

THE TIE that binds

June 2018



**GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN,
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,
THE POWER OF THE EAGLES FLIGHT,
THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT—DAD.**

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Pastor's Page



The Joyous Month of June!

Sunday, June 3rd

We gather for Worship and Communion
and thank the Choir for their music throughout the year.
It is time for their summer sabbatical!
Let us know if you have special music to share.

Sunday, June 10th

We gather for worship on Children's Day
as the young people lead us in word and song.
We welcome members of the CT Myanmar Baptist Church
under the leadership of our own Li Ling Liu.
They will share the gift of music with us.
We join together for our Church Picnic at Bluff Point!

Sunday, June 17th

We gather for worship on Father's Day
and we take a moment to celebrate the graduates among us.

Sunday, June 24th

We gather here for worship in the morning
and then at Old Mystic Baptist Church in the afternoon.
A Service and Closing Celebration will be held at OMBC on Shewville Road at
4:00pm, reception to follow.
All are welcome as we say goodbye and give abundant thanks!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We receive gifts to this special offering that provides funds for emergency assistance, natural disasters, and hunger relief in this country and throughout the world. We join with partners and other denominations to respond to God's call for help and hope.

Envelopes will be in the pew racks later this month.

YOUTH NEWS

Fusion Youth Ministry

YOUTHCOOPDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM

Movie Night



Friday, June 15th 6 pm—meet at 5:45 pm

Let's all get together for a fun movie night! I don't know about you but I have been waiting for this movie for far too long! Join us for a night at Mystic Luxury Cinemas with your fellow friends from Fusion



Relay for Life

Fitch Senior High School

Saturday June 30th 2018 11:00am - 3:00pm,

3:00pm - 7:00pm, 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Our volunteer activity for June will be to participate with a booth at Relay for Life New London County Seashore. Many of us have had loved ones affected by cancer, and this event provides a way to give back and raise awareness. We will have a team and also set up a booth on the track to raise money for cancer research. The event is 12 hours, so I have broken it into three four hour shifts.

The purpose of the event is to have someone from your team walking the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Please sign up for a shift (or two!) so we can stand strong with all those affected by it. Let's end our year with a bang!



JUNE MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Belle Jordon
Richard Tourjee

Serve: Belle Jordon
Barbara Brant
Jane Imdahl
Will Vars
Assist Pastor: Richard Tourjee

Lay Leader

03 –Carol Gatlin
10– Darrell Tootell
17 – Alex Lew
24 - Barbara Brant

JULY MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Portia & Charley Freeman

Serve: Portia & Charley Freeman
Candy Zeppieri
Richard Toujee

Assist Pastor: Cathy Greenfield

Lay Leader

01 - Patti Tootell
08 - Cathy Greenfield
15 - Pete Wong
22 - Catherine Hiller
29 - Li Ling Liu





JUNE

06 – Colby Ackley
06 – Mason Harasyn
12 – Len Lun Niang
13 – Charley Freeman
16 – Jon Hiller
17- Sue Shontell
19 – Gail Neff
21 – Rachael Dellarco
22 – Hailey Bassett
22 – Jerry Watkins
23 – Dennis Piscitello
26 – Ed Boyle
29 – Brian Berry
29 – Carol Gatlin

JULY

01 – Kaitlyn Pasqualini
02 – Robert McLaughlin
05 – Sonny Lew
08 – Robert Land
10 – Darrell Tootell
11 – Wynonna Tuang
14 – Austin Center
19 – Barbara Brant
19 – Valerie Rehberg
23 – Michelle Friedman
25 – Marilyn Benson
25 – Mikayla Tourjee
27 – Lennie Anderson
27 – Kathy Piscitello
31 – Marion Lamb
31 – Jane Imdahl



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2018

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and Marilyn Baird led us in devotions.

Review of the May meeting minutes:

Barbara Brant summarized the minutes from the May meeting and they will be filed as printed and emailed.

