

THE TIE that binds

June 2019



What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who
wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail...

- Unknown -

Pastor's Page



The Season of Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter, and it ushers in a time when we turn our attention to the church itself.

It is a day of promises fulfilled, when the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the children of God, when our daughters dream dreams and our sons see visions. It is a time when we remember the baptism of believers, the new understanding of a multitude of languages, the birthday of the church, and the spirit known in fire and the rush of a mighty wind. At PBBC we celebrate with our children and youth singing songs and playing instruments, with Wynonna Tuang preaching on the Parable of the Sower, with our choir closing its season with the anthem, "Come, Holy Spirit."

Worship is followed by our church picnic, a true celebration of the community of believers, filled with the joy of the Spirit!

Prayer Shawl Blessing and Recognition of Graduates

On Sunday, June 16th we will bless new prayer shawls and collect contributions in support of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and we will name the graduates from within our church family.

One Great Hour of Sharing

In June we receive gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing. Through this offering we join with Church World Service in raising funds to support emergency relief efforts here at home and throughout the world. Watch for envelopes in the coming weeks, and for a Mission Moment to learn more.

May God's help and hope be known through our giving!

Books We Have Recently Shared

"Blue Sky White Stars" by Sarvinder Naberhaus/Kadir Nelson

"Tomorrow Most Likely" by Dave Eggers/Lane Smith



Do you have someone graduating this year?
Please let Pastor Claudine know so she can acknowledge them
for their achievements!

Does not have to only be from high school or college—could
be from nursery school—ANY graduate from
any level will be named on June 16th !



Let her know the name, school, degree and any special awards
that may apply!



JUNE MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Holly Boyle & Gail Neff

Serve: Barbara Brant & Gail Neff
Portia and Charley Freeman

Assist Pastor: Richard Tourjee

Lay Leader

02– Alex Lew
09 - Rev. Claudine Crooks
16 - Barbara Brant
23 - Patti Tootell
30 - Marilyn Rodearmel

JULY MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Portia and Charley Freeman

Serve : Portia and Charley Freeman
Marilyn and John Rodearmel

Assist Pastor: Catherine Greenfield

Lay Leader:

07 – Marilyn Baird
14– Cathy Greenfield
21 - Pete Wong
28 - Catherine Hiller





JUNE

06 – Colby Ackley
06 – Mason Harasyn
12 – Len Lun Niang
13 – Charley Freeman
16 – Jon Hiller
17— Sue Shontell
18 – Mike Freeman
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 - Dianne Cunningham
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
29 - Marie Chaney
31 – Marion Lamb
31 – Jane Imdahl



PBBC Council Minutes

June 3, 2019

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Dianne Dellarco led us in devotions.

Communications:

Barbara received another call from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance, and they would like to know if they can make an appointment to come see the church and give us a quote. We had decided last year not to pursue a contract with them, but Pat will follow up.

Pastor's Report

- Looking forward to this Sunday, with lots going on! It is the day of Pentecost (reminder to everyone to wear red!), and it will also be the Sunday where we celebrate our children and young people. They will be performing and collecting food. Wynonna will preach the sermon. The choir will sing one last anthem before the summer hiatus (thank you, Heidi!), and our annual church picnic at Bluff Point will follow worship. Special thanks to all who teach and lead us in education and discipleship!
- On Wednesday, June 12th, the MAEC (Mystic Area Ecumenical Council) will hold its Annual Gathering at the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints, Flanders Rd. in Mystic. Program and potluck supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Neil and Pat Kluepfel Community Service Award will be given to Robin Crandall from Union Baptist Church for her tireless work on the Choir Festivals and countless other ministries over the years.
- Sunday, June 16th, we'll have a Prayer Shawl Blessing. Jane Imdahl will prepare the display of shawls, including a collection basket, and Heidi will prepare a "fact sheet" about the prayer shawl ministry. We will have our knitters/crocheters stand to be recognized as part of our blessing. That Sunday we'll also read a list of all our graduates.
- Pastor Claudine will be on vacation Monday, June 24th through Sunday, June 30th. We will welcome the Rev. Tim Chesser as our guest preacher on June 30th.
- Looking ahead, a reminder that on Saturday, July 27th at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Claudine will be officiating at a memorial service in our sanctuary for Chris Lamb. They will be holding a funeral reception at the Groton Elks Club, so just the worship service will be held here.
- Pastor Claudine thanks everyone for their faithful work that makes our ministry shine!

