

THE TIE that binds

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**June is a month of many celebrations
Graduations, weddings, and Fathers
The smiles mix with the tears
As we remember past celebrations
And mourn the ones that never will be**

**June is a month of many celebrations
I will continue to celebrate you
This month and always**

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Pastor's Page



The Season of Pentecost into Ordinary Time

*Come together, joining hands and hearts.
Let our hands be links of chain
that hold our lives together...
not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength,
a ribbon of love and faith and community,
giving us slack to sail the wind,
yet holding us in a mystical embrace,
that we may be alone but never lonely,
that we may be together but never lost in the crowd,
that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.
Come together, joining hands and hearts,
and let the spirit of God and the human spirit
flow in each one and through us all
as we gather here to share this time and space
and as we walk together on the journey.
(Ruth Duck in "Touch Holiness")*

As we gather on the day of Pentecost to share in Believer's Baptism
and as we gather on the following Sunday to receive new members,
we bring to life the sacred stories from scripture...the disciples gathered together in one place, the
rush of a mighty wind, the diversity of gifts and languages, the flames of the Holy Spirit, and the
birth of the early church.

We join hands with Austin and Wynonna, with Sandra, Allison and Phyllis,
with Edie, Steve, Janice, Anna and Co, as they all join our church family.

We join hearts with Ellen as she ends her ministry of music among us,
and as she moves to begin a season of retirement and new love.

And we walk together on the journey of faith, as we go out to serve a weary and wounded world.
Let us bring hope and healing to this time and space, turning each "ordinary" day into an extraordinary blessing from God.

Events

June 5th—Celebration of Baptism for Austin Center and Wynonna Tuang and Pentecost Sunday



June 12th—Communion Sunday



and Right Hand of Fellowship to our ten new members!





JUNE MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

**05 - Barbara Brant
12 - Steve Hughes
19 - Carol Rowley
26 - Marilyn Rodearmel**

JULY MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

**03 - Drew Wesche
10 - Patti Tootell
17 - Pete Wong
24 - Catherine Hiller
31 - Lou Sherman**

Birthdays

MARCH

JUNE

- 08- Edie Hughes
- 12- Len Lun Niang
- 13- Charley Freeman
- 16- Jon Hiller
- 17- Sue Shontell
- 18- Mike Freeman
- 19- Gail Neff
- 21- Rachael Dellarco Wong
- 22- Hailey Bassett
- 22- Jerry Watkins
- 23- Dennis Piscitello
- 26- Ed Boyle
- 29- Brian Berry
- 29- Carol Gatlin



JULY

- 01- Kaitlyn Pasqualin
- 02- Robert McLaughlin
- 03- Janice Maranda
- 05- Dianne Cunningham
- 05- Sonny Lew
- 08- Robert Land
- 10- Darrell Tootell
- 11- Wynonna Tuang
- 14- Austin Center
- 19- Barbara Brant
- 19- Valerie Rehberg
- 25- Mikayla Tourjee
- 27- Lennie Anderson
- 29- Marie Chaney
- 31- Marion Lamb
- 31- Jane Imdahl





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sandra Burns

Austin Center

Allison Gregory

Phyllis Gregory

Edie Hughes

Steve Hughes

Janice Maranda

Anna Smith

Go Tuang

Wynonna Tuang



Church Humor



"Yo! You check the pH lately? I have sensitive eyes,
ya know."

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

Call to Order: Moderator Charlie Freeman at 6:31

Devotions: Dianne

From book of poetry by former pastor, Warren Molton, who posits "What question should we be asking, in a time of chaos and confusion?", a question still relevant today.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Church Clerk Carol Gatlin

Sue moved to accept minutes as previously distributed; 2nd by Marilyn; approved.

Pastor -

Gratitude for multiple recent events: father's memorial service, Holy Week and Easter, niece's wedding, Lucie McArthur's funeral, Heidi's graduation, Baptism and New Members.

The audio recording of yesterday's service did not "take"; will post video on website. Holly recorded with her phone -to be determined if audio can be used.

Thanks to Pete, Jon and Richard for update/correction of Memorial Board on sanctuary back wall.

Thanks to Sue and Barbara for design and prep of new certificate for baptism plus new membership. Right hand of fellowship this Sunday for 10 new members.

Now that Vestry is cleared out, we need to contact Dennis Curry about AA meetings.

Dave Rowley has stepped down from Pastoral Relations Committee after several years of faithful service; Mei Ling Liu has accepted invitation to join PRC as my selection. PRC will meet soon to plan Homecoming/Rally Day/Anniversary Celebration for September. Although sabbatical leave is budgeted for 2022, I'm not likely to request until 2023.

I will be taking off Sunday, July 3; service and communion to be led by Charley.

I have asked Moderator and Li Ling to work with me this summer to research and recommend new hymnals (using memorial gift from Janice Watrous Quick).

Organist Ellen's last service will be June 19. I have commissioned crafters to make a goodbye gift. For July and August, I suggest having Rachael Marseglia play piano/organ for services, paying \$150 per Sunday; Betty is willing to supplement. Jonathan to provide special music. As we plan for next year, will consult with ad-hoc committee of Moderator and Deacons of Worship & Membership.

Deacons

Worship and Membership - Portia Freeman/Peg Straub

Baptism of Austin and Winnie yesterday; next Sunday will extend Right Hand of Fellowship, welcoming 10 new members. Thanks to those who set up and took down baptismal: Richard, Rick, Pete, Drew, John R. Portia, Charley. Also thanks to Steve Hughes and Ron Land for amplifier system switch under lectern and to Holly for recording.

They are working on detailed document on how to setup to record/ update audio for posting on website.