Communications: Barbara Brant said she had received a phone call from a gentleman named Richard Wood. He would like to use the church 3-4 nights a week to host a self-defense class. He also said that he thinks people need to be more “street smart” and need to be made more aware of their surroundings and to know how to handle different situations. It was also mentioned that he was not an official business just a ‘regular Joe” trying to help out his fellow man. The council discussed this possibility and in the end decided that we could not accommodate his needs and because he lacks his own liability insurance it would not be in our best interest. The church office will make the call on Wednesday with the councils’ decision.

Benevolence: Marilyn reported - the June offering was \$55 - Paid out \$100 - balance of \$496.77

Marilyn Baird will be going away June 14th – June 27th – Mei Ling will have the checkbook if any needs arise

Pastor’s Report: : No Report

Deacon and Committee Reports:

Buildings/Grounds:

Alex has a lengthy list of chores that need to be done on the Church Work Day to be held June 16th . It was suggested that spraying of the moss on the parsonage roof be added to that list. He also reported that a new toilet seat has been installed in the men’s room and an additional back-up seat is in the supply closet.

Brian has received two bids for the roof repair. The first one from Advanced Group includes:

- Strip existing roof to the sub sheathing
- Install ice and water sheet on the eaves of the roof
- Install F5 aluminum drip edge throughout the perimeter of the roof
- Install Diamond-Deck on the remaining roof
- Install 30-year architectural shingles (customer choice of color)
- Install ridge vent
- Total cost \$13, 650

The other bid went to an incorrect address and Brian got it verbally over the phone, but the official

written proposal bid is in the mail. It is almost the same except this bid from Denison included 40-year shingles and two sub sheathings. Each additional sub sheathing, if needed, would be \$50 per sheet. This bid from Denison (which has done our roof in the past) is for \$21,600. Because of the huge difference in the two bids Brian is seeking yet another bid and will report back to council. Some recommendations from council were entertained.

Education & Discipleship: Pat and Li Ling reported that Children's Sunday on June 10th will be followed by the annual church picnic at Bluff Point and then they will take a summer break!

Mission and Outreach: Holly spoke of the 4th of July parade. She is trying to round up 12-15 walkers. Pat and her group is making a banner that the group will carry. They will also make a sign for Barbara Brant's car which will be in the parade, and a few people will ride in the procession! Maybe the walkers can wear their PBBC shirts and hats that were purchased many years ago. A blip seeking walkers has been in the bulletin and the TIE but should be emphasized this month!

Carol Gatlin reported that April had 28 bags of food that went to Groton Human Services and May had 21. She also noted that the June mission emphasis will be One Great Hour of Sharing and those envelopes will go into the pews shortly. She will speak on June 17th in a Moment for Mission for OGHS.

Worship & Membership: No formal report

Hospitality: Sandy reported that the reception for Burt went well and that there is \$173.69 in the coffee fund. Marilyn Benson questioned the purple cards in the pew racks – do we still need them? Does anyone read them? Sue Shontell commented that as a new member she certainly did and it helped her to understand how communion is served. However they are quite wordy. She and Holly Boyle will take a look at them and see if those beautiful words can be condensed. It was still thought that the cards in some form should remain.

PRC: No Report

Publicity: Thank you Sue and Holly for the new Visitor Cards that have been put into the pew racks! They are attractive, and much more in tuned with today's world – asking for email addresses. They are perforated and one can take home half and keep it for themselves, even use it as a bookmark and the other we keep and use to call or visit. Sue also brought up the subject of children's pictures on Facebook and asked if we have a policy? If not, do we need one? How does one go about seeking permission to post pictures on Facebook? She has updated our Facebook page and has been promoting events. It was decided that in the fall before Sunday School begins we will have a "permission slip" or a general release to be signed by parents. But in the interim there will be a message in the bulletin stating that pictures MAY be posted on Facebook and if anyone has any objections to this please let us know and theirs will NOT be posted. It is easier to find those who object than to get everyone to sign a disclaimer. For those parents of children involved in this Sunday's service there is no problem but in the future we need to address this...along with adults. There will be a general release printed in the TIE.

