

# THE TIE that binds

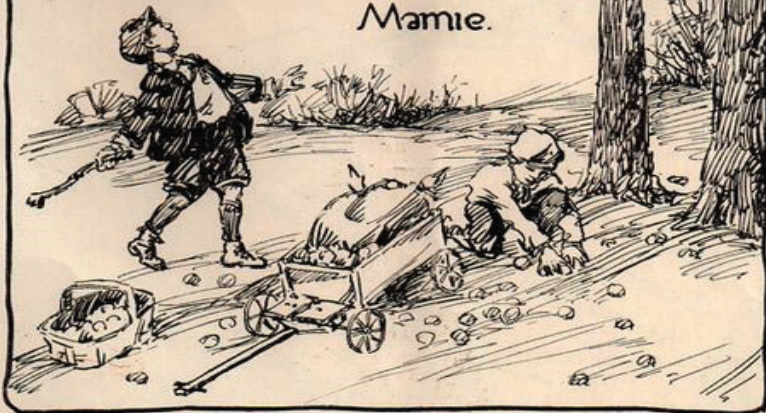
October 2018



## Why I Like OCTOBER

Why do I love October?  
October's the month of gold.  
There's crimson and nuts in the woodland,  
There's fruitage in orchard and wold;  
'Tis the banquet hall of the Seasons,  
When their purple wine is spilled;  
'Tis the revel of color-splendors,  
Where the wealth of the year is tilled.  
And so I love October.  
'Tis fruition of faith to me;  
In the beauty and gold of its garner,  
The opulent Giver I see.

Mamie.



## Pastor's Page



### The “One-derful” Month of October

We gather around the Lord’s Table with Christians across the globe to celebrate World Communion Sunday together.

We hear God’s word spoken in six different languages, we share Portugese bread and Burmese grape juice at the table, and we sing “Break Thou the Bread of Life” in Chin.

We joyfully receive new members and extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to Marie Chaney, Burt Crooks, Patti Crooks, Diane Cunningham, Becky Freeman and Nancy Spalluto.

We welcome missionary Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes for a supper and program on her work in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean.

We receive gifts for the World Mission Offering of American Baptist Churches, sponsoring all of our worldwide missionaries.

We join with neighbors in the CROP Walk, raising awareness for hunger relief and funds for local meal programs and food lockers.

### Books We Have Shared this month...

***“A Faith Like Mine:***

***A Celebration of the World’s Religions***

***Through the Eyes of Children”*** by Laura Buller

***“On That Day: A Book of Hope after 9/11”***

by Andrea Patel

***“All of Us”*** by Carin Berger

***“Is There Really a Human Race?”***

by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell

# YOUTH NEWS

## Fusion Youth Ministry

YOUTHCOOPDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM

Join our texting service! Opt in to get text notifications for upcoming events and newsletter links. Email me at [youthcoopdirector@gmail.com](mailto:youthcoopdirector@gmail.com) with your name and number (or your child's) to start receiving text messages about upcoming activities. Very beneficial for those that don't check email often!

### Youth Meetings

This year our regular youth group meeting will take place the third Sunday of every month from 4-6pm. We will rotate churches each month. Here is our rotation schedule:

October 21st - Noank Baptist Church  
November 18th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
December 16th - Union Baptist Church  
January 20th - Noank Baptist Church  
February 17th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
March 17th - Union Baptist Church  
April 21st - Noank Baptist Church  
May 19th - Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church





## **OCTOBER MINISTERS**

**Communion:** Prepare: Peg Straub & Barbara Brant

Serve: Peg Straub & Barbara Brant  
Dave & Carol Rowley  
Assist Pastor: Pete Wong

**Lay Leader**

07 –Becky Freeman  
14– Pete Wong  
21 – Carol Gatlin  
28 - Li Ling Liu

## **NOVEMBER MINISTERS**

**Communion:** Prepare: Catherine & Jon Hiller  
Serve: Catherine & Jon Hiller  
Carol Gatlin  
Rick Tourjee

Assist Pastor: Dianne Dellarco

**Lay Leader**

04 –Rick Tourjee  
11 - Anita Fernald  
18 - Marilyn Baird  
25 - Jonathan Liu





## **OCTOBER**

02 – Nathan White  
07 – Marvin Wong  
11- James Lew  
17 – Sallie Land  
20- Sophia (Shiou Ling) Liu  
21 – Joe Greene  
23 – Carol Rowley  
23 – Pat Tootell  
23 – Li Ling Liu  
24 – Dale Rehberg  
24 – Nick Bassett  
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  
20 – Jenny Sanda  
23 – Holly Mulvihill Boyle  
24 – Megan Taylor  
25 – Marilyn Baird  
30 - Cathy Lewis Myers  
30- Peter Dellarco



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2018

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Marilyn Benson led us in devotions.