Building and Grounds - Drew Wesche/Holly Boyle

Parsonage roof: recapped 3 bids previously given; previous positive experience with Roofing and Home Solutions. Marilyn moved to have the roof replaced this year with work done by Roofing and Home Solutions; Drew seconded. Approved by vote.

Discussion: quote given in email dated 30 March, 50% due at start and balance at completion; possibly increased with time lapse. Pete suggested ask for license and state certification. Possibility that, when strip down (current shingles need to be removed since prior was shingled over), plywood will need to be replaced; one of contractors who walked full roof did not find softness. Holly reviewed email: quote for plywood would be \$75 per sheet.

Drew suggested we go back for updated quote + 10%. Drew proposed amending motion to proceed if updated quote is not more than \$11000; Holly seconded. Claudine mentioned that could take part from each General and Memorial Funds. \$5000 is amount that can be used from each Fund without full congregation approval. Pattie noted and others concurred that in good faith, must inform and get approval from congregation, not spend \$5000 from each knowing that project total is \$10,000.

Will need 2 weeks notice for Congregation meeting to approve expenditure: plan to schedule congregation meeting upon receipt of final quote, requesting permission to spend from General Fund

Amendment approved unanimously.

Organ Pipe repair: Charley has not heard back. Charley said Richard, Rick and he will make selves available, with organ repairman needing low humidity and saying when conditions are right. New plan: take pipes in truck to site in Waterford to paint/dry then bring back and reinstall.

Drew will proceed with setting up work day for projects congregation can do.

Asphalt repair: Handicap space to serve door at far end of vestry and create new second one on upper level near ramp. Handicap space should be 11ft wide, have elevated sign and painting on asphalt.

Drew will get quote to cover scenarios:

1. Resurface only lower parking lot adjacent to So Rd with striping of this portion
2. Resurface entire parking lot
3. To include striping on entire lot

Will determine if permit needed from Town. Marilyn suggested local paver:

French. As price example, Holly said theirs was \$7000. Musing that have not been fined for not having designated handicap space. Include asphalt repair in communication with congregation so know to expect another expense in near future. Question of state right / responsibility for paving along South Rd; Holly noted "strip" of asphalt parallel to the road that lines up to sidewalk. Suggested that rely on paving company. At this time let Drew proceed to get information.

Stewardship/Benevolence - Patti Tootell/Marilyn Rodearmel

Funds in Memorial: \$30,457.03; In Ameriprise: \$5062.46 (loss of \$363 with stock market decline); No info from Amer Baptist Extension.

Benevolence: \$491.93; May dep. \$35; current balance \$426.93.

Education and Discipleship - Joe Greene/Lou Sherman

No report. Lou has resigned.

Mission and Outreach - Dianne Augeri/Li Ling Liu

The next offering is One Great Hour of Sharing - starts June 19, but not just Sunday; will be attributed as designated whenever given.

A number of prayer shawls have been given out; several just this week; total to-

Pastoral Relations- Sue Shontell

Mei Ling on board soon to replace Dave Rowley. Will be looking to date and logistics plan for celebrating Claudine's Ordination. Need to identify appropriate Deacon role to be responsible for communication when there are changes in laws that apply to employees, ie. not rely on individual in position at any one time. Sue proposes that new, dedicated email account be established under responsibility of Treasurer as function. Sue and Jonathan will work out details and establish new email.

PBBC council minutes cont.

Hospitality and Special Events - Cathy Greenfield/Sandy Vocalina
Thanks for beautiful cake for baptism Sunday. There will be a cake for new member welcome this Sunday. Also, will have decaf coffee, cold beverages.

Thanks to Gail Neff for assisting w/ set up and clean up.

Nominating Committee - Richard Tourjee
Will be seeking replacement for Lou. Sherman.

Old Business

Replacing Parsonage roof - above in Bldg and Grounds report

Parking lot asphalt - above in Bldg and Grounds report

Recessed plug in sanctuary: Charley spoke with Ron as to placement of plugs in sanctuary. Drew to contact Ron for next action.

Drew to send out flyer with date and details for work party. Announce on Sunday morning and have Barbara send it out.

Jonathan suggested appeal to congregation for financial donations toward upcoming major expenses in morning announcement, noting that donation can be made with notation on envelope of extra earmarked, eg., "to building project".

New Business

~Resignation of Lou Sherman

Readiness to have AA meet again in vestry?

Claudine will be in touch w/ Dennis Curry that may again meet in Vestry.

Additional Business

~July/August Council Meeting -Charley asked that continue to meet through the summer as have significant business to attend to.

~Additional hearing devices-Now have 6 hearing devices available and in use; Marilyn and John R bought the first set up including transmitter;
Charley bought 2; Ron bought 2.

Joe is working on proposed amendment to the Bylaws to include electronic voting.

Holly mentioned need to assure/check downstairs door is closing completely.

Adjourn

Richard moved; Cathy seconded. Unanimous, at 7:50.

Devotions for July: Sue Shontell



Looking into the future...

Our Annual Women's Retreat will be a week early this year!

Friday night November 4th to Saturday, November 5th.

We will be in Reynolds again this year which is a smaller cabin so we are limited to fewer overnight guests. Therefore we are extending the overnight to women of the church first.

They have changed a bit in their policy and we will need to bring our own top sheet or sleeping bag and our own pillows.

We will also have breakfast and lunch while there.

There will be NO food provided by Camp Wightman on Friday night—we bring our own goodies!

Overnight will cost \$75 and just for the day on Saturday will be \$35.

So put it on your calendars now so you don't miss out on the food, conversations with friends, and the wonderful fellowship.

You always thought the 3 R's were Reading, wRiting , and aRithmetic well now we have these 3 R's

Sign up now with Barbara Brant in the church office!

Women's Retreats
Renew • Restore • Refresh

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