

THE TIE that binds
July 2019

A large, vertical photograph of an American flag waving on a flagpole. The flag is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a dramatic sky with warm, golden light from a low sun, creating a silhouette effect on the flag and illuminating the clouds.

Now the Lord
is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the
Lord is, there
is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

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Pastor's Page



Ordinary Time?

The summer season brings sun, humidity and thunderstorms.

We are cooled by fans and swimming pools, refreshed by air conditioners and trips to the beach, always mindful of those less fortunate who have little or no escape from the scorching heat.

The liturgical calendar calls this season “Ordinary Time,” and it runs from the Sunday after Pentecost to the first Sunday in Advent.

The sanctuary paraments are green during this time, a time to consider the long season ahead, and the slow steady growth (the “greening”) of our faith on the journey we share.

It is a time when the pace of life slows down a bit, the busy schedule of church life relaxes and the calendar clears, and yet God’s spirit is still alive and well and hard at work....calling us to worship each week, opening our hearts to new Word and song, providing opportunities to minister to one another and to serve the world. In this ordinary time, let us do extraordinary things!

One Great Hour of Sharing

We continue to receive gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thanks to our Deacons of Mission and Outreach for providing information and inspiration as we join with Church World Service in raising funds to support emergency relief efforts here at home and throughout the world. May our gifts and our prayers do more than we can ever imagine J

Books We Have Recently Shared

“The Wonderful Things You Will Be”
by Emily Winfield Martin

“Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth”
by Oliver Jeffers

“The Rough Patch” by Brian Lies



We're Searching for Volunteers

Actually just ONE volunteer!

Dave Rowley, our church council's Vice Moderator and Sandy Vocolina
are searching for a new church clerk!
(Heidi Butler, our current clerk is returning to school)

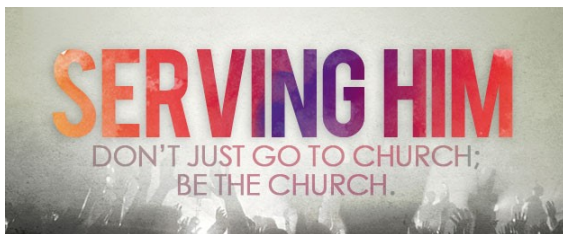
As listed in our By-Laws the duties are:

The Clerk is charged with keeping a correct and permanent record of all the business meetings of the church and Church Council, and enter upon the records of the church such current events in the life of the church that are likely to be of historical value.

Additional duties will include:

- Sending for all letters of transfer
- Signing all letters of dimission (transfers to other churches)
- Storing and making accessible all pertinent official church records
- Maintaining and updating a registry of members.

If you, or know of anyone interested in serving your church in this manner—please see Dave Rowley or Sandy Vocolina
Come “be the church” and volunteer to be on our Church Council





JULY MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Portia and Charley Freeman

Serve: : Portia and Charley Freeman
Alex Lew and Holly Boyle

Assist Pastor: Catherine Greenfield

Lay Leader:

07 – Barbara Brant
14– Cathy Greenfield
21 - Pete Wong
28 - Catherine Hiller

AUGUST MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Dave and Carol Rowley

Serve: Dave and Carol Rowley
John and Marilyn Rodearmel

Assist Pastor: Belle Jordan

Lay Leader

04– Holly Boyle
11 - Dennis Piscitello
18 - Becky Freeman
25 - Richard Tourjee





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

AUGUST

02 – Dianne Dellarco
04 - Marc Friedman
05 - Jeff Lew
10 - Beth Rumery
10 – Catherine Hespeler
12 – Jennifer Akesson
16 – Marilyn Rodearmel
17 - Dante Dellarco
20 – Sharon Anderson
20 – Amanda Tourjee
22 – Larry Spalluto
23 – Cathy Greenfield



PBBC Council Minutes

June 3, 2019

Our moderator, Catherine Hiller, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and Barbara Brant led us in devotions.

