
- ✓ Stop worrying! Do good, and then let the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit give the results in your life.
- ✓ Remember -- what you think is "impossible",
to God, is nothing more than a passing breeze.
- ✓ Trust Jesus that everything will be okay.
For it's better to trust, than to doubt and miss a blessing.
- ✓ Do not do God's work *for* Him.
He convicts; He convinces; He will be the Judge.
- ✓ Look for the good in everyone, and don't find fault.
- ✓ Live so that all who meet you, meet Jesus.
- ✓ Know that Jesus is with you and nothing else matters!

Pastor's Page



April Events in the Life of the Pastor

April 2-5...a few days off after Easter!

April 6...Swearing In Ceremony for friend and colleague
Rev. Ho-Soon Han as she becomes a U. S. citizen

April 13...gathering with my "Clergy Mamas" support group

April 15...last Sunday for Rev. Ann Aaberg as she retires from
ministry at Mystic Congregational Church
(Ann has served our community well with her strong leadership and
gracious presence; she will be missed!)

April 20-21...our church Tag Sale

April 21...wedding celebration for Sophia Liu and Silas Keeton

April 22...Dedication of Habitat House on Yetter Rd in Mystic
Organ Concert at Niantic Baptist Church, 4pm

April 23-25...visit to Ithaca College to see Noelle

April 26...Ho-Soon Han's presentation on trip to Holy Land

April 28...ABCCONN Annual Gathering in Waterbury

April 29...Ordination Council for Samuel Gonzalez
(Association churches at Church of the City in New London)

April joys and blessings in ministry and life!

YOUTH NEWS

Fusion Youth Ministry

April 22nd

New London Homeless Hospitality Center Walk to End Homelessness

Join the Fusion Youth Ministry team in the Annual Walk to End Homelessness. The walk steps off at Homeward Bound Treasures in New London at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive at 12:30 pm to meet with the group at registration. Contact Courtney if you would like to participate for a fundraiser form

The 7th Annual Walk For The Homeless will take place on Sunday, April 27th, starting at 2 p.m. As in past years, the objective of the Walk is to hold the issue of homelessness in full public view until the condition of homelessness finally ends.

The walk is 2.5 miles downtown New London and returns to the center. This event is pet and bike friendly, fun for the whole family.

Funds raised will benefit the Homeless Hospitality Center.

Event Highlights:

- Food trucks and refreshments
- Raffles items to local businesses worth over \$100!
- Music entertainment
- Balloons for children
- Photography display depicting homelessness by guests of the shelter
- Interactive learning experience dispelling myths of homelessness
- Health Fair following the walk with local health agencies

April 29th—Youth Group will meet at Noank Baptist Church

Join us for our monthly meeting, adjusted slightly so we can participate in the Walk to End Homelessness. Expect our usual games, discussion crafts and worship.



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APRIL MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Peg Straub
Cathy Greenfield**

**Serve: Catherine Greenfield
Peg Straub
Bob Land
Pete Wong**

Assist Pastor: Jon Hiller

Lay Leader:

**01 –Pete Wong
08– Cathy Greenfield
15 – Bob Nelson
22 - Rick Tourjee
29 - Dave Rowley**

MAY MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Marilyn Baird
Holly Boyle**

**Serve: Marilyn Baird and Holly Boyle
Anita Fernald and Ron Land**

Assist Pastor: Barbara Brant

Lay Leader

**06 - Jonathan Liu
13 - Li Ling Liu
20 - Carol Gatlin
27 - Dennis Piscitello**





APRIL

- 01 - Irving Hiller
- 05- Jonathan Liu
- 08 – Anita Fernald
- 10 - Mark Mundell
- 10 – Reese Friedman
- 16 – Liz Rousseau
- 17 – Stephen Morton
- 21 – Wilfred Vars

MAY

- 12 – Eleanor Cebriwsky
- 13 – John David Helsel
- 15 – Andrew Dellarco
- 21 – Mei Ling Liu
- 22- Susan Schmidtknecht
- 23 – Gayle Donahue
- 23 – Jeff Land
- 28 – Cherri Ashbey
- 29 – Derek Bianchi



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2018

Moderator Catherine Hiller brought the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Devotions: Li Ling Liu led the Council in devotions.