Heidi summarized the old and new business from last month. Minutes were accepted and filed.

**Communications:** nothing to report

**Benevolence: Marilyn Baird**

- Marilyn reported that the balance is \$611.77.

**Pastor's Report :**

Claudine Crooks

- This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will hear scripture in 6 languages, have Portuguese bread and Burmese grape juice for communion, and we will sing "Break Thou the Bread of Life" in Chin.
- This Thursday at 5:30 p.m. is our potluck supper & program with American Baptist missionary Mercedes Gonzales-Barnes. She wanted to come to our church because we're one of the churches with highest giving to her ministry specifically, and she wanted to come and say thank you and tell us about her ministry. Marilyn Benson is helping to coordinate. We have invited other SUNL churches, and have heard back from Union Baptist that they will have people coming.
- During October we will be taking our World Mission Offering, and will receive gifts for all the missionaries in the denomination. There is a new guide upstairs that lists every American Baptist missionary by name, and gives stories about their service, etc. Carol Gatlin will most likely speak more in detail about this offering during a moment for mission on one of the last two Sundays in October.
- The CROP Walk is October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Last Sunday, we voted in new members, and we will extend the right hand of fellowship on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a cake to welcome the new members and their names will be printed alongside it.
- Apologies for last month's confusion with new retreat leading cost:
  - ◇ This is Rev Ho-Soon's last year in the community, she will be reassigned soon and she has great gifts for leadership. Other years Claudine has done the leadership and guests have come in for small parts. Claudine has compensated them herself to thank them for helping her lead, but she's doing something different so that someone else can lead this year.
  - ◇ Pushing for more attendees to get costs down
- The Apple Festival will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, but Claudine won't be able to be there for the morning due to the memorial service for Jim Henschel, Elaine's son, at Eastern Point Beach. Claudine will give out more information next Sunday about whether the service is public or is just a family gathering.
- All Saints' Day is the first Sunday of November; Claudine will be taking vacation time and will be away. Rev. Tim Chesser will be there. Claudine has talked to Catherine about doing the list of names for remembrance, Holly will do the bell, and we will need a candle lighter. Claudine will make sure that Mei Ling will have a check for Rev. Chesser. Hopefully the Worship and Membership team can review with him that morning how it will go.
- Holly and Claudine attended a youth ministry meeting recently – we have a small number of youth involved at the moment. Courtney is hoping to make some council meetings to meet PBBC members. Holly has gone through safe church training to be a youth group leader, and Heidi will hopefully do so soon as well.



- Gayle Donahue is at a critical point in decision-making; she is still at the Regency but has had to make decision to leave the Mystic River Congregate. She has to be out by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Belle is ready to put together a packing & moving team when the time comes.
- The last piece of Claudine's report was a conversation about church safety due to recent visits from individuals under the influence of drugs or alcohol who might pose a threat. There's no way to predict what we might encounter in the future, but Claudine had the following comments:
  - ◇ If you're ever here in the church building alone, lock door
  - ◇ You are under NO obligation to open/answer the door. Although that is hard, because our instinct is to be kind and welcoming, you have every right to not answer or to not let it be known that you're here. Be prepared to call 911 if need be. If you have to have a conversation with an individual that shows up at church unannounced, make sure that someone else is around and present with you.
  - ◇ We'll have some follow-up conversations about this in the coming days, and Claudine will be following up with Dave to make it a part of the Safe Church Committee's ongoing work.

