

THE TIE that binds
May 2018



The Christian Mother

*Sometimes I take for granted
The Christian Mother who is there.
The mother who has raised me,
Who gave her love and care.*

*The Mother who helped me grow
In a fine, Christian home.*

*The Mother who has taught me
With God we're not alone.*

*The Mother who has laughed with me,
When all was going well.*

*The Mother who has picked me up
The times that I have failed.*

*The Mother I didn't appreciate
Until I was fully grown.*

*The sacrifices she made for me
As time quickly moved along.*

*The Mother with such Christian faith
That helped me from the start.*

*The Mother who I love and cherish,
And treasure in my heart.*

Pastor's Page



The Marvelous Month of May!

Each Wednesday morning at 10:00am for five weeks:

“Church Life 101:

The Five B's...Burt, Bible, Beliefs, Baptists, Basics”

Come and join the Rev. Burt Crooks for informal conversations and discussions, and the chance to ask all those questions you've been waiting to ask! This will be a fun gathering for new-comers and old-timers alike; a refresher course with our resident expert!

(On Sunday, May 27th we'll be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Burt's Ordination, so he's been at this awhile!)

Come for a few sessions or attend all five:

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Bring your coffee and bring a friend!

Memorial Service

On Saturday, May 5th we will gather to remember and celebrate the life and love of Harry Curry.

The service will be held at 11am, followed by a reception.

All are welcome.

The Day of Pentecost!

On Sunday, May 20th we will welcome the Rev. Tim Chesser as our guest preacher.

Pastor Claudine will be attending her daughter Heidi's graduation from Washington College that day.

Memorial Day Weekend!

On Sunday, May 27th we will welcome our own preacher, the Rev. Burt Crooks, to the pulpit as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination. Reception will follow!

YOUTH NEWS

Fusion Youth Ministry

Saturday, May 5 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Workday at Camp Wightman

Many of the surveys indicated interest in participating in the workdays at Camp Wightman, so we will be doing this. This is an all day activity but it will be lots of fun and great way to give back to our beloved summer home.

We will meet at UBC at 8:30 am to carpool, or you can be dropped off at camp at 9 am. Lunch will be provided by camp and it is always delicious! You must rsvp by Wednesday May 2nd so we can provide counts to the camp and arrange to have enough drivers.

Spring Youth Group Meeting

May 20

6-8 pm

At Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church

Other events at partner churches

May 12th 9-11 am

Union Baptist Church

Breakfast on Baptist Hill

175th Anniversary Concert

Friday May 18th

Noank Baptist Church

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MAY MINISTERS

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

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

Assist Pastor: Barbara Brant

Lay Leader

**06 - Jonathan Liu
13 - Li Ling Liu
20 - Dianne Dellarco
27 - Dennis Piscitello**

JUNE MINISTERS

**Communion: Prepare: Belle Jordon
Richard Tourjee**

**Serve: Belle Jordon
Barbara Brant
Jane Imdahl
Will Vars**

Assist Pastor: Richard Tourjee

Lay Leader

**03 - Carol Gatlin
10 - Darrell Tootell
17 - Alex Lew
24 - Barbara Brant**





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

JUNE

- 06 – Colby Ackley
- 06 – Mason Harasyn
- 12 – Len Lun Nlang
- 13 – Charley Freeman
- 16 – Jon Hiller
- 17- Sue Shontell
- 19 – Gail Neff
- 21 – Rachael Dellarco
- 22 – Hailey Bassett
- 22 – Jerry Watkins
- 23 – Dennis Piscitello
- 26 – Ed Boyle
- 29 – Brian Berry
- 29 – Carol Gatlin



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2018

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and led us in devotions.

Marilyn Rodermel, as a member of OMBC, brought us a proposal. They have a buyer for their church building, but the buyer does not want their stained glass window of the Last Supper. OMBC would like to offer us the stained glass window for free, and they would pay for its installation. They would know definitively if the sale will go through by June 30. If it goes through, the window would need to be removed by July 15.

Dianne read the minutes of the April Council meeting and the special meeting. Both were accepted as printed .

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

Communications: None

Benevolence: Marilyn reported a balance of \$541.77; the May offering was \$45.

Pastor's Report: : Claudine thanked everyone for their assistance with the celebration of life service for Harry Curry. The family appreciated the grace and love shared by the church. This upcoming Sunday is the festival of the Christian home. The Blanket the World with Love offering, given in memory/honor of the special women in our lives, will also be received as well as the Second Sunday food collection. Jane Imdahl will provide carnations for distribution to women present at the service. On May 20 Rev. Tim Chesser will preach while Claudine attends Heidi's college graduation. On the following Sunday, May 27, we will recognize Rev. Burt Crooks' anniversary of his 60th ordination; Sandy will order a cake for the occasion. On Sunday, June 24 there will be a special closing service held at Old Mystic Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Rev. Stacy Emerson will preach. Rev. Harry Riggs of ABCCONN and David Reed Brown (their last pastor) will attend. Barbara Brant will be in charge of refreshments. Claudine shared the family of Harry and Betty Curry is giving a gift of \$10,000 in memory of Betty and \$10,000 in memory of Harry to the church. The church is very appreciative of such a generous donation in memory of two beloved members.

