

THE TIE that binds
September 2019



Poquonock Bridge Baptist Church
1241 Poquonock Road
Groton, CT 06340

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

Pastor's Page



God's Dream for the World

On World Communion Sunday we hear the 23rd Psalm read in eight languages: Zomi, Bulgarian, Tagalog (Philippines), French, Chinese, German, Spanish, and the language of Myanmar.

We share Portugese sweet bread and Burmese grape juice at communion, and sing "Break Thou the Bread of Life" in Zomi.

We dedicate gifts to Church World Service through our Tools of Hope offering and One Great Hour of Sharing.

We receive gifts for our American Baptist missionaries through our World Mission Offering.

We support our local CROP Walk with walkers and sponsors.

We pray for God's people in their time of need.

Our Church Family Grows

We gather with those who are sharing the journey of faith with us and deciding to become members of our congregation.

We look forward to welcoming these new members and extending the Right Hand of Fellowship on December 1st.
All are welcome!

Books We Have Recently Shared

"Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons"
by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

"Is There Really a Human Race?"
by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell

"A faith like mine: a celebration of the world's religions through the eyes of children" *by Laura Buller*

"God's Dream"
by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams



Creating Moments of Success in the World of Dementia

Where: Noank Baptist Church

When: Sunday, October 27 @ 7:00 pm

Presenter: Patty Borden O'Brian

Patty Borden O'Brian grew up in Noank and in the Noank Baptist Church. Now, she is a Dementia Specialist for the Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging. Previously, she was the Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association.

Patty has vast experience and expertise in dementia care. Come to learn about good communication skills and how to respond to challenging behavior in those with dementia.

This important presentation is free and open to the general public. Come and bring your friends!



A "SPECIAL" THANK YOU FROM OUR BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

"On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, Richard Tourjee, Sr. organized and lead a team to accomplish a task which has been on our to-do list for some time now—demolishing the old garage located on the rental property which had become, for a lack of a better description, decrepit and unsafe. After the team removed the walls of the garage, the garage was eventually brought down through the use of a backhoe to pull it down.

Many thanks are in order for this task. To that end, we want to extend our thanks not only to Richard Tourjee, Sr., but also to the members of his team for carrying out his task. Richard has identified the crew members as the following individuals, and they are singled here particularly for thanks for getting the job done:

Richard Tourjee, Jr.
Ron Land
Bob Land
Bob Startz
Sue Shontell
Cathy Greenfield

Additionally, Richard Tourjee, Sr. has specifically identified the Hospitality Committee in the form of Sarah Adams, Catherine Hiller, and Cathy Greenfield as having "provided a nice lunch".

Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for their work feeding the small but mighty crew which accomplished a vital task!

Thanks to all who participated in getting this important task accomplished!"

Alex Lew & Brian Berry
Buildings and Grounds



Fusion Youth Ministry
Proposed Schedule of Events

Fall Events!

More details to come but save the dates for all of our events
through Christmas.

