

THE TIE that binds

August/September 2022

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it's the end of sleep

the end of night

the end of the weekend

the end of summer

It's the beginning of

autumn

the beginning of the week

the beginning of day

the beginning of awakening

Erica Gerald Mason

Pastor's Page



A Refreshed Summer and a Restored Piano

Many thanks to the hands and hearts that helped to move us downstairs to the "Purple Room" for summer worship.

The air-conditioned space allows for cooler comfort, but also means fewer seats and closer contact. We are adjusting and learning as we go, with some folks choosing to listen to services from home, some folks wearing masks again, and some sitting upstairs in the lounge.

One of the blessings of this move is the sweet sound of our voices as Rachael plays the hymns for us on a Mason and Hamlin piano. This piano was a gift from Dianne Augeri and Andrew Dellarco, the instrument he took lessons on as a child, and one for which they no longer had room when they moved a number of years ago.

The piano has not been played regularly for a long time, so it is in need of some work and tender loving care. Our piano tuner has advised us of Mason and Hamlin's rich history and holding value, assuring us that this particular piano is well worth restoring.

To that end, we are hiring a respected technician to replace the hammer felts and springs at the total repair cost of \$1800.

Since this is an unanticipated, unbudgeted expense, and due to scheduling demands and supply challenges, we do not want to delay.

And in light of the fact that we are also about to take on the much larger cost of repaving the church parking lot, I am asking anyone who is interested and able to make a gift to this piano project.

*Any amount is warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated...
May we continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

Make Sure You Attend Worship Service on
Sunday, September 11th
when we Celebrate our Pastor Claudine Crooks!

We will honor and celebrate her 32nd year since
her Ordination and 20 years here with us at
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church



Executive Minister of ABCCONN the Rev. Dr. Harry Riggs will be
our Guest Speaker and Albert Kim will provide special music !



A reception will follow in the vestry and purple room



SAVE THE DATE!!!



AUGUST MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

**07 - Portia Freeman
14 - Dennis Piscitello
21 - Charley Freeman
28 - Carol Rowley**

SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

**04 - Jonathan Liu
11- Richard Tourjee
18 - Carol Gatlin
25 - Charlie Freeman**

Birthdays

AUGUST

02-Dianne Dellarco
04- Marc Friedman
10- Beth Rumery
10- Catherine Hespeler
12- Jennifer Akesson
16- Marilyn Rodearmel
17- Dante Dellarco
20- Sharon Anderson
20- Amanda Tourjee
21- Drew Wesche
22- Larry Spalluto
23- Cathy Greenfield
30 – Bill Gregory



SEPTEMBER

01-Bob Startz
08- Dawn Bassett
13- Shirley Lamb
17- Parker Friedman
19- Cheryl Mundell
20- Betty Land
21- Richard Tourjee, Jr.
22- Jane Startz





A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO THE CHURCH MICE CRAFTERS

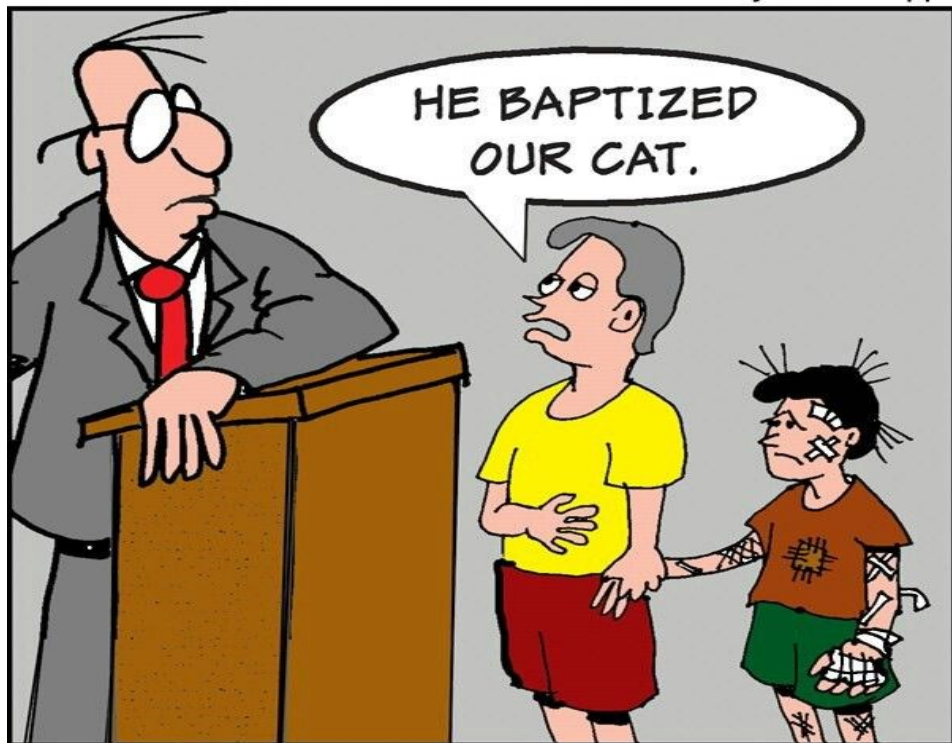
**PATTI TOOTELL; CATHY GREENFIELD;
SANDY VOCOLINA; MEGAN TAYLOR; LI LING LIU
AND CAROL GATLIN**

**SOME WORK EVERY OTHER WEEK AT THE
LEDYARD FARMERS MARKET WHILE SOME
OTHERS ARE JUST SEW AND SEWS!!!
IT TAKES QUITE SOME TIME TO SET UP; AND TAKE
DOWN AND WE CAN'T FORGET THE CHATTING
WITH CUSTOMERS AND
SPREADING THE GOOD WORD ABOUT PBBC !**

**PLUS THEY HAVE ADDED \$889 TO DATE TO OUR
COFFERS!**

Church Humor

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022

Call to Order: at 6:30 by Moderator Charley Freeman.