Deacon & Committee Reports:

Worship & Membership: Barbara Brant and Portia Freeman

- As discussed and voted on in previous meetings, the new altar set was ordered from New Life Christian Bookstore in Warwick, Rhode Island, along with candles, wicks, and a new candle lighter as previously requested. The total cost came to \$771, and it was covered by the gracious donation of three separate donors in the congregation.
- The committee expressed its thanks to Heidi Butler for her work with the PBBC choir over the past few months. The difference in the sound of the choir can clearly be heard, and Heidi's direction has brought out the best in the choir – it's a pleasure to listen to them. Thank you to Heidi!

The committee contacted Robin Crandall about the choir director/organist search, and she provided 5 names who might be able to help as well. An email was sent to all of them, although no response has been received yet.

Everyone is requested to spread the word about our search to anyone and everyone in their network! The council also discussed a few other avenues for searching as well as other possible contacts.

Buildings & Grounds: Alex Lew and Brian Berry (absent)

- Ron has fixed the light on the front sign, which was not functioning properly due to an issue with corroded wiring. Ron has also acquired new air conditioners for the church offices, and he and Bob have installed them.
- In preparation for the upcoming Church Work Day, Alex has a to-do list going, as well as an inventory of supplies including paint for fixing the front door. Thank you to Barbara for putting together publicity information about the work day!
- Following up on the previous business with the rental property garage, Alex has contacted a number of people for quotes on building a new garage or shed. Most of these quotes have been higher than we had hoped for and are out of our current price range. At this point, the priority is to focus on getting rid of it, and then later on down the road we can return to the discussion of whether or not we need storage and what kind of storage would best benefit us and suit our needs. Discussion was held on a number of topics relating to the garage.
- Barbara moved that we seek to demolish the existing garage using Steve Champ's company (quoted at \$3,300 for demolition plus \$900 for cleanup and refilling of the ground afterwards), providing that the town of Groton is contacted with the possibility of rebuilding a structure in that spot. Mei Ling seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion was passed. It was agreed that Catherine would go to the town to get some answers this week.

Finance & Stewardship: Pat Tootell

- We just received some information from the Thomas Fund, saying that they will distribute \$175 to our organization on the trust schedule. Pete verified that we have received this amount.
- Pat mentioned that the stewardship Last but Not Least Sundays will begin in August. Benevolence has traditionally been responsible for these, so Marilyn will be in charge of the program, but the last person to present has usually been the finance deacon.

Education & Discipleship: Dianne Dellarco and Li Ling Liu

- This Sunday is Children and Youth Sunday, and we are looking forward to the children performing (although the committee can't quite guarantee that it will be singing, it will certainly be something enjoyable!)
- The annual church picnic will be held at Bluff Point after church this Sunday, and we will provide cups/plates/napkins. John Rodearmel will donate the charcoal for grilling, and Keith Ashby will go ahead of everyone and get our picnic spot. Sherry Ashby will bring a table to put the food buffet line on..

Mission & Outreach: Carol Gatlin (absent) and Holly Boyle

- The May Second Sunday Food Collection totaled 31 bags; the average has gone up for the last few months! For this month, Groton Human Services has asked for jams and jellies as they get ready for the summer out-of-school season.
- The toiletries collection basket is in place on the table in the lounge, and has been receiving generous donations. Thanks to Londa Wesche for overseeing this!

Minutes cont.