#### **Buildings and Grounds: Alex Lew and Brian Berry**

- Alex spoke with Mei Ling yesterday about getting the Miner building project moving forward. Council members worked out who needs to be contacted to arrange the logistics of paying the 50% project deposit so that work can begin as soon as possible.
- The washing machine in the parsonage had to be replaced when it ceased functioning. Richard Tourjee had a professional look at it, but it was too far gone to have a worthwhile repair done. Catherine approved Richard to go purchase one, because it needed to be purchased as soon as possible.
- Road signs have been installed, thanks to John Rodearmel for taking on the project of rehabilitating OMBC's old signs. Is there any value in asking him to look at our old signs that are in the closet to see if they can be reused? Alex/Brian will look at them before the work day and either have John fix them or throw them away.
- Fall Work Day – the plan is for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of October 27<sup>th</sup>. About 9-12. Alex walked around the parsonage with Jon Hiller yesterday, and they worked on putting together a work list, including: parsonage gutters, hedge trimming, fence section that is out from tree cutting, lots of bittersweet on the fence, vents on roof ends of parsonage attic, other things on outside, paint on front church door is peeling, kitchen vent is rusty by door, brush around parking lot and fence, balcony items to be moved to dump or placed elsewhere (spoke to Belle), window tabs in fellowship hall are rotted, vestry floor needs cleaning because of scuffs and broken pieces
- Ron went to replace bulb on front sign, bulbs are the wrong size, so Ron will look into it this week to get them as cheaply as possible

#### **Mission and Outreach: Carol Gatlin and Holly Boyle**

- Catherine talked with Carol about giving a gift to Mercy Gonzales-Barnes, and she was going to get together with Holly and have something to bring tonight, but neither is here so no report
- Were talking about money from benevolence fund, maybe \$250. Thought of it as a love gift to help with personal expenses and to thank her for being here.
- Barbara makes a motion to make a love gift of \$250 to Mercy Gonzales-Barnes on Thursday night at the potluck. Marilyn Benson seconded. Vote. Motion passes.

#### **Hospitality: Sandy Vocolina and Marilyn Benson**

- We received another check from the Greene family in gratitude for Kristin's funeral reception. It will be deposited into the General Fund.

**Old Business:**

Garbage: Holly called the company after our discussion last month and found out that the company was the only one to service this area. Barbara called and set everything up with them.

**New Business:**

- Received an email from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, asking if they could help us in setting up an insurance program with them. Catherine asked Mei Ling what the status with Church Mutual was, and Mei Ling said that the new contract renewed in July but it's always good to investigate other companies. Other members did point out that there is something to be said for loyalty to Church Mutual.
- Dianne raised the important issue of Sunday morning parking. As people have joined us for Sundays, that means we have more cars. There have been some Sundays where there was no parking at all available, and it may be causing people to be turned away. It's a wonderful problem since there are so many people coming, but we've reached a time where we have to think about how we can manage that. The council had a conversation about ideas, and decided that perhaps we need to choose two or three individuals outside of the council that can investigate solutions. Additionally, we can remind the congregation about the possibility of carpooling, and speak to John Rodearmel about a new sign for the overflow lot to ensure that people know they can park there. It was decided that the council members will all think about it in the month ahead and share next month, going forward from there.
- The security camera at the front door for Claudine's and the church offices died. Ron got a price of \$193 to replace it. This price was discounted for the church. The camera can record and you can also add up to 4 cameras into the system for \$45 each. For safety reasons, it was recommended that the camera should be purchased as soon as possible, and decisions about adding other cameras can be discussed at a later date. Ron made a motion to replace the security camera with the new digital system for \$193, and Alex seconded it. The vote was held and the motion passed.
- Generally asked to have our budget for each department ready by December – not very far off! Catherine asked the council to consider the following message:
  - ◇ We've been working reactively a lot this year, dealing with issues not part of our budget that came up unexpectedly. This is inevitable, but Catherine would like us to be more proactive when possible in looking at needs of the church so that we don't get caught short in the middle of the year needing to make so many unanticipated expenditures. Historically, we've operated this way because of tight finances; we've never had a lot of reserve to plan with. But we are in the stewardship season, maybe we could open up thoughts and considerations to the whole congregation. We could ask members what they would like to see in the church, what do you see that needs attention, what would be nice or useful to have (both things and programs). Catherine asks that all on the council to look at their area of concern right now, consider all the things and think ahead a bit better, identifying anything associated with the building and with our program that has to be replaced in a periodic manner, and saying "what is apt to go wrong here?" in planning our 2019 budget. Because of the crunch that we've faced so long, our budget is pretty static – one year's budget looks pretty much like the last year's, just increased for fuel, electricity, etc. We might be able to do a little bit better this year with the gifts that we've been given.
  - ◇ Other side of that is, is there any way we can ask the congregation to get involved? Give out a questionnaire. Maybe we will plan a second hour Sunday session to talk about these. Claudine mentioned that the pastoral evaluation put together by the PRC did ask about church's strengths/challenges, things you'd like to see, etc.. When those are gone over, maybe we could do a second hour where we respond to that and then add more general church things.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Heidi Butler



Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church  
4th Annual Apple Festival  
October 13, 2018 - 10 am - 2 pm



EAT HERE OR TAKE HOME!