Nominating committee: Pat is still seeking someone to fill the Clerk position.

Old Business:

Safe Church:

Unfortunately in today's world there is no place that is exempt from violence.

Dave Rowley, Peg Ackley and Holly Boyle make up this committee. Dave spoke with the choir simply to inform them to be the eyes of the church – to look for anything suspicious while sitting in the choir loft and "if you see something, say something".

Dave and Holly attended a "Safe Church Seminar" at Mystic Congregational Church.

Council minutes cont.

Dave also would like to meet with the Greeters, Ushers and the Lay Leaders. Barbara will supply him with a list of those groups. A discussion followed as to how much we might need to do and although it is an uncomfortable situation we would be remiss if we did not research possibilities of being more aware and vigilant. This, too, is a work in progress with more details to follow.

Memorial gifts:

The Finance Committee recommendation regarding the Curry Memorial Gift was discussed and then voted to approve that \$10,000 be put into the Memorial Fund and the other \$10,000 remain in the general fund as a 'cushion.' The approval vote was unanimous.

OMBC stained glass window:

Last month Marilyn and John Rodearmel offered to donate the beautiful stain glass window that now is in Old Mystic Baptist Church to PBBC. OMBC would also pay for the installation. We had a month to consider the offer and to find a place where we could install it. Holly Boyle motioned that we graciously accept this wonderful gift and Marilyn Benson seconded. A discussion followed and it was voted on and agreed to accept this gift. Richard Tourjee made a trip to OMBC to measure and get all the details and he drew up a proposal as to where it should go and that was also discussed and the specifications were passed around. Many suggestions were brought forth. It was agreed that the decision as to whether the window would be set into a wall or boxed in on a shelf would be made after the window was on site and the council could discuss it with the installing team.

Richard, Ron Land, Jon Hiller, Rick Tourjee and John Rodearmel will transfer the window to our church.
Good luck guys!

New Business:

Barbara Brant motioned and Holly jumped right on it with a second that we NOT meet as usual in July. A discussion followed and was determined that if we need to make decisions on the roof or the stained glass window it could be done in a special meeting following worship on Sunday but we would not meet on the regular first Monday of the month in July. The motion was carried!!!

Meeting adjourned 8:41 p.m.

Next meeting is August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Alex Lew



**House and Garden Tour
June 30th
10am – 4 pm**



There will be a most interesting “House and Garden Tour” in Noank on Saturday, June 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will include 14 different sites, including some that are houses and gardens, some that are only houses or only gardens, two art exhibitions, a boatyard with prize-winning gardens, and the handsome meeting house and prize-winning gardens of the Noank Baptist Church, celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. The houses include fine examples of 19th century “Cape Cod” and “Greek Revival” architecture plus an early 20th century “Classic Colonial” Mansion. For gardeners (or anyone else) there are five gardens with fine plantings and even more spectacular seaside views. The art exhibitions are at the Historical Society’s Latham-Chester Store, featuring Noank Artists and at one of the tour houses featuring paintings of tour sites.

Tickets will be available beginning with Memorial Day Weekend at “Carson’s Store” in Noank, at “Bank Square Books” and “Mystical Toys” in Mystic, or from a website <https://noankhouseandgardentour.eventbrite.com>.

If you want to attend a pre-tour Reception at one of the great mansions on Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. as well at the tour itself, your ticket will be \$40. If you want only the Saturday tour, the ticket will be \$25.

All proceeds from the tour will go to three local agencies: (1) Mystic River Homes, a 96 apartment complex of Senior Citizens’ housing with low income, (2) Noank Community Support Services, offering housing and training in three group homes to homeless young adults (aged 18-24), to troubled adolescent girls, and to refugee children, and (3) Our Shoreline Community Association (OSCA), offering assistance with transportation, social contacts, and practical information to Seniors who wish to stay in their own homes.



Please join us at Bluff Point for our annual Church Picnic!

June 10th right after church.

Bring meat for the grill and a dish to share!

Bring your paper products and a chair!