Review of the March 2018 meeting minutes: Minutes accepted as printed.

Communications: Court responded the older individual of the 2 people involved in the church break-in that took place 1 ½ years ago will have to pay \$104 when she can afford to over the next two years.

Barbara said the State of CT had not paid us the February & March 2018 rent on the South Road rental property due to an issue with the state inspector turning in paperwork. Barbara was able to find the email showing the appropriate paperwork had been submitted by the church, and we will likely get the back money owed us in May. It was acknowledged the delinquent rent payments negatively impacted our finances, and we will be happy to receive the back rent when it comes.

Benevolence: No report.

Pastor's Report: Barbara read the below report in Claudine's absence:

"I extend my apologies AGAIN for missing another meeting. I am taking a few post-Easter days off to drive Heidi back to school and visit a college friend on the way home.

Thank you for all for the gifts and blessings of the Lenten Season and through all of Holy Week. As always it was an honor to share the sacred journey with you.

Reminder that we will celebrate communion this Sunday, April 8th.

Ruth Ann Eichelberg will be our guest organist for the first three Sundays in May.

I will be away the weekend of May 20th for Heidi's graduation. The Rev. Tim Chesser will be our guest preacher that Sunday.

Plans are still place to celebrate Burt Crooks' 60th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, May 27th. I will work with Sandy Vocolina to prepare a small reception after the service.

Because of scheduling conflicts we have moved the date of a Closing Celebration for Old Mystic Baptist Church to Sunday, June 24th at 4:00 p.m.

I finally received an updated and revised statement from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance. Our new monthly premium will be \$305.66 which is an increase of about \$100 per month over last year. The new premium took effect in March so 10 months of the increased payment totals \$3,056 for the year, about \$500 over the amount we budgeted. I don't see the need to officially amend the proposed budget unless the Council chooses to do so. Otherwise just know that we will overspend that line item for the year.

Thank you all for your steady service and faithful ministry in Christ's name! Blessings, Pastor Claudine"

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Buildings/Grounds: Alex reported Dick fixed the women's room toilet seat. The snow plowing situation is resolved. Dick met with Mr. Hodge. Mr. Hodge agreed to accept our check of \$400. Mr. Hodge considered the other charges frostovers, but as these charges were not outlined in the contract and they were ultimately wiped from the record. Brian sent an email to Phoenix Partnerships regarding the steeple/cell tower contract.

Education & Discipleship: Seven children participated in our Easter egg hunt held on the 3rd floor of the Miner building due to the rain.

Mission and Outreach: No report available.

Worship & Membership: Lenten season went very well. Peg is not aware of any upcoming event other than Pentecost.

Hospitality: Sandy reported \$188.79 in the coffee fund. She and Marilyn discourage the donation and use of Styrofoam products in pursuit of more environmentally friendly options. Everyone is encouraged to bring your own cup from home.

PRC: They met with Claudine on March 18. They had a lengthy and informative conversation on many subjects concerning her duties, etc. as well as other important information relevant to the committee duties. They will meet again in June. Sue Shontell developed a handy listing of all the people on church committees for easy reference and is also working on a new church survey. Discussion followed about ways we could get the word out to the community about all our church has to offer. Many ideas were offered as to who should take responsibility for doing that. Sue Shontell offered to develop and update a Facebook page. Brian offered to work with her on it. Mei Ling suggested we update our visitor cards to request email addresses rather than phone numbers and made a motion to develop new cards. Brian amended the motion to review the current cards for ways to update the cards. Council agreed. Mei Ling will discuss with Marilyn Benson.

Nominating committee: Pat is still seeking someone to fill the Clerk position.

Old Business:

Finance committee: Catherine would like to ask the finance committee to 1) develop a guide for auditors to use when reviewing the books and 2) revise the by-laws section pertaining to audits.

Cell phone tower: Brian sent an email to the cell phone tower people regarding the contract, and he will update us when they respond.

New Business:

Ladies room window blind requested on South Road side of ladies room stall:

Peg stated she was asked if a blind could be installed for privacy. This issue was referred to Buildings & Grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Dianne Dellarco

A note of Thanks from
Irv Hiller



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to come out to Camp Wightman on March 17th to help me celebrate my big 90th. I know it took a lot of thought and work by my children, Jon, Peter and Amy, to make this happen. It was a most fitting place to hold that occasion since Camp Wightman has always been a focal point in our family's life. Between attending Grand Parents/Grandchildren's camps for ten or more years and my involvement in the Thursday Crew for twenty plus years, camp has given us many pleasant memories.