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Buildings/Grounds:

Brian reported Dick Tourjee patched the roof. The rental company donated the cost of the rental for the hydraulic lift. Brian noted someone should prepare a tax form so the equipment rental company could claim it on their income tax. Barbara will take care of that and will also send a thank you note to them. She will also send one to Jeff Kent for volunteering to assist on the roof with Dick. Brian did hear back from Phoenix regarding their interest in the cell tower contract. Phoenix currently has no providers interested in installing a tower at this time. Brian is still waiting on the second estimate for tree removal. There is a work day scheduled for June 16.

Education & Discipleship: Children's Day is June 10. Li Ling has invited four girls from CT Myanmar Baptist Sunday School (Winnie and 3 guests) to participate in the service; Winnie will present the sermon. It is also the date of the annual church picnic at bluff point. The picnic will start at noon, and Pat & Darrell will get there early to reserve the spot/get fires going.

Mission and Outreach: Holly spoke of the 4th of July parade. She is trying to round up 12-15 walkers. Pat is making a banner that the group will carry. Everyone should consider suggestions for what the banner could say – something short, sweet and memorable.

Worship & Membership: Barbara shared Peg is recovering nicely from knee surgery. Sunday, May 20 is Pentecost. Please wear red that day!

Hospitality: Sandy sent a report. The service for Harry was beautiful. It was a lovely tribute to him, and his family was grateful for the beautiful reception after the service. The coffee fund balance is \$207.

PRC: No Report

Publicity: Sue and Barbara are working to get pictures taken of members. Sue developed new welcome cards based on Council suggestions from earlier meetings. She shared them with Marilyn Benson, and Marilyn was fine with them. Sue priced the cost of paper options to print the cards - heavy weight stock would be \$50.47 for 1,000 cards; lighter stock paper would be \$41.54. Both of these paper options are perforated. Holly offered to pay for the paper. Barbara thanked Sue for her efforts and made a motion that we further investigate printing options for the welcome bookmarks she designed with Holly paying for the printing cost. Darrell seconded. Council approved. Facebook is up and running. Sue asked that everyone keep her updated of upcoming events so she can post to the site. The site has had 407 views since it was started (this includes views, shares, etc.). Holly spoke to Marvin regarding the church website. Marvin will show her how to make simple changes, but he would like to retain main responsibility for the site.

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

Old Business:

Auditing guidelines: The Finance Committee made a recommendation we accept and utilize the auditing guidelines developed without amendment. Marilyn Baird seconded. The Council approved the motion.

Rental of the church facility: Sandra Good Ferguson has already paid \$150 for the use of the room June 23.

Church roof damage: Dick Tourjee communicated we received a check for the amount of \$15,000 from Church Mutual Insurance for the sanctuary roof damage. He suggested Buildings and Grounds obtain 3 bids from roofing contractors with George Dennison being one of the contractors consulted. Brian Berry made the motion to seek bids for roof replacement/repair, and Barbara Brant seconded. The Council approved.

Council Minutes



Council minutes cont.

New Business:

Memorial gifts: We have received a generous gift of \$20,000 from the Curry family in memory of Harry and Betty. Dave suggested the Finance Committee should review the best place to place this money. Brian made a motion that the Finance Committee review options for placing the memorial contributions made in memory of the Currys; Barbara Brant seconded. Holly raised the question of where would the checks be deposited in Financial Secretary's absence. Mei Ling amended the amendment to have the checks deposited in the General Fund with the monies being redirected if necessary based upon the Finance Committee recommendation. The Council approved the amended motion.

Sanctuary flowers: Mei Ling will be having surgery and will not be able to tend to the floral arrangements while she recovers. She will be utilizing a new type of floral arrangement that has inserts similar to one given in memory of Harry Curry and will need a volunteer to take responsibility for watering. Catherine will speak to Belle to see if she would be willing to water the arrangement.

For the good of the order:

Belle has requested volunteers to bring the bookcases up to room 36 on the third floor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Marilyn Baird



Come help us celebrate!!!



**Noank Baptist Church
175th Anniversary
1843-2018**



Anniversary Concert

May 18th, 2018



7 pm in the Sanctuary

**FREE
ADMISSION**



Come be inspired.

Showcasing the talents of the

NBC Congregation





**Please join us at Bluff Point for our annual Church Picnic!
June 10th right after church.
Bring meat for the grill and a dish to share!**

Bring your paper products and a chair!

Bring your smile and your laughter

Bring your appetite and then after...

go for a walk ...

or just talk....but come and enjoy!

AND

**Plan on walking with us on JULY 4th in the Groton Parade
Please see Holly Boyle for more information.**





Sunday June 24th
4:00 pm
Old Mystic Baptist Church
Closing Celebration
“saying goodbye”

Come celebrate the history and ministry of OMBC at the Church's final service.

