

# THE TIE that binds

## October—November 2022

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# Kindness

DROP A STONE INTO THE WATER  
IN A MOMENT IT IS GONE  
BUT THERE ARE A HUNDRED RIPPLES  
CIRCLING ON AND ON AND ON.

SAY AN UNKIND WORD THIS MOMENT  
IN A MOMENT IT IS GONE  
BUT THERE ARE A HUNDRED RIPPLES  
CIRCLING ON AND ON AND ON.

SAY A WORD OF CHEER AND SPLENDOR  
IN A MOMENT IT IS GONE  
BUT THERE ARE A HUNDRED RIPPLES  
CIRCLING ON AND ON AND ON.

## *Pastor's Page*



### *“You Might Be a Preacher’s Kid If...”*

(presented by Heidi and Noelle at their mother’s anniversary celebration)

*You could recite the church covenant word for word  
at a moment’s notice.*

*You got really tired of explaining to your classmates that yes, sometimes  
pastors could be married, parents, or God forbid women, and that yes, you  
were allowed to watch “normal” movies at home.*

*You assume that anyone you don’t recognize who smiles at you in public  
must know your parents.*

*You know that when your mom says “get ready to go,” she’s going to have  
at least 5 more deep conversations before you go anywhere.*

*You throw around terms like M. Div, narthex, ABCCONN and Magnifi-  
cat like everyone should know what they mean.*

*You lived in dread of getting yelled at  
for playing motorcycles in the sanctuary.*

*Any and all family television nights, school assignments, or even embar-  
rassing childhood stories are fair game for sermon content.*

*Church members seem to know things about you  
that you don’t even know about yourself.*

*A significant number of your closest friends growing up  
were 60 or more years older than you.*

*Your family is a lot larger than people who share your last name.*

*Looking for Apple baked products—cookies— squares—  
cakes—anything apple to be sold along with the pies!*



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## **OCTOBER MINISTERS**

### **Lay Leaders:**

02 - Becky Freeman  
09 - Pete Wong  
16 - Joe Greene  
23 - Li Ling Liu  
30 - Holly Boyle

## **NOVEMBER MINISTERS**

### **Lay Leaders:**

06 - Portia Freeman  
13 - Barbara Brant  
20 - Anne Mauer  
27 - Jonathan Liu

## **OCTOBER MINISTERS**

### **Serving Communion:**

Barbara Brant & Candy Zeppieri  
Charley & Portia Freeman  
Preparing Communion: Portia & Charley  
Assisting Pastor: Pete Wong

## **NOVEMBER MINISTERS**

### **Serving Communion:**

Drew & Londa Wesche  
Becky Freeman & Rick Tourjee  
Preparing Communion: Drew & Londa Wesche  
Assisting Pastor: Carol Gatlin

# Birthdays

## OCTOBER

02-Nathan White  
07- Marvin Wong  
11- James Lew  
17- Sallie Land  
20- Sophia Liu Keeton  
21- Joe Greene  
23- Carol Rowley  
23- Patti Tootell  
23- Li Ling Liu  
24- Dale Rehberg  
24- Nick Basset  
25- Rey Amuan  
25- Kristen Negaard O'Brien  
28- Alex Lewis  
30- Maddison Harasyn



## NOVEMBER

04-Andrea Dellarco  
05- Alex Lew  
05- Barry Morton  
07- Peg Straub  
08- Britni Tourjee  
09- Carolyn Land  
10- Eva Tourjee  
11- Vance Lamb  
14- Dave Rowley  
18- Belle Jordan  
19- Silas Keeton  
21- Steve Hughes  
24- Megan Taylor  
25- Marilyn Baird  
30- Cathy Lewis Myers  
30- Peter Dellarco





**It's time to gear up for CROP!**

**We thank all of our walkers who participated:**

**Winnie Tuang  
Korban Tuang  
Li Ling Liu  
Jonathan Liu  
Carol Gatlin  
Joe Greene**

**And if you donated to the Crop Walk you were entered into a raffle to win an Apple Pie made by our own PBBC pie makers!  
The drawing will be the Tuesday at Craft Night following the walk!**

## Church Humor



11-23-2000

NICE WORK FELLAS ... IT'S BEEN A LONG  
WHILE NOW AND THEY ARE STILL REMEMBERING  
TO THANK ME

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

11-24-1999

HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES  
AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK  
FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE  
INVITED?!?



# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes

OCTOBER 3, 2022

**Devotions** – Pete Wong shared the message to try to give our anxieties to God in an effort to overcome the worry and anxiety in our daily lives.

**Minutes of previous meeting** – Church Clerk Carol Gatlin

Marilyn moved and Sue seconded to dispense with reading minutes which were previously distributed electronically.

**Pastor** -absent, no report.

**Reports -**

**Financial Secretary** – Pete Wong

Deposits for September to:

General fund: \$17,526.69, including \$5000 from Memorial fund, \$328 from Farmer's Market, \$268 for parking lot paving, and \$500 for piano restoration

Mission fund: \$1492.00, including \$430 for Tools of Hope

Memorial fund: \$0

Patti moved and Joe seconded to accept this report.

**Treasurer** – Jonathan Liu was absent, but Treasurer's Report for the Oct.

Council Meeting and the Cash Flow Report for Sept 2022 had been submitted via email, were printed and distributed. Any questions for Jonathan can be posed at next month's Council meeting. Pete stated that he spoke with Jonathan yesterday and learned that money earmarked for the asphalt job has not been moved from the Memorial Fund, that the asphalt job bill has been paid, and that payment has been made for completed piano repair.

**Deacons** –

**Worship and Membership** – Portia Freeman/Peg Straub- Portia expressed "thank you" to Patti for bread and LiLing for juice for World Communion Sunday. We will return to regular communion in October while keeping single-serve option available.

**Building and Grounds** – Drew Wesche/Holly Boyle

*Parking lot repaving* - No report due to absence of both Deacons

**Stewardship/Benevolence** – Patti Tootell/Marilyn Rodearmel

Patti is awaiting call back from Ameriprise to initiate closure of account.

Marilyn reported opening balance of \$522.93 in Benevolence Fund, \$50 deposit in September for current balance of \$572.93.

**Education and Discipleship** – Joe Greene - Joe reports continuing with "through the Bible" series. Several present expressed their praise for quality of presentations and appreciation of effort and on behalf of others whose comments they had received. Dianne asked if it was saved such that it can be used again; Joe replied that he has not reached out to others to offer or learn interest but 'yes, it will be available.'

**Mission and Outreach** – Dianne Augeri/Li Ling Liu

Dianne updated details about the 'CROP walk for ending hunger' on Sunday afternoon, Oct 16, along usual route: 4 walkers known to date; employer matching gift option available; donations can be made directly to walker, Diane or LiLing as cash or check and online at PBBC website. Carol will meet with Mary Harris this week to get donation envelopes, posters and other CROP Walk supplies. Dianne will discuss at Craft Group tomorrow night the idea of donation of an apple pie for drawing recipient name from donors, as incentive for donation and cross-support among outreach projects; this was a fun link last year.



Adopt-a-Family project by Groton Human Services is early this year, so family assignment should be soon. Dianne has spoken for 2 larger families. All gifts will need to be at the church in late Nov. Announcements and details will be made soon to the congregation.

**Pastoral Relations** – Sue Shontell passed out forms for annual evaluation of Pastor Claudine to be completed by Council. The scale is rank score 1-5; anonymous; return within 2 weeks to PRC mailbox in the office. Note: use back of form for free text to provide ideas and helpful suggestions; all ideas are welcome and encouraged

**Hospitality and Special Events** – Cathy Greenfield/Sandy Vocalina  
No report due to absence.

**Nominating Committee** – Richard Tourjee

He is working to identify persons in position for 4 years and noted that it is hard to fill some positions. Pete has completed 4 years as Financial Secretary but is willing to extend; Claudine is happy with extension. Richard referenced older version of By-laws that allowed term extension. Richard moved to let Pete remain in Financial Secretary position with no time limit as long as Pete is willing. Sue seconded. Passed.

Patti pointed out that this would be brought before the congregation at the Annual Meeting at which the slate of Council members are presented for approval. Others who have completed 4 years in Council positions:

Sue Shontell on PRC

Peg Straub on Worship and Membership

Patti Tootell on Stewardship

There is one position open on Education and Discipleship.

Marilyn moved to accept the Deacon reports; Patti seconded; approved.