Again, thanks for helping me celebrate!

My best regards to all,

Irv Hiller

TAG SALE

**POQUONNOCK BRIDGE BAPTIST
CHURCH
1241 Poquonnock Road
Groton, CT**

Friday, April 20th 9AM – 2PM

Saturday, April 21st 9AM – 2 PM

**COME AND CHECK IT OUT!!!
BAKE SALE (Saturday Only)**

**CLOTHES - SHOES - POCKETBOOKS
ANTIQUE BUTTONS – LINENS
COLLECTABLES
DISHES – POTS & PANS - UTENSILS
FURNITURE
JEWELRY & ANTIQUES**

BOOKS - TOYS – TOOLS - TREASURES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!!

GREAT BARGAINS!!!!

**Save the date!!!
Working now Mon & Fri
9am-12 noon
All are welcome to join us!**



Easter Flower Donations 2018

*In Memory of Dina Umrysz - beloved daughter
And all friends and family that have passed away
Given by: Mom and Dad (Ted and Catherine Hespeler)*

*In Memory of lost Loved Ones
In Memory of Kip Brant
Given by: Barbara Brant*

*In Honor of all Medical, EMTs and Fire Department personnel
Given by: Peggy Straub*

*In Memory of Lester Jordan
Given by: His Loving Family*

*In Memory of Jim & Denise Baird
Given by Jim, Debbie, Karen and Marilyn Baird*

*In Memory of Ching Tai Liu
Given by The Liu Family*

*In Memory of Theresa Scroggins
Given by: Sandy Vocolina*

*In Memory of Garold Benson, Marjorie and John McGraw
Lena Benson and Harley Osgood
Given by: Marilyn Benson and Gary Benson*

*In Memory of Frances Holman
Given by: Jane Imdahl*

*In Memory of Jack and Alice Ackley
Given by: Susan Schmidtknecht and Jennifer Kent*

*In Memory and Honor of Friends and Family Past and Present
Given by: Carol & Dave Rowley*

*In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Lewis & Myers family
Given by: Cathy & Clyde Myers*

*In Honor of Gail Neff
Given by: Emma B. Neff*

*In Honor of Irving Hiller
Given by: The Lew Family*

*In Memory of Millie and Ed Dickson
Given by: Patti Footell*

*In Memory of Jamey Freeman
Given by: Portia and Charley Freeman*

*In Memory of Passed Loves Ones
Given by: Gail Neff*

*In Memory of Bill and Pamela Adams
Given by: Sarah Adams*

*In Memory of Glennys and Lloyd Gross
Allen C. Fernald Jr.*

*In Memory of loved ones, parents, grandson and brother
Given by: Joan & Jerry Watkins*



194th ABCCONN Annual Gathering

The 194th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of CT will take place on Saturday, April 28th with registration beginning at 8:30 am and the days program concluding at 3:00 pm. The Annual Gathering is a time for American Baptists in Connecticut to celebrate the ministry we do together, to renew our commitment to shared mission in the coming year, and to join together for fellowship, worship, and listening.

The featured speaker for the day is the Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director of International Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA



She will bring news of our missionaries and her vision for how American Baptists will engage in mission in the coming years.

The meeting will be hosted by Grace Baptist Church in Waterbury.