Before getting into the agenda, Pastor Claudine asked for special prayers for Charley and Portia Freeman and their family, as their grandson Sam had been taken to the hospital after a number of seizures.

All present agreed to dispense with the reading of the June minutes **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.

All present agreed to dispense with the reading of the June minutes.

Communications:

Catherine brought greetings to the council and the whole church from former pastor Warren Molton and his wife Dianne. Catherine received a call from them earlier in the afternoon saying that they had a family event they were getting ready to attend and were hoping to get a recipe for Poquonnock Bridge Baked Beans. They had a lovely conversation and send their greetings to the church.

Pastor's Report

- Claudine began with a reminder that, as was listed in the bulletin this past Sunday, the Winthrop Baptist Church is celebrating its 275th anniversary on Sunday, July 14th with a 2:00 p.m. worship service followed by a picnic. We would love to have a strong group attend in support, and the church is requesting that those planning to attend RSVP. A reminder will run in the bulletin next Sunday as well.
- On Saturday, July 27th, Claudine will be officiating at a memorial service for Chris Lamb, son of Vance and Shirley Lamb, who passed away last winter. The service will be at PBBC and the reception will be at the Elks Club. Claudine requested ongoing thoughts and prayers for this bittersweet occasion. Vance and Shirley will be arriving soon and will stay for a few weeks.
- Claudine presented a request for an additional week of vacation this year. She reviewed her typical vacation time, which is 4 weeks of vacation a year and a 5th week of "flex time" to be used for continuing education or for vacation. She requested that she receive an extra week of vacation to make it possible for her to take a 2-week trip in October-November to visit her daughter Noelle while she studies abroad in London. She is willing to pay the extra pulpit supply herself if needed, and she has reached out to ensure that Tim Chesser is available to preach. The item was added to New Business.

Deacon & Committee Reports:

Worship & Membership: Barbara Brant and Portia Freeman

- The new altar set that we ordered arrived, and Barbara brought it to show to the council. There was an issue with the cross, as it was delivered damaged and also did not appear to be of the quality or aesthetic value that the committee had expected. Barbara has been in contact with the manager of the store we ordered it from and he will be replacing it with one that is hopefully closer to what we have now.
- The search for a new organist and choir director has become much more difficult than the committee had anticipated. They have reached out to many music contacts in the area without much result in terms of candidates. The committee requests that all council members reach out to anyone they can think of who might be of assistance.

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

- The work day was very successful; we had lots of volunteers and a number of tasks were accomplished. The committee wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard, and to provide special thanks to Joe Greene for his many trips to the hardware store! Thank you to Bob Land as well for painting the frame around the stained glass window!
- A number of things still need to be done going forward, and Alex has put together a list of them that Barbara is working on disseminating. These tasks include repairing the parsonage's chain link fence and clearing weeds and poison ivy around the parsonage.
- It was noted that Richard was in attendance to discuss further the issue of the garage in the interest of revisiting the decision we made in June. It was stated that we would move ahead with this discussion in Old Business.

Finance & Stewardship: Pat Tootell

- Mei Ling will be looking into a different savings account with a different bank and will report back soon.

Education & Discipleship: Dianne Dellarco and Li Ling Liu

- No Report.

Nominating Committee:

- No Report

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

- A special thanks was mentioned to Carol, who diligently provides thorough reports in her absence every month!
- 37 bags of food were collected for June's Second Sunday Food Collection. Specifically requested food items at the moment are jellies, mac and cheese, spaghetti, cereal, pop tarts, diapers, and kitty litter.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is underway!
- It was decided that PBBC would not march in the Independence Day parade this year. We will try to pull together a group again next year.
- Holly recently heard from Courtney about the ministry of the youth group, and while she is struggling in many ways with attendance, she remains optimistic and has a number of fun plans for the upcoming months.