Bring your smile and your laughter

Bring your appetite and then after...

go for a walk ...

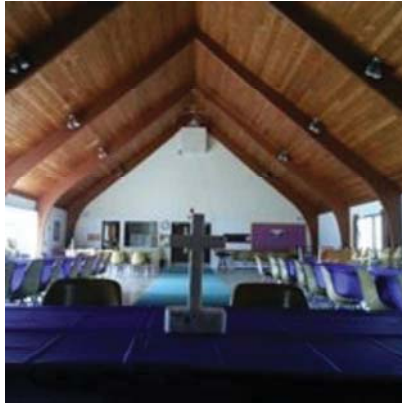
or just talk....but come and enjoy!

AND

Plan on walking with us on JULY 4th in the Groton Parade

Please see Holly Boyle for more information.





Sunday June 24th
4:00 pm
Old Mystic Baptist Church
Closing Celebration
“saying goodbye”

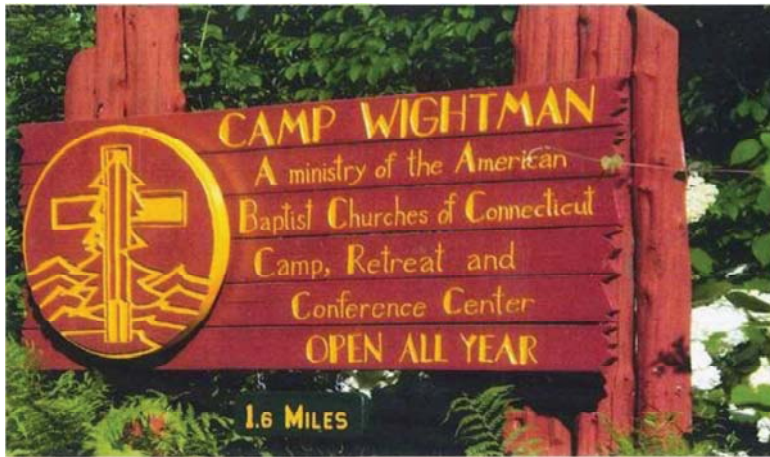
Come celebrate the history and ministry of OMBC at the Church's final service.

We will have a memory box available for those who wish to provide a favorite written memory.

Reception to follow

Please plan to attend for a service of remembering





News from Camp Wightman

Friends,

The leaves are busting out all over camp. Today, I cannot see the cabins from the office deck, which is a big change from last week when I looked up to see 35 Work Day volunteers scattered throughout camp painting, raking, and washing windows. Together with the 45 volunteers who arrived at April's Work Weekend, we made great strides towards opening camp and cleaning up after the four Nor'easters that hit camp in March.

Thank you to all 80 campers and leaders who joined us to give the gift of their time to Camp Wightman.

Blessings,

**Holly Blacker
Camp Director**

Finally, lots of people ask," What do you need at camp?"

We will post our list - our current list of things needed are:

- **Paper goods— napkins, paper towels, & toilet paper**
- **Hand wipes**
- **White towels— new white bath towels and new white wash cloths**
- **Coffee (coffee, and more coffee!!!) ground please**
- **Sugar**
- **Large plastic tubs with covers**

If you would like to donate any of these items please feel free to leave them at church and the men who volunteer on the "Thursday Crew" will deliver them.