- Thanks to Patti Crooks for her work writing cards on behalf of the congregation. Also, thanks to Joan Watkins for her years of faithful service to this outreach that means so much to those in times of need!
- There will be a mission moment for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday the 23rd. Bulletin inserts announcing the offering will be used on June 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The collection envelopes will be available on the 23rd and 30th.
- The committee asked whether council members were interested in signing up to be a part of the Fourth of July parade once again this year. It was decided that Holly will try to drum up some fellow marchers among the congregation and then will decide whether or not we have enough to sign up.
- Heidi and Sue will continue to explore options for requesting prayer shawl supply donations on Facebook.

Hospitality: Cathy Greenfield and Sarah Adams

- We will not have refreshments or coffee this Sunday because of the church picnic.

Standing Committees:

PRC: Sue Shontell

- As per last month's discussion, Ron Land will be cutting the landline service at the parsonage, which will save \$90 a month. He will then upgrade the internet service.
- Sue noted that she realized we pay sales tax on the internet/phone bills for the parsonage which we shouldn't because of our tax status. She suggested that we check into other bills to ensure that we are not paying unnecessary sales tax, and Mei Ling and Pete took note of this.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Tag Sale: Dianne Dellarco and Pat Tootell

- The committee received the lengthy Post-Tag Sale notes, and will review those over the next month or two. They will then brainstorm ideas and recruit committee members to meet in late August to begin preparing for the Holiday Bazaar and next year's Tag Sale. Many thanks to Barbara Brant for putting the notes together!

Bylaw Update: Catherine Hiller

- Catherine has asked Dianne Dellarco and Dave Rowley to work with her on a committee to research materials on dissolution of corporation bylaws to put together a proposed bylaw. This is expected to take some time, and would probably not go before the membership before the February 2020 Annual Meeting. Catherine also has received some information from a friend at Niantic Baptist, where they are presenting a similar bylaw update soon. We're not alone in doing this, and hopefully will put together some good plans over the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vacuum cleaner purchase: Belle ordered one and it has been received. Mei Ling reimbursed Belle for the order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report not previously discussed

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 1st at 6:30 p.m., and Barbara will lead us in devotions.

Submitted by: Heidi Butler



Are you willing to march in the Groton Annual 4th of July parade this year???



Last year we had quite a few hardy people who represented our wonderful church in this parade....if you would like to join in on the fun—please see Holly Boyle.

We must make the decision by June 21st so make sure to see Holly and let her know if you would like to be part of our marching troubadours representing our church!



GUN violence

a public health issue

sponsored by the Greater New London Clergy Association

Our elected officials have chosen to use gun violence as a political football. We realize that the lives lost to firearms are our shared tragedy. Join Megan Ranney, MD, MPH for a discussion that bridges the political divide, exploring how public health can help stem the tide of gun-related deaths and injuries.

Wednesday, June 12 • 7 pm

Lawrence + Memorial Hospital

Baker Auditorium, New London

No charge • Light refreshments served

RSVP via Eventbrite by Jun10 at

<https://tinyurl.com/y6zn5vuo>



Dr. Megan Ranney is Chief Research Officer of AFFIRM

Research a non-profit committed to solving the American gun violence epidemic through innovation and evidence. She is also an Associate Professor in the

Department of Emergency Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital/Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Director and Founder of the Brown Emergency Digital Health Innovation program. Dr. Ranney's research focus is on developing,

testing, and disseminating digital health interventions to prevent violence and mental illness; she is Principal Investigator on multiple federally funded grants and has over 100

peer-reviewed publications. In addition to her role at AFFIRM, she serves as Chair of the Rhode Island Governor's Task Force for Gun Safety. She has received numerous awards for violence prevention, technology innovation, public health, and research, and has appeared on media ranging from Fox News to MSNBC to discuss AFFIRM's unique health-focused

solution to gun violence. She is active on Twitter@megaranney.
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Wednesday, June 12th

Mystic Area Ecumenical Council (MAEC) Annual Gathering and
Potluck Supper 6:00 PM at the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints
on Flanders Road, Mystic.

The Neil and Pat Kluepfel Community Service Award will be
presented at the beginning of the program this year. Our recipient is
Robin Crandall.