October 20 - CROP Walk - 1-4PM

October 26 - Six Flags Fright Fest - All day

November 1 - High School Overnight Retreat at UBC

November 3 - Middle School Youth Group @ PBBC - 4-6PM

November 16 - Volunteer at UBC Holiday Bazaar - 9AM-2PM

November 17 - High School Youth Group @ PBBC - 4-6PM

November 26 - Supercharged - 4-6PM

December 13 - Christmas Caroling - 6-8PM

December 15 - Christmas Party - 6-8PM - All Ages

Director of Youth Events

Fusion Youth Ministry

119 High Street

Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 389-3904

www.fusionyouthministry.com

A Little Church Humor



OCTOBER MINISTERS

Communion: Prepare: Barbara Brant and Peg Straub

Serve: Barbara Brant and Peg Straub
Bob and Jane Startz

Assist Pastor: Pete Wong

Lay Leader

06– Marilyn Rodearmel
13 - Pete Wong
20 - Carol Gatlin
27 - Li Ling

NOVEMBER MINISTERS

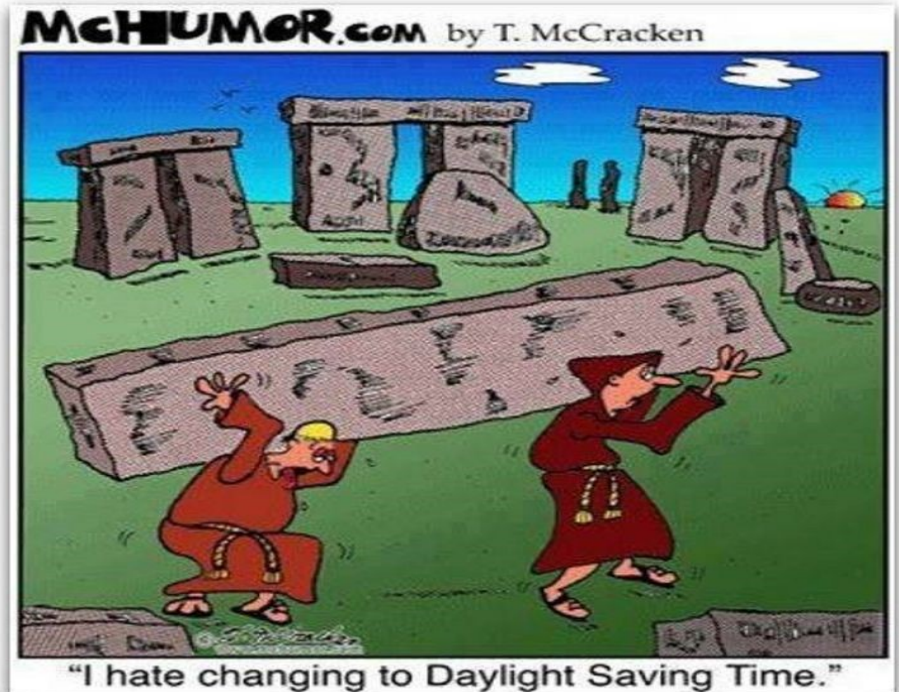
Communion: Prepare: Catherine Hiller & Jon Hiller

Serve: : Catherine Hiller & Jon Hiller
Becky Freeman & Rick Tourjee

Assist Pastor: Dianne Dellarco

Lay Leader:

03 – Catherine Greenfield
10– Barbara Brant
17 - Patti Totell
24 - Jonathan Liu





Our Annual Women's Retreat will be
Friday, November 8th to
Saturday November 9th

Finding a New Sense of Balance

*Have you ever felt like your life was a little- or maybe a lot-out of balance? You are not alone. Finding the right balance can be a challenge, but what's known as a **rule of life** has helped people of faith over the years. Join us for the upcoming women's retreat as we explore developing a personal rule of life and taking the first steps toward finding a new sense of balance.*

The Rev. Kathryn Palen serves as associate executive minister for elder care ministries for the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island and she will be our leader this year.

Sign-up sheets are in the Lounge

Overnight cost will be \$75

Just Saturday cost will be \$40

Payable to Barbara Brant before November 4th

Make checks payable to PBBC

Join together with Friends for Fun and Fellowship

Save the date!!!



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



Moderator Catherine Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Catherine Greenfield led the devotions. Catherine Hiller requested the previous month's minutes not be read, none objected.

Communications

Barbara Brant stated Brotherhood Mutual Insurance had recently sent an email to the church, subsequent to a previous communication. It was questioned if the company would be advantageous for the church to utilize. Mei Ling said she would follow up.

It was brought to attention Patti Tootell, not in attendance due to an illness, will be releasing her Finance Report by October 30th addressing the 2020 budget. The report will touch upon thoughts for the Ameriprise and Memorial Fund monies to yield optimal returns. It was asked all ministries to submit their budgets no later than December 1st. In music budgeting it was asked Betty's concerns, as Choir director and organist, be regarded. Item 5.4, "Youth Group, retreat, conference" was noted to include older youth.

Pastoral Relations

Sue reported the committee continues to work on Claudine's evaluation. Claudine's 30 year ordination celebration occurs in June of 2020. Discussion followed.

Hospitality

Cathy reported the demolition crew taking down the garage will be provide a luncheon.

Worship & Membership

Barbara reported that subsequent to the approaching Sunday service, Oct. 13th, those interested in becoming new members will receive packets and meet with Claudine and the Worship & Membership committee. The vote on new members would be at the November meeting, the "Right Hand of Fellowship" extended in December.

