

THE TIE that binds

January-February 2024

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Find the Light and move forward

Divine Light is your Light. It is common to each individual on the Earth plane and it is yours. Divine Light is your way forward. It is only for you to find that Light and move forward. It is not for anyone else to make you do, it is a choice to find the Light.

The Light is what is needed on your plane. It is for everyone. It is not a privilege - it is a gift, it is a right. It is your way forward.

Finding the Light and moving forward is something that is beneficial to all. It is the way. It is the way forward.

Find the Light and live your life to the fullest and know that you are not only helping yourself in finding this way, you are helping the energy of The Divine Creator. The world that you live in will then become whole.

Channelled by Kay Meade at our meditation group.

6 January 2015

Pastor's Page



"Christmas Comes"
by Ann Weems

*Christmas comes every time
we see God in other persons.
The human and the holy meet in Bethlehem
or in Times Square,
for Christmas comes like a golden storm
on its way to Jerusalem –
determinedly, inevitably...
Even now it comes
in the face of hatred and warring –
no atrocity too terrible to stop it,
no Herod strong enough, no hurt deep enough,
no curse shocking enough, no disaster shattering enough.
For someone on earth will see the star,
someone will hear the angel voices,
someone will run to Bethlehem,
someone will know peace and goodwill:
the Christ will be born!*

I would add to this beautiful poem that Christmas comes every time we gather for worship in the New Year, every time we receive new members into our church (we joyfully welcomed 14 last month), every time we collect gifts and food, every time we make pledges and prepare budgets, every time we celebrate Life Deacons (bless you, Pat Tootell!), every time we open hearts to each other and to the needs of this world. Now in this season of Epiphany, may we still find ways to see a star, hear an angel, and run to Bethlehem; may we still find ways to know peace and spread goodwill; may we still find ways to welcome the Christ, shine the light, share the love.

Church Humor



Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16)

12-23-2005

At least we can say he was brought up in a stable home





JANUARY MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

07 - Cathy Greenfield
14 - Becky Freeman
21 - Marilyn Baird
28 - Steve Hughes

Serving Communion:

Bob Land & Carol Gatlin
Sandy Vocolina & Kathy Piscatello
Preparing Communion: Bob Land & Carol Gatlin
Assisting Pastor: Portia Freeman

FEBRUARY MINISTERS

Lay Leaders:

07 - Cathy Greenfield
14 - Becky Freeman
21 - Marilyn Baird
28 - Steve Hughes

Serving Communion:

Becky Freeman & Portia Freeman
Richard Tourjee & Cathy Greenfield
Preparing Communion: Becky Freeman & Portia Freeman
Assisting Pastor: Catherine Hiller

JANUARY

02- William Deveau
02- Noelle Butler
03- Joshua Boyle
04- Mackenzie Ackley
05- Eric Bianchi
05- Ronald Land
07- Pete Wong
08- Pete Deveau
09- Barbara Bellefleur
12- Londa Wesche
13- Gladys Burns
13- Emma Martel
15- Patti Crooks
15- Adam Greene
15- Matthew Greene
16- Jackie Dorobkrowski
17- Go Tuang
18 – Richard Tourjee Sr.
22- Libby Ribarich
22- Ric Silver
25- Pebbles Quibble
29- Korban Tuang
31- Candy Zeppieri



FEBRUARY

01- Gary Benson
06- Lou Sherman
09- Becky Johnstone
14- Yvette Ackley
14- Sandy Vocolina
18- Cecilia Lew
20- Ronald Tourjee
20- Donna McLaughlin
27- Richard Bassett



Snow Cancellation Policy

In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please go to WFSB Channel 3 Eyewitness News for information about our church service. We will make every attempt to have Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church included in their list of cancellations if we have decided not to hold worship services.

Pastor's Sabbatical February 1st through April 30th

"What is a little Sabbath? It is a time when you are down, not up; receiving, not giving; being, not doing. It is a time set apart that is different from ordinary time. It is departure from your allotted time into God's time, which is as much your home as your allotted time is. It is special time, when we reflect on our actions and let them seep into our souls. Sabbath is moving into the eternal from the daily, to a little bit of heaven from a lot of earth. It is sacred time.

Sacred time is the time of praise and gratitude.

It is not measured in minutes and hours but in something larger, as big as eternity. Ashes to ashes, stardust to stardust, I like to say."

To my beloved church family, thank you for the gift of this sabbath time. Even though you will not *hear* from me over the next three months, you will still be *held* by me...

in spirit, blessing, and prayer.

You will be in good hands and heart with Michelle!

God be with you 'till we meet again...

With immeasurable love, Claudine



*Welcome to our
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church Family*

*Cherri Ashbey
Diane Collins
Dave Effman
Elaine Effman
Charles Freeman
Michael Freeman
Nicole Freeman
Ken Foye
Lori Foye Dougherty
Chloe Hespeler
Becky Johnstone
Megan Taylor
Jeff Wilbur
Megan Freeman Wilbur*

February 4, 2024

**Annual Church Meeting of
Poquonnock Bridge
Baptist Church**

We will start out with a Pot-Luck Luncheon following worship and then convene for the Official Meeting at 12 noon.



Bring a dish to share—good conversation—and be prepared to accept last year's reports and to approve next years' budgets.

February 14th, 2024

Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Followed each Wednesday with
Bread & Broth Series



Looking for soup makers and donations of bread
A sign-up sheet will be in the Lounge the first Sunday of
February

Pastor Claudine will be on a much deserved Sabbatical
starting February 1st

She will NOT be available until May 1st.

Please respect her time away—she will not be
answering phone calls or emails during this private time
of Reflection, Renewal, and being Rekindled in Faith

In the interim we will have
The Reverend Michelle Madsen-Bibeau in the pulpit.
She will be here each Wednesday in the office for
Any pastoral needs and will also lead our
Lenten Bread & Broth Series



**Her cell # is 860-597-4223
and email
michlmb@aol.com**

2023 Christmas Flowers

*In Memory of Yvonne, Ted and Teddy Ackley
Given by: Peg and Yvette Ackley*

*In Loving Memory of Jennifer, Lois, Earle, Becky, Marion & CD
Given by: Dave and Carol Rowley*

*In Memory of Jeffrey Lew, Sue Ying Lew and Loved Ones
Given by: The Lew Family*

*In Memory of my daughter Amy and her cousin Steven Straub
Given by Gail Neff and Peggy Straub*

*In Memory of Allen & Lydia Avery and August & Clara Effman
Given by: Elaine and Dave Effman*

*In Memory of Irving Hiller
Given by: Catherine and Family*

*In Honor of PBBC Fellow Travelers
Given by: Carol Gatlin*

*In Memory of Sue Ming, Louie Wong and Ko Kwong
Given by: The Wong Family*

*In Memory of Connie Stalker
Given by: Carolyn and Bob Land*

*In Memory of Mimi & Pop, Grandma Floss & Grandpa Tom and
Grandma Toots & Grandpa Bob
Given by: Dennis, Kathy, Cheryl and Austin*

*In Memory of Jim Baird and Denise Baird
Given by: Marilyn and Karen Baird*

*In Memory of Lester Jordan and Tony & Jenni Augeri
Given by: Dianne and Dave Augeri*

*In Memory of Woody Klewin
Given by: Portia and Charley Freeman*

*In Honor of Janet Kent
Given by: A grateful congregation*

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