Devotions: Sue Shontell – prayers in our lives.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Distributed prior to meeting – Sue moved to accept minutes as distributed: 2nd by Drew – approved.

Pastor- Pastor Claudine not in attendance – Sue will address report in PRC section.

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary -Pete reports income for June with deposits to:

General fund: \$12,852.51 – includes \$500 for toilets, \$340 from Farmers Market, \$75 for quilt raffle and \$50 for parsonage roof repair.

Mission: \$ 2,261.00 including \$170 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$95 for Ukraine Humanitarian Aid

Treasurer- Jonathan Liu - For June 1-30 there was inflow of \$12,868.68 and outflow of \$17,030.57. The balance as of July 11 is \$40,029.72. See attached Cash Flow - June 2022 for details.

Deacons Reports -

Worship and Membership- Portia – nothing to report.

Building and Grounds – Holly obtained contract from roofing & Home Solutions, will obtain Moderator Charley's signature to proceed, work to start 1-2 weeks after return of signed contract. Drew obtained estimated for the driveway (from front stairway and lower side of church) replacement as follows:

Driveway Guys \$22,950 (no striping); Northeast Paving \$18,700 (no striping) \$2,130 for striping and seal coat =\$20,870; Northeast Paving \$31,000 to do paving of entire lot, no striping. Drew will obtain an estimate from CT State Paving. Charley brought up the thought of filling in the left front area of the top parking lot to bring the lot level and putting up a retaining wall. Drew stated and all agreed the curb appeal and safety is important. Drew will get an estimate on this project. Sue questioned time for repairs and this will not be determined until approval and finances are obtained. That being said she asked where PBBC might get the money from, and perhaps we should consider setting up a reserve fund for maintenance in future budgets. Charley brought up the thought of a line of credit for the Church. The line of credit issue was tabled until August. Jonathan will meet with Chelsea Groton Bank to obtain information. The council would need to request a congregational meeting prior to proceeding with loan. Joe asked Jonathan what the insurance deductible was on our policy. Jonathan will check policy and respond.

Richard reported that he completed many repairs within the last month i.e. 3 new toilets installed, ramp to side door, relief valve on furnace, and brush clean-up around parsonage. Joe gave a special thank you for the work done. Richard also brought up that a wet dry vacuum was needed, the windows in the parsonage basement need repair/replacement, and the steeple windows were still in need of repair.

Finance and Stewardship- Patti reports that balances in Ameriprise and ABEC are the same as last month. She just received letter that 5.415 shares of stock were sold to cover \$62 handling fees; this will be reflected in next months' numbers. The Memorial fund has a balance of \$30,204.50. Letter was sent to ABEC authorizing signatures for renewal of contract.

Education and Discipleship - Joe has no new events to report, although he was a tad late and broke the law getting to the meeting tonight, went 37 in a 25mph zone.

Benevolence - Marilyn reports fund opening of \$426.93, deposits of \$62 for a current balance of \$488.93.

**Mission and Outreach*- Diane reported that \$170 was collected for OGHS and \$95 for Ukraine relief. Tools of Hope will be our September mission collection. 1352 prayer shawls have been given out. Yarn is needed to be purchased. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Joe that \$100 be taken from the general fund for purchase of yarn. Motion passed. Pete questioned that there was not a line item in the budget (2.07) for funds for yarn, a vote was taken and will be included in future budget.

Pastoral Relations – Sue: Sept. 11 is the scheduled celebration for Pastor Claudine's 32 year ordination and her 20 years at PBBC. The celebration will be part of the regular service. Harry Riggs will be conducting service that day. Refreshments will be provided after conclusion of service. Barbara Dixon of MAEC to attend also.

The fair market of the parsonage of needs to be updated, Richard will look into, also Pastor Claudine has requested that the parsonage kitchen be updated in the future.

Hospitality and Special Events – no report.

Nominating Committee -Richard – still looking for Lou Sherman replacement.

Old Business – Electronic voting and discussed. Joe had sent out information to be reviewed. Some council member did not receive it, therefore a complete discussion could not be held. There were MANY questions by individuals and a lively discussion ensued. Because so many items could not be addressed, it was determined that questions and concerns be emailed to Joe and tabled until next meeting.

New Business- A Line of Credit for PBBC will be researched. Motion by Richard and seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed. Jonathan and Marilyn will look into this.

Adjourned at 8:02

Devotions for August - Drew Wesche
Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Rodearmel for Carol Gatlin

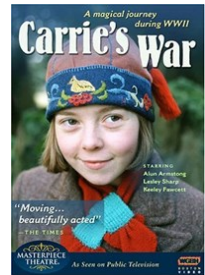
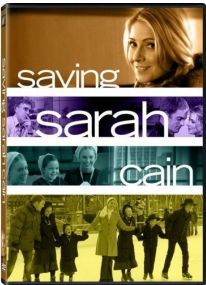
Starting August 20th - 27th– Sept 3rd and Sept 17th

PBBC Saturday Afternoon Matinee



2 pm

1. Saving Sarah Cain (Aug 20th)
2. Carrie's War (Aug 27th)
3. Still Mine (Sept 3rd)



4. Wish You Well (Sept 17th)



Come join us in an afternoon of entertainment and POPCORN!

After all—we cannot watch a movie without that delicious snack!

Please let Charley Freeman know if you are interested!





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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