Old Business

- **Garage:** Richard said that when he read last month's minutes and saw the details of the contract for Steve Champ's company to demolish the garage, it bothered him because he believes that we have people within the church who would be willing to help tear down the garage without us having to spend that much money. Richard said that he would be willing to take the lead on this project in rounding up volunteers (3-4 workers should suffice) and coordinating the demolition. He estimates that the cost would be more like \$600 to cover the dumpster to remove the material. Discussion was held on this topic, and a number of people had questions about the process answered. Alex moved to rescind the June meeting's motion to award the contract to Steve Champ. Sue seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed. Holly then moved that we accept Richard Tourjee's offer to organize a team for demolition of the present garage. Mei Ling seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed. Richard will move ahead with organizing this project, hopefully scheduling a work day for demolition in mid-August. Mei Ling also suggested that council members think on what we want to do in terms of replacing the garage or not doing so, reminding everyone that we have a surplus of funds right now.

Minutes cont.

Hospitality: Cathy Greenfield and Sarah Adams

- No Report.

Standing Committees:

PRC: Sue Shontell

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastoral Vacation Request: Holly moved that we grant the one week extra paid vacation requested by the Pastor and, if our finances provide, also pay for the pulpit supply during that time. Barbara seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed.
- Sue requested that, at one of our next meetings, we go over the rental lease as a council to see if there are places where we need to firm up language.
- Dianne reminded everyone that a few weeks ago, we asked for volunteers from the congregation to help with the lawn mowing, and we haven't received any responses. Dianne noted that some people have said they would be happy to do it if the church owned its own lawnmower. Barbara will put a request in the Tie and in the bulletin asking if anyone has a lawnmower to donate.
- Dianne also stated that she has received a request that church members hold off on donating for the Tag Sale until October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m., and Sarah will lead us in devotions.

Submitted by Heidi Butler



A “To-Do” List located in the Lounge

**If you have a minute and would like to complete
any of the following
Sign your name and cross it off!
Thank you in advance,
The Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Tasks that need to be done

Parsonage:

Must Do:

- Check gutters on parsonage.
 - Brush needs to be cleaned up near the parsonage.
 - Shrubs on the rear of the parsonage should be inspected, and trimmed as needed.
 - Reset the chain link fence.
 - There's also a lot of bittersweet and poison oak and ivy which needs to be removed around the fence.
 - Rebuild vents in roof ends of the attic of parsonage.
- The roof of the parsonage could use a good power washing.

Outside of Church:

Must Do:

- Spray the vegetation around the back parking lot's fence. Think it is poison ivy.
- We also need to trim the brush alongside the overflow parking lot, on the side near the road, particularly near the tree at the end of the overflow parking lot furthest away from the entrance.
- Remove hornet's nests on the church itself.
- Siding of the church could also use power washing

Side of foundation near handicapped access ramp needs to be repainted. June 8, 2019 workday got the foundation side near the pastor's parking space, the windows in the church kitchen and around the back.

Church Inside Building:

Must Do:

- Vestry floor needs to be cleaned
- The fellowship hall carpet (as well as the adjacent areas) needs to be shampooed.
- It may also be worth it to shampoo the sanctuary carpet as well at the same time.



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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

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No charge • Light refreshments served

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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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You are invited to the celebration as