APPLE PIES

Whole or by the slice!

APPLE SQUARES

APPLE TURNOVERS

OLD FASHIONED APPLE BUTTER

AND MUCH MORE!

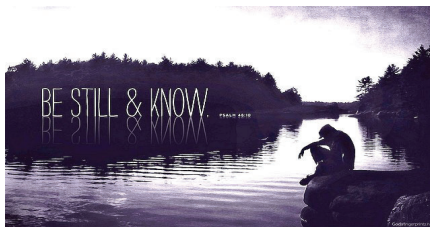
*And other goodies as well!!!*

*If you would like to bake or make something  
APPLE please do so and have it to church by*

*Friday, October 12th!*

*Thank you in advance!*

*And SEE YOU THERE!*



“Be Still...and Know”

Mindfulness and Self-Compassion

## ***2018 Women's Retreat***

Once again we return to Camp Wightman!

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Come for the two days or join us just for

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>

### **OPTIONS ARE:**

1. Arrive Friday night after supper (between 6 & 7 pm)

Bring evening snacks to share—stay overnight at Cathcart Retreat Center, enjoy breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

(If you're sleeping over, bring a sleeping bag and bath towel - beds are made up with fitted bottom sheet, pillow and pillowcase and blanket.)

Cost: \$70 per person

2. Arrive Saturday morning in time for breakfast (8 am)

Stay through lunch.

Cost: \$35 per person

Retreat will end by 3 pm on Saturday.

Program will include food, fellowship and FUN!

Worship, group discussion, free time to explore or relax!

Our retreat leader will be Rev. Ho-Soon Han,

Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Groton

We will offer both crafts and inspiring programs!

Learning our traditional sign language to “You Raise Me Up!”

Mostly we'll enjoy each other's company and the beauty of Camp!

Sign-up sheets will be in Lounge

Payment made to PBBC, given to Barbara Brant no later than November 4th

Let us know if you need directions to Camp Wightman

(The address is 207 Coal Pit Hill Road in Griswold, though the camp is on Billings Lake in North Stonington)

***Please let us know if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions so we can inform the meal staff.***

*Reservations MUST be confirmed by November 2nd*

***Many of you requested a copy of Catherine Hiller's  
Reading celebrating Claudine's Anniversary  
Here it is:***

Claudine's Anniversary Sunday – Sept. 9, 2018

Good morning fellow members, friends, and Pastor Claudine.

This morning I wear the hat of your church historian, for this is another special day in our continuing history. Some of you, like me, have been hanging out here for a considerable length of time, but others of you not so long, and might be wondering about the significance of the flowers that grace the pulpit this morning.

A few years ago, September 8, 2002 to be exact, a new preacher rode into town and right into our hearts. On that date she preached her first sermon from this pulpit as the soon-to-be-installed pastor of Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church.

The following year upon the anniversary of that auspicious occasion a single white rose graced the pulpit by which the members of this faith community expressed not only its love but a renewal of its promise to be her devoted partner in a journey of faith throughout the next year. In each succeeding year on this same day, the bouquet of promise grew by an additional rose. If you are already figuring the size of the bouquet last year you are correct if you said fifteen, and becoming rather awkward for its location.

Today pastor and congregation celebrate sixteen years together as a faith family, and Claudine has earned the distinction of being the longest serving pastor of this church in its 162 year history. Wanting to continue to acknowledge each anniversary in a meaningful way, and feeling that now is an appropriate point at which we change it up a bit your Church Council has planned that beginning today each anniversary Sunday will be marked by three roses, one blossom signifying the remarkable year just completed, including the joys and the sorrows, the difficult hurdles and the pieces of cake, another noting all the years since 2002 that are now part of our history together, and finally the third representing the hopes, aspirations, and challenges that are all part of the anticipation of sharing the year ahead.

Sixteen years ago did we dare hope, dream that we might actually achieve such an anniversary? Who can doubt the power of prayer!!!

Thanks be to God for answering our prayers! Thank you, Pastor Claudine, for teaching, comforting, encouraging, loving us but most of all for being one of us, as we share this journey of faith together.



CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger awareness and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and taking steps to fight hunger in more than 900 communities across the U.S. 2018 is the 41st CROP walk for Mystic/Stonington. Join others on Sunday, Oct 14, starting at 1 pm to walk about 3 miles from St. Mark's Episcopal Church to Noank Baptist Church, and perhaps back.

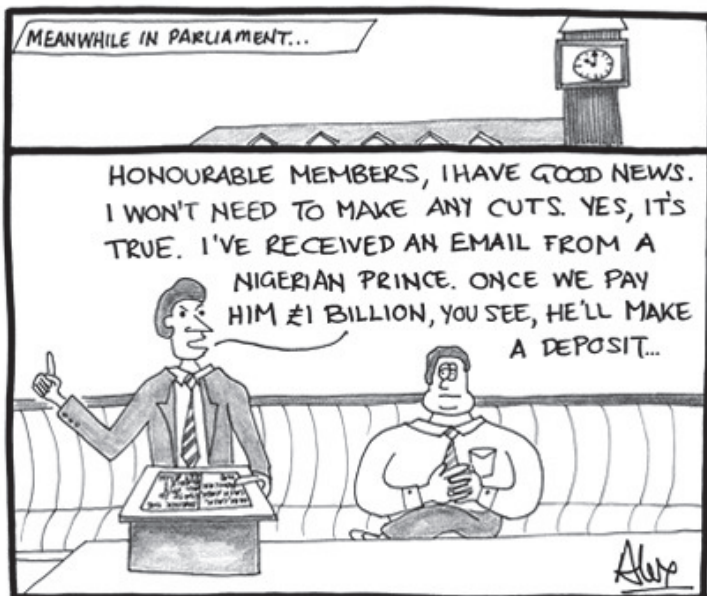
Your financial contributions support U.S.-based hunger-fighting organizations, provide access to safe drinking water in countries across the globe, and go toward tools and training to help families grow the food they need.

See r Carol Gatlin to make your contribution to help end hunger, one step at a time. All donations are significant!

## A Little Church Humor

### CAKE OR DEATH

by alex baker



UNEXPECTED SOLUTIONS TO THE BUDGET CRISIS

The Stewardship Committee's latest budget raising idea:  
4-Channel headsets.



## *Tools of Hope Offering 2018*

*Belle Jordan  
In Memory of Lester Jordan*

*Catherine and Irving Hiller  
In Honor of Jon and Peter Hiller and Windsor White*

*The Lew Family  
In Memory of Jim Lew, Wai S. Lee*

*Sandy Starr Vocolina  
In Memory of Louis Starr*

*Burt & Patti Crooks  
In Memory of our parents; George, Celia, Burt, Catherine*

*Yvette & Peg Ackley  
In Memory of Ted Ackley*

*Peg Straub  
In Memory of Albert Straub*

*Gail Neff  
In Memory of Albert Straub*

*Marie Chaney  
In Memory of Lora Ellis*

*Myers-Lewis Family  
In Memory of loved ones*

*Jeff Land  
In Honor of my Dad and Uncles*

*Ted & Catherine Hespeler  
In Memory of Dina*

*Candy Zeppieri  
In Honor of Sean Zeppieri*

*Portia & Charley Freeman  
In Memory of Jamey Freeman*

*In Memory of Kristin Greene*

*A gift from Becky Freeman*

*An Anonymous Gift*



*Darrell's words on STEWARDSHIP*

When we think of stewardship what comes to your mind?  
To me stewardship starts with a desire to do good deeds.  
It is our ultimate calling as followers of Christ and as faithful servants of God.

If we truly believe in our Lord, we must believe in helping others as well as ourselves, our homes, and our friends. And by being good stewards of our church.

When we help our church we help ourselves.

We become better Christians and better people.

Every Sunday I look at the stained glass windows with the dove to my right and the cross to my left which gives me inspiration to be better person. And so I would like to leave you with these thoughts of a simple poem I have recently written.

**The Dove and the Cross**

The dove calls us to faith  
To follow He who gave his life on the cross  
Let us all praise His words, His courage, His beliefs  
That we may follow Him in spirit  
Because of Him we live, we love, we pray  
We follow the dove as she lights on the cross  
Believe in Christ, live fully in life  
Praise Jesus and He will hear your voice

Amen

Darrell Tootell



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