

# THE TIE that binds

## August 2023

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### *Summer Of Our Lives*

*Stop and smell the Roses,  
Summers sweet perfume.*

*A place to view the Daffodils,  
God's nature all in bloom.*

*Sit beneath a willow tree,  
Sheltered from the Sun.  
A wish on every bough,  
Where all our dreams begun.*

*Listen for all the sounds,  
As summer plays its tune.  
An orchestra of Angels,  
Flowers all in bloom.*

*Birds singing in the tree tops,  
In perfect harmony.  
All creatures great and small,  
God's greatest symphony.*

*Be amazed by all God's beauty,  
Make each precious moment last.  
A moment to capture and treasure,  
A golden memory for your past.*

*Stop and smell the Roses,  
Life's summers sweet perfume.  
Take time to view the Daffodils,  
For its over all too soon.*

*By John Read 16 Mar 2013.*

*Pastor's Page*

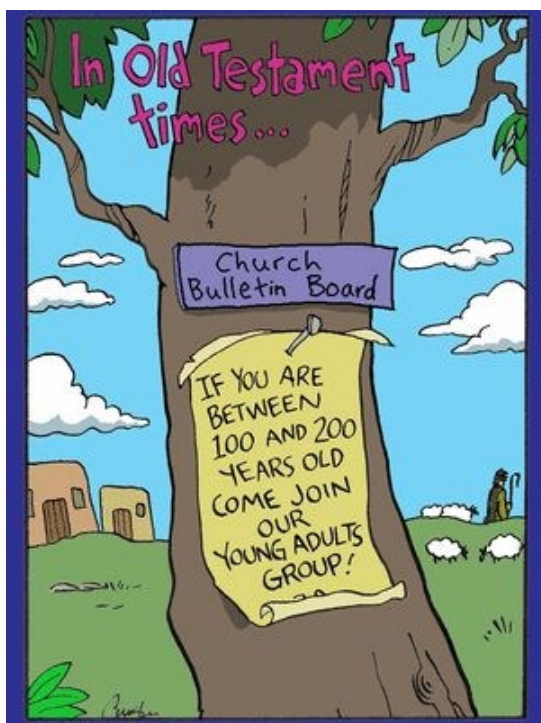
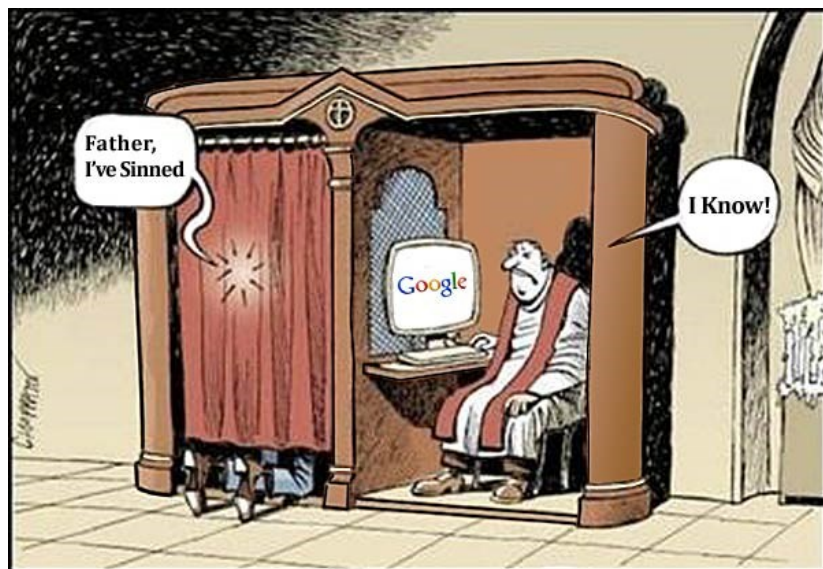
**Death Is Nothing At All**



By Henry Scott-Holland

Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.  
Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you,  
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched,  
unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed  
together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a  
shadow upon it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near,  
just round the corner.  
All is well.  
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet  
again!

## Church Humor





## **AUGUST MINISTERS**

### **Lay Leaders:**

06 - Carol Gatlin  
13 - Dennis Piscitello  
20 - Charlie Freeman  
27 - Richard Tourjee

### **Serving Communion:**

Carol Rowley & Portia Freeman  
Becky freeman & Peg Ackley  
Preparing Communion: Carol Rowley & Portia  
Assisting Pastor: Belle Jordan

## **SEPTEMBER MINISTERS**

### **Lay Leaders:**

03 - Jonathan Liu  
10 - Carol Rowley  
17 - Carol Gatlin  
24 - Barbara Brant

### **Serving Communion:**

Pete Wong & Mei Ling Liu  
Sandy Vocolina & Lou Sherman  
Becky freeman & Peg Ackley  
Preparing Communion: Pete Wong & Mei Ling Liu  
Assisting Pastor: Cathy Piscatello

## AUGUST

02-Dianne Dellarco  
04- Marc Friedman  
10- Beth Rumery  
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





*Saturday, Sept. 16  
5:00 pm*

*Pasta Dinner  
PBBC Fundraiser*

*Adults: \$20.00  
Children 12: \$10.00*



**Zitti  
Sauce,  
meatballs,  
sausage,  
onions &  
peppers**



*Where: Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
1241 Poquonnock Rd. Groton*

*Contact Church Office: 860 445 6126  
To sign up by September 10th.*





From the Desk of Harry Riggs our Executive Minister

ABCCONN, I invite you to save the dates September 29 and 30. These are dates when we will formally celebrate

ABCCONN's 200 Years with a Banquet

on Friday, September 29, at 6:00 pm at

First Cathedral church,  
1151 Blue Hills Ave. Bloomfield CT

tickets are \$60.00 per person.