7. Old Business –

Carol and Larry Gatlin have removed both windows in balcony, replaced 6 broken panes, chipped and scraped out old glazing and re-glazed all windows.

Pending work: sanding and painting exterior surfaces of windows, sanding and painting interior surfaces of windows, sanding and painting sills between interior surface and storm windows and the brace wooden strips that hold windows in, and re-installing windows. Richard has bought white exterior paint. Note: the storm windows remain in place.

Carol and Larry have scraped and sanded front steps metal railings and spray painted one coat black. Richard has purchased and sized lengths of wooden rail top and had them routed to nest over the curve of the metal rail, to replace wood rails that were splintered and rotting. The plan is to stain and coat with urethane; Richard has purchased these supplies. The plan is to complete these tasks in next 2 weeks.

Carol reached out to Tommy Umrysz (Ted and Catherine Hespeler's grandson) who has painting company, asking about powerwashing front of church. He replied that powerwashing is not his company's primary job and he recommended Neff Powerwashing at 860-514-1995. Carol will pass this info along to Drew and Holly.

Sue asked about the status of toilet in Purple Room that had been posted as "out of order". The response was that the water has been turned back on and it did not leak; it is not known why it leaks or why it does not.

Dianne asked about the flickering light in the vestry. Richard replied that Ron worked on switch; no new info. Ron has repaired the electrical wire from the building to the lighted front sign that alt company re: the covered-over sewer clean-out that is close to road.

## Council Minutes Cont.

Joe reported that email was sent to Council re: option for electronic meetings and received some comments; he would like more feedback before next month's Council meeting. Dianne spoke w/ Catherine Hiller (involved in previous by-laws revision) whose opinion is to do what Council deems is needed, i.e., change By-laws if needed. Marilyn acknowledged work put into this issue; she thinks get all/ more opinions toward goal /need to reach consensus. Sue proposed send email reminder of need to finalize, using wording that "allows us to have electronic meeting if needed." Joe will send email, soliciting additional comments, with goals of aligning for discussion and final vote at November Council Meeting. Joe emphasized that proposed wording is to be policy that allows option to meet electronically, with the procedure and mechanics to be worked out when option used. Charley referenced descriptive email and proposed striking requirement of device being provided and clarified that 'electronic' includes telephoning in. Joe read the specific language of the proposal: "Electronic meetings and attendance are permitted for conduction of Church Council meetings" and "Electronic meetings and attendance are permitted to conduct Business Meetings." Charley ask if anyone has conducted meeting via Zoom; it was noted likely variable experience with initiating, conducting and/or participating in Zoom meetings. Limited discussion, comes back to working out logistics.

### 8. New Business –

Charley noted that a volunteer came forward to get and install new lighting to shine on upper margin of organ pipes.

Carol and Larry Gatlin purchased an upright freezer (~16 cu feet) from Shore Appliances to replace one determined by Ron Land not to work when needed by apple pie makers. There was initially some frost build-up which has been resolved in service call from Shore Appliance by adjusting door seal (the door handle side had been reversed and we had noticed gap). Installed Sept 26, serviced Sept 30. They took old freezer away.

### 9. Additional Business – none

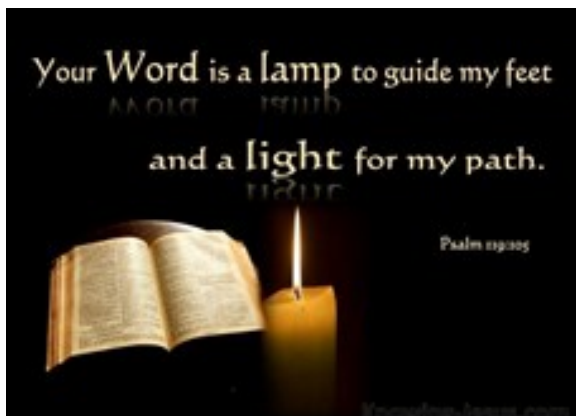
10. Adjourn - Sue moved, Richard seconded; approved; adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Devotions for November : Carol Gatlin

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gatlin

Church Clerk



The Theme this year is:  
“This Little Light of Mine”  
Psalm 119: 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path  
Led by our own Pastor Claudine!

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.

Sign up NOW with Barbara Brant in the church office

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