We will have a memory box available for those who wish to provide a favorite written memory.

Reception to follow

Please plan to attend for a service of remembering





America For Christ Offering 2018

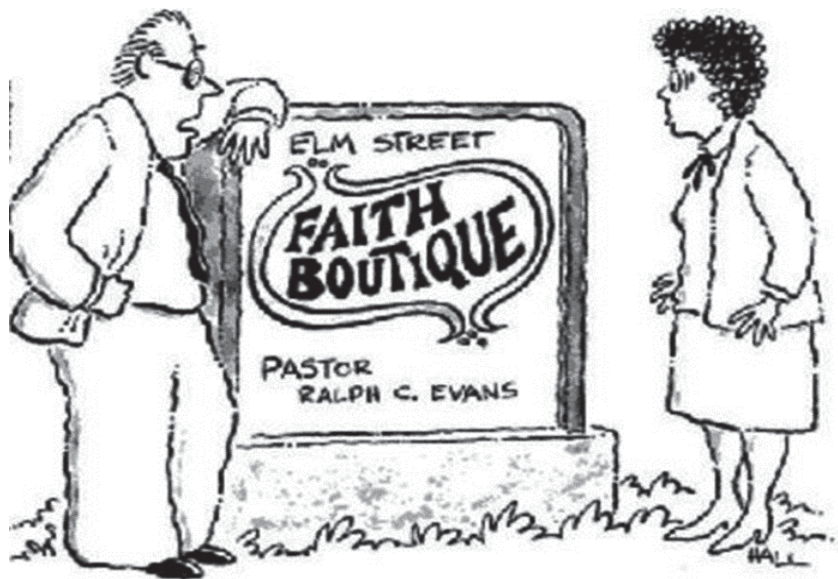
We want to say “Thank You”

Because of your gift to America for Christ Offering 2018 ABHMS* has been able to achieve the following in Christ’s name:

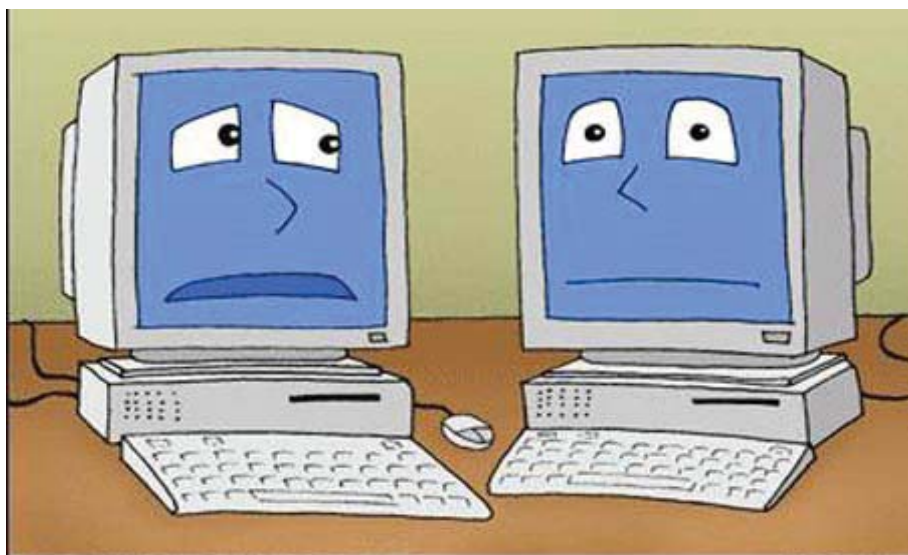
- Assist in resettling more than 100,000 refugees in many cities across the United States and link them with ongoing support through American Baptist regions and churches;
- Launch a monthly online version of The Christian Citizen magazine, which seeks to shape a mind among American Baptists and other on matters of public concern by providing a forum for diverse voices living and working at the intersection of faith and politics, discipleship and citizenship;
- Encourage and equip American Baptists and partners, through Rizpah’s Children, to respond to the needs of children in poverty through ministries of caring and prophetic justice;
- Support American Baptist chaplains, endorsed through ABHMS, who serve in the military, nursing homes, hospitals and prisons;
- Design and offer, through its Volunteer-mobilization Ministry, opportunities for individual and group mission experiences and address multiple catastrophes in the US mainland and Puerto Rico;
- Support, through its Community Outreach Ministries, more than a dozen neighborhood Christian centers across the United States and Puerto Rico that meet the specific needs of children and families in their communities; and
- Provide evangelism training and networking workshops to congregations that are reaching their communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

***ABHMS—American Baptist Homes Mission Society**

A Little Church Humor



"Our growth consultant thinks the term *church* sounds outdated."



OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS



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 dismissal (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?



June 16, 2018
9 am—noon



More details will follow but please plan on joining in the fun!

One thing that needs doing is washing the vestry floor....do you have some time to spare to do this?

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