Winthrop Baptist Church
A.K.A. The First Baptist Church of Saybrook

Marks 275 years of mission and ministry

Sunday, July 14th
2 pm Worship
3 pm Picnic

Please help us prepare by letting us know if you can attend

amysrainbow@comcast.net (for Pastor Amy)
Winthrop Baptist Church
860-526-5241



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

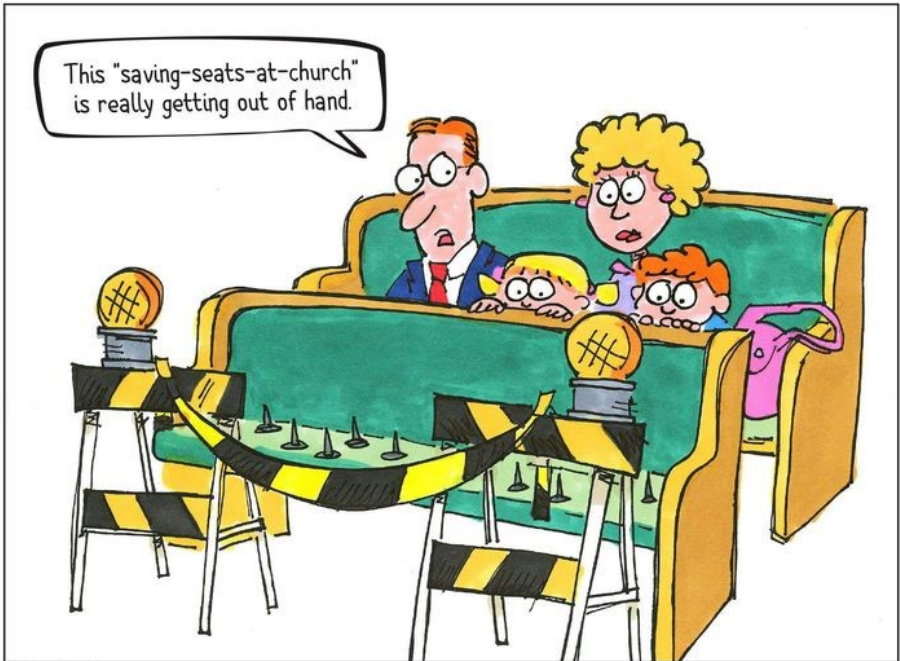
In Honor of: Evelyn Gatlin

In Memory of: Virginia Brister

The Rodearmels

In Honor of: Life

A Little Church Humor



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**"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"**



. KNOW YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AND WHAT IT DOES

Building and Grounds Ministry

Serving as deacons on your Church Council and chairpersons of this ministry are Brian Berry and Alex Liu, committee member Ron Land, and others who give of their expertise as the circumstances require. During this season we are especially grateful to Dick Tourjee who keeps the grass at the parsonage under control. Jeff Kent who has been mowing the front lawn of the church has notified us that he is no longer able to do that job and we are seeking a replacement hoping there will be a volunteer from the church membership who can do it at least temporarily until we hire a contractor.

The duties assigned to this team by our church bylaws are primarily those having to do with the upkeep and maintenance of the building and grounds which is a never ending challenge, but In addition, it oversees code compliance, all safety and insurance issues, and determines guidelines for building use by outside groups.

Recently the team was joined by additional workers for the June 8 workday and were able to accomplish the following: repairs and a new coat of paint for the front doors, new LED lights in the Buddington window, and areas of peeling paint on the foundation, the ramp railings, and the vestry vent were scraped and painted. Much vegetation on the church and rental property grounds was trimmed or removed, and the roadside planters were prepared for planting. Most recently, Bob Land completed the transition of the stained glass window in the Fellowship Room by painting the frame of “The Last Supper”. The church council extends its thanks to all who have given and continue to give of themselves to help keep our beautiful building in good condition.

Council cont.

There have been inquiries about when the ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Room are going to be replaced. The stained and missing tiles are a result of a serious water leakage situation that plagued us a very long time. We are hoping that the new roofs on the sanctuary and the Miner wing have solved the problem of ice backup in winter storms, and replacing the tiles will be on the work agenda in the near future. If you have any questions about any other areas of the property please don't hesitate to inquire of any member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is wrestling with the fate of the garage on the rental property. It is in dilapidated condition and the council has concluded that it must be demolished. You may refer to minutes of the July Council meeting for up to date information.

How You May Help

There are remaining tasks that were not accomplished on the work day. If you are willing to give some time on your own to any of those jobs please speak to Alex or Brian.

Volunteer to be on this ministry and assist in the development of a timeline for maintenance and repair.

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



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