November 3rd will be the All Saints Day celebration service. Bonita Grubbs will be preacher, Catherine Greenfield Lay Leader, Dianne Delarco assistant to the pastor. Catherine will read names, Holly will ring the bell.



LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON!

We are on a search for someone who would enjoy taking on a task that involves a degree of search and rescue. PBBC has a "Memorial Book" in which all non-monetary memorial gifts to the church should be recorded with information regarding names of honoree and donor(s), dates, possible photo, etc .

Sadly, the first gift is yet to be recorded in this book. We have been blessed with many significant and wonderful memorials throughout our 163 years and there should be a place where anyone could find them documented. We did have such a book at one time but sadly was destroyed in a household accident. The process will not require a super memory or extensive years in membership, but rather a sense of inquiry and knowing where to search. No meetings and no public speaking! You may work at your own pace, and I am willing to mentor and assist anyone who would be up for this job.

~ Catherine Hiller





SAVE THE DATE - Annual PBBC Holiday Bazaar -

Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Heard of the legendary PBBC Annual Spring Tag Sales or Holiday Bazaars? Ever wondered how you could have a great time while also contribute to our congregation's biggest fundraiser? The Holiday Bazaar Committee is seeking your help. We need donations: jewelry (costume or the good stuff), Christmas items/decorations, quality collectibles, antiques, linens, tools, furniture, silent auction items (know a professional who'd like to donate a service, perhaps a restaurant or store who would donate a gift certificate?), as well as those handcrafted items we all look forward to purchasing every year.

We'd appreciate your help in ensuring all donations are in good condition. Money raised by the Holiday Bazaar goes directly to the General Fund, and we'd prefer to not incur disposal costs for those not so good items. Starting in September those donations can be left in the church kitchen.

It takes more than donations of goods to make this happen. Success requires the time and talents of the congregation. As we get closer to the date we will need event workers, bakers, set up and/or take down help to name a few. Got a great idea for a bazaar table? Let us know. We can always use new ideas. We'll be making our lists and checking them twice...will your name be on them?

See any one of the "Elves" and add your name to the list

Holiday Bazaar Committee Elves (Belle, Pat & Dianne D.)



The search committee for a new choir director continues its endeavor.

The candles no longer smoke after the no smoking policy was reinforced. A paraffin/oil admixture helped most of all.

Education & Discipleship

Li Ling reported children's education is proceeding and "story time" is doing well. Advent Sunday may be highlighted with a presentation directed by Holly and Claudine with the children utilizing sign language.

Mission & Outreach

It was noted the Crop Walk is soon.

Buildings & Grounds

Alex noted, secondary to information recently received, he could ascertain the garage was scheduled to be demolished the following day, Oct. 8th.

The wheelchair in the garage generated discussion. The wheelchair is motorized and not in good condition. Marilyn said she would get information about the person who rehabilitates wheelchairs for free and donates them to the community in order that the wheelchair be made available to that person.

The subject of replacing ceiling tiles, and when to do so, generated much discussion. Ultimately, returning to the subject, Barbara made a motion to replace the tiles "as soon as possible", Alex seconding. The motion was passed unanimously.

The subject of landscaping likewise generated much discussion. Consequently Sue made a motion to make a line item in the budget to provide for a contractor to cut the grass, if the landscaping budget was not increased to accommodate the expense. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jeff Kent has said he will continue to cut the grass until we find someone else to do so.

Minutes cont.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next meeting will be November 4th at 6:30 PM. Brian will lead the devotions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Submitted by Joe Greene, Clerk



**Saturday,
October 26, 2019
10 am–2 pm**

**APPLE
Squares
Turnovers**

Apple Festival

**Poquonnock
Bridge Baptist
Church
1241
Poquonnock Rd.
Groton, CT.**

**Apple Pies; Varieties,
crumb, crust
Whole, large & small
or Slices.
Fresh or frozen.**



Not only would we like you to attend and support your church but we would love it if you could find the time to bake apple pies, or cookies, apple squares, turnovers, or maybe one of your favorite apple recipes!

Just have any baked items to the church by
Friday, October 25th before noon.

AND if you need an apple pie for your holiday table—we have frozen, unbaked (cooking instructions included) for sale.