Thanks be to God for Robin's music and ministry and leadership among
us!

All are welcome!

Blanket the World With Love Offerings 2019

Dianne Dellarco Family

In Honor of: Belle Jordan and Jeanne Augeri

In Memory of Irene Gillchrist, Dorothy Jordan, Lucille Robbins

Marilyn Benson

In Memory of: Marjorie McGraw and Lena Benson

Clyde and Cathy Myers

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Pat & Darrell Tootell

In Memory of: Millie Dickson & Marjorie Tootell

The Liu Family

In Honor of: Len Lun Niang

Gail Neff

In Memory of: Julia Spickler

Marie Chaney

In Memory of: Ray Chaney

Dianne Cunningham

In Honor of: Delia Rumley

Burt & Patti Crooks

In Memory of: Celia Maynard & Catherine Crooks

Becky Freeman

In Honor of: Patricia Maynard Crooks & Portia Freeman

Bob Land

In Honor of: Carolyn Land

In Memory of: Connie Stalker

Jeff Land

In Honor of: Viola Land & Elsie Green

Peg Straub

In Memory of: Julia Spickler

Jane & Bob Startz

In Memory of: Ann Lewerk

Belle Jordan

In Honor of: Dianne

Catherine and Irv Hiller

In Memory of: Lois, Barbara & Dorothy

Carol Gatlin

In Honor of: Evelyn Gatlin

In Memory of: Virginia Brister

The Rodearmels

In Honor of: Life

A Little Church Humor

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



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"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."



. KNOW YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AND WHAT IT DOES

This month we highlight the work of the EDUCATION and DISCIPLESHIP ministry. Serving as deacons on your Church Council and chairpersons of this ministry are Dianne Dellarco and Li Ling Liu. Assisting them in their tasks are Pat Tootell, Betty Land and Jonathan Liu.

The duties assigned to this team by our church bylaws are primarily those having to do with the Church School which historically included pre-school age through adults. Presently, however, PBBC is experiencing an early learner through young adult challenge which makes the tasks relative to this ministry more difficult than if we had an evenly balanced membership. These committee members are charged with providing age appropriate experiences for a mixed clientele of two pre-teenagers, three 2-3 year olds and occasional visitors. It is an extraordinary challenge, but somehow they are successful at making it work.

The older children are guided and challenged via classroom instruction/activities by Pat Tootell. Others might talk about “helping” and “loving”, but Pat gives the children opportunities to put those words into action. She and the children, accompanied by a parent or two, walk to Regency Retirement Facility once a month to sing, distribute handmade cards and visit with the folks there. What a gift they share!

Dianne and Li Ling were faced with the dilemma of how to provide age appropriate experiences for the youngest of the children that would fit into our Sunday morning time frame. They have come up with a flexible (because we know that in dealing with 2-4 yr olds, plans can change moment by moment) schedule where the little ones are in worship with parents until after the Children’s Sermon. They then go for a supervised “playtime” in the nursery, after which they enjoy refreshment during Fellowship Hour. When the older children go upstairs for their class, the younger ones join them for a period of music. Betty, Miss Pat, and sometimes Jonathan and Li Ling share their talents in teaching songs and provide fun with various instruments. “Music time” ends with a short Bible story read to the little ones by Miss Pat. This concludes the structured activities for the little ones, but our school age children then head to their class with Miss Pat.

Council cont.

Additionally, the deacons are charged with promoting Camp Wightman and ensuring that there are PBBC activities for youth such as the Fall Holiday/Halloween party. They also plan the annual church picnic and work with the pastor to plan adult educational experiences. Although at the moment we do not have any active teenagers, we remain partners in the Youth Fellowship sponsored by Noank, Mystic Union, and Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Churches.

HOW YOU MAY HELP

Volunteer to serve on one of the council ministries. (see the deacon of that ministry)

Volunteer to be on the Church Council. (see Dave Rowley, Nominating Comm. Chair)

Pray for the ministries of this church and the individuals who keep them active.



Together they work to make it all come together!

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