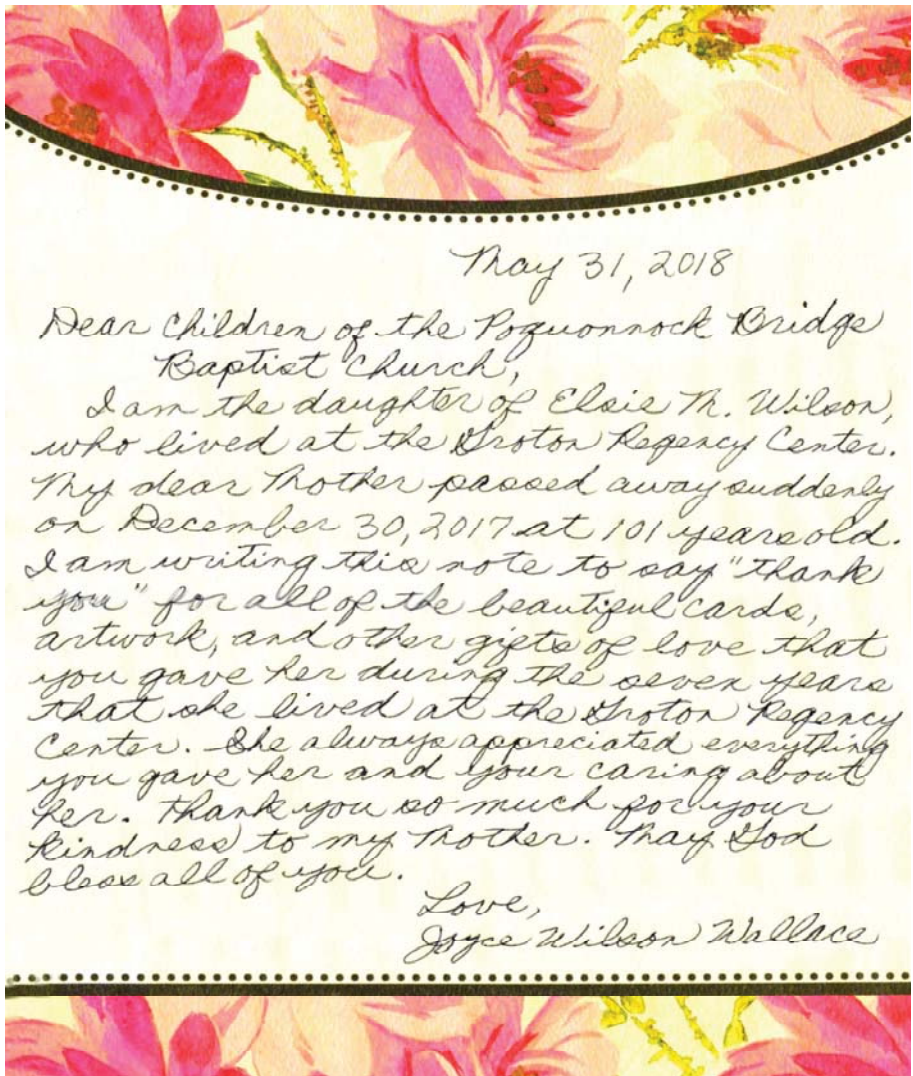
A Little Church Humor



As many of you know we have a Facebook account and pictures may be posted. Please see and adhere to below if applicable.

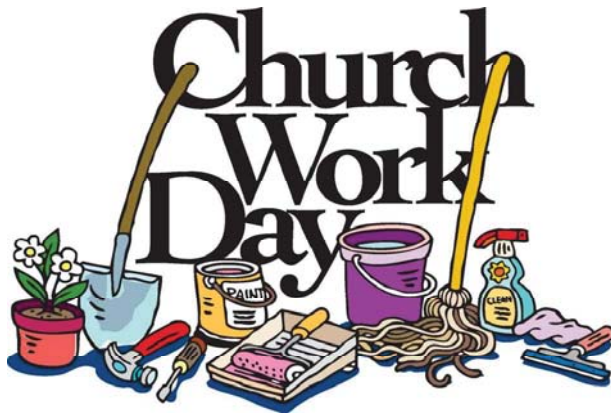
***By attending services and events of the Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church (PBBC), I give my consent for myself and minors in my charge for photos to be used in print or electronic media and be displayed on sites owned or sponsored by the PBBC. If you object it must be written, signed and delivered to the church secretary.
Thank you**

A note from the daughter of Elsie Wilson, past resident of the Regency





June 16, 2018
9 am—noon



More details will follow but please plan on
joining in the fun!

One thing that needs doing is washing the
vestry floor....do you have some time to spare
to do this?

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