Then the following day, we will continue the celebration at the

Central Baptist Church,  
457 Main St, Hartford, CT,  
where we will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 and  
lunch at noon.

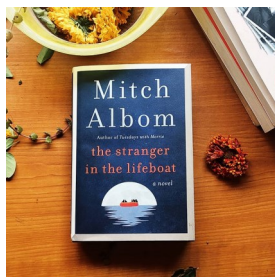
This event will be our first full-day Annual Meeting since Covid. Both days will be Spirit-filled with times of fellowship, special recognitions, and honored guests, and yes, we will do a little bit of business on Saturday. You and your church will not want to miss it. Space is limited for the banquet, so you do not want to delay purchasing your ticket(s).

The Annual Meeting Registration and Banquet tickets are available on the ABCCONN website and are \$20

The Banquet speaker will be former ambassador  
Suzan Johnson Cook;

Saturday's Plenary Speaker will be Priscilla Eppinger from the American Baptist Historical Society, and the preacher for the day will be the Reverend A.J. Smith.

Register now by going to ABCCONN online.



The Education and Discipleship folks are sponsoring a Summer Book Club! The book will be Mitch Albom's "The Stranger in the Lifeboat."

The group will meet to discuss the book and its biblical associations, meeting for three Mondays at 1pm, starting July 31st.

We will meet at church in the Vestry. Should be interesting! Please join us!

We have set up an exchange program in the Lounge.



It has puzzles...

Books...



And movies ...



Just stop by and pick up what you like and after you have enjoyed it ....bring it back for others to share!



**Monday, August 7th, 2023**

**Church Council Meeting**  
**6:30 pm in the Purple Room**

If you ever have a question or a concern please feel free to approach any council member—here is a list of the people that represent you!

Moderator—Charley Freeman  
Vice Moderator—Richard Tourjee  
Church Clerk—Carol Gatlin  
Treasurer—Jonathan Liu  
Financial Secretary—Pete Wong

Worship & Membership—Portia Freeman & Holly Boyle  
Buildings & Grounds—Sue Shontell & Drew Wesche  
Stewardship/Benevolence—Marilyn Rodearmel  
Missions/Outreach—Dianne Dellarco Augeri & Li Ling Liu  
Education/Discipleship—Joe Greene & Steve Hughes  
Hospitality—Ann Mauer & Sandy Vocolina  
Pastoral Relations—Mei Ling Liu, Chair  
Sue Shontell; Barbara Brant; Londa Wesche





Belle is looking for some medium sized gift bags – for the prayer shawls – speaking of the prayer shawls we will be blessing 50 newly made ones. They are displayed beautifully in the Purple Room on, and in bookcases, in the front of the room for all to see the diversity of colors. For a fairly small congregation we can certainly pat ourselves on the back and exclaim “Job Well Done”

To date we have given out over 1,400 and we have over 60 in the Prayer Shawl Room already blessed and now 50 more were blessed this past Sunday. WOW!!!

There is yarn still in the Prayer Shawl Room for someone to make into Prayer Shawls and there is a basket in front of the bookcases this Sunday if you would like to make a monetary donation for the continuance of this wonderful and powerful ministry.

If you know of someone in need of prayer please feel free to take one along with a card (but please make sure to sign it out – the number, the person giving, and the person receiving on the sign-out sheet in the Prayer Shawl Room)

Here is what is written on the card:

This shawl was created for you with the love and hope for your well being woven into each of the stitches. As you draw comfort from its warmth and coziness, please know that you are being wrapped with prayers for the healing protection of God’s love, and the strength and empowerment that only He can provide. The following blessing was woven into this shawl.

Please substitute the word “wear” each time it says “weave”.

I weave a mantle of caring.  
I weave a mantle of protection.  
I weave a mantle of wholeness.  
I weave a mantle of strength.  
I weave a mantle of healing.  
I weave a mantle of patience.  
I weave a mantle to enfold you.  
I weave a mantle to encircle you.  
I weave a mantle to empower you.



Are you looking for a place to escape? Are you looking for a place to have a meeting or a retreat?  
Think about our own Camp Wightman...

Camp Wightman is here to create a welcoming and accepting environment for all people. We want our campers and year-round guests to know, that God loves you no matter what. We look to provide a break from the hectic and busy world we all live in.

Experience our Christian community while on a beautiful 270-acre camp surrounded by nature. Our team of dedicated professionals is available to make your stay especially memorable. We'll help you choose the facilities that best meet your group's needs and budget, and assist you in arranging your program, special equipment, and recreational activities.

Our summer campers can choose from various weeks where they will enjoy activities like, swimming & boating on our 90-acre lake, archery, arts & crafts, hiking, campfires, and so much more!

**And looking ahead our PBBC Women's Retreat will  
be November 3/4**

**Mark your calendars now ladies!**

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