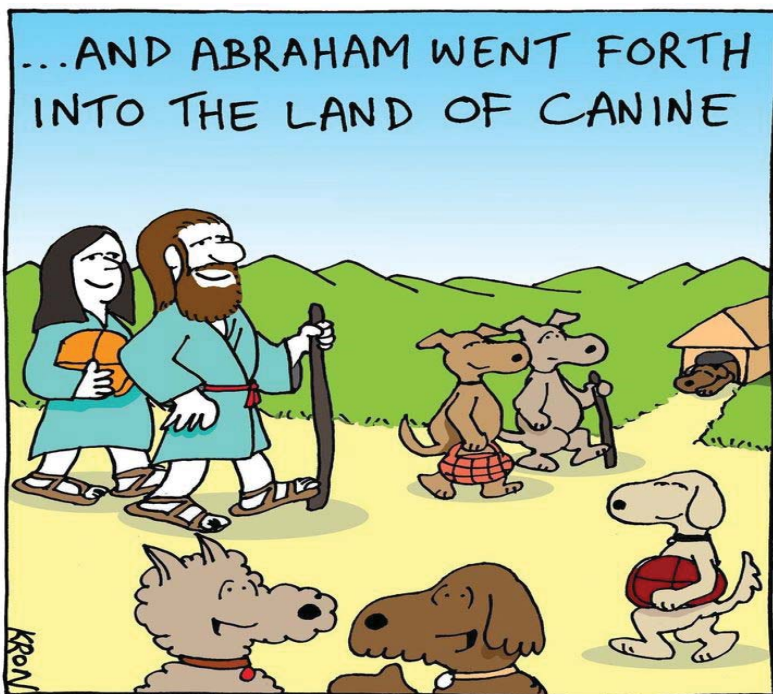
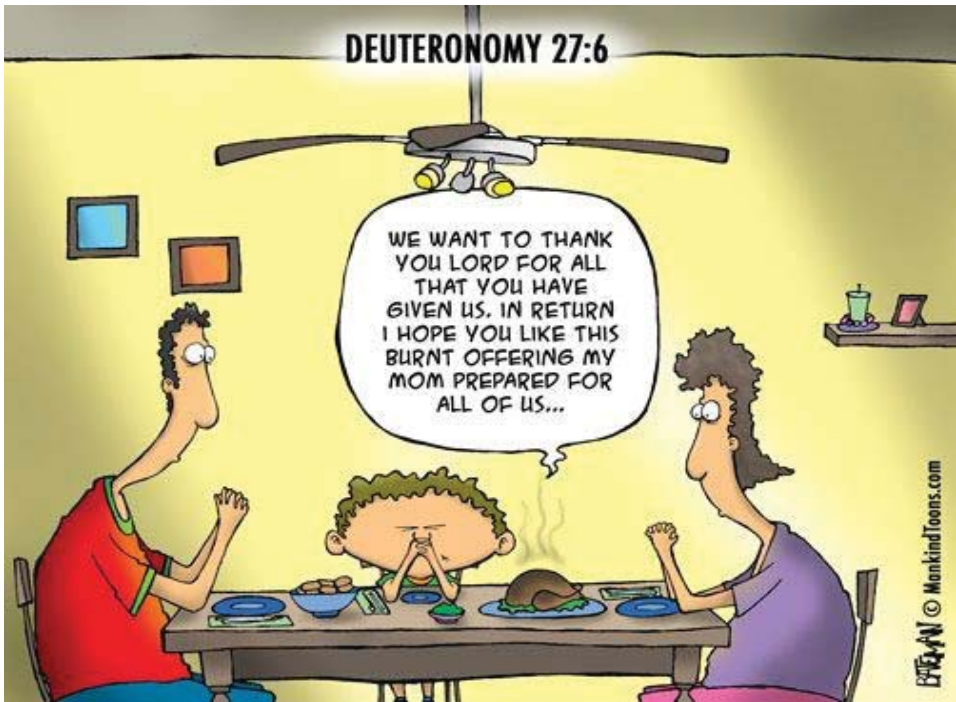
Lunch will be provided.

A registration form and more information will be available with in next few months.

Please set aside April 28th and plan to attend. It will be a great day of celebration, worship and community.

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching” Hebrews 10: 24-25

A Little Church Humor





We're
Searching for
Volunteers

We are still seeking a church clerk...do you have the desire to serve your church in a new capacity?

It states in the by-laws as follows:

The CLERK is charged with keeping a correct and permanent record of all the business meetings of the church and Church Council, and enter upon the records of the church such current events in the life of the church that are likely to be of historical value.

Additional duties will include:

Sending for all letters of transfer.

Signing all letters of dismission (transfers to other church).

Storing and making accessible all pertinent official church records.

Maintaining and updating a registry of members.



There is also a new chart of the Church Council Members in the

Lounge letting you know those who are serving now...wouldn't you like to add your name to this list?

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Ephesians 4: 11-13

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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