



# The NBC Anchor

*Newsletter of the Noank Baptist Church, Noank CT*

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JANUARY 2018

## NBC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2018 after worship @ 11:15 am



We are welcoming another year with our Annual Business Meeting of the Noank Baptist Church, which will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. We hope that it will be a convenient time for members to attend. Soup and bread will be served in the Vestry after the meeting so you won't go hungry! We encourage all members and friends of the church to attend this annual gathering.

Annual Reports are due into the church office by Tuesday, January 16

### NBC 175th Anniversary Calendars for 2018

Commemorative calendars have been printed for the year 2018 with photos of the church at different seasons. Some of our special church events are also included. The photos featured in this calendar were provided by members of the Noank Baptist Church congregation.

The calendars are \$10 each and can be purchased by contacting either Gloria in the church office at 860-536-7129 or Bonnie Banks at 860-536-6048.

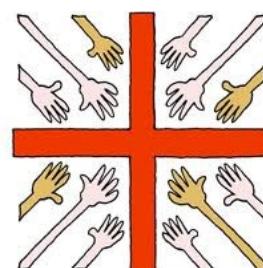
### THE MYSTIC AREA ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

*At the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints  
1230 Flanders Road, Mystic*

**6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER**

**7:00 PM PRESENTATION AND PROGRAM OF THE  
2018 Neil & Pat Kluepfel Community Service Award  
To Emily Barrett of St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!**



*Many hands make Light work lighter*



The year 2018 will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church's founding in 1843. If we go by the average length of a generation before a new one arrives (22 years is the standard), that would mean there have been nine generations who have called this place their spiritual home. That's nine generations who have found their faith in Christ, who have celebrated births, baptisms, marriages, anniversaries, and other milestones of life, who have honored those who have died, and who have maintained a Meetinghouse that welcomes the community with open doors. Noank would not be the same beloved village if the church did not exist.

When I consider the church's legacy to this town and region, I'm mindful of all the good things that have emerged from our historic ministry and the good people who made a difference in the world because of it. Over



the course of the year, we will recognize various aspects of our history, as well as celebrate the accomplishments and vision. However, we will also honor the tradition of doing good in Jesus' name by recognizing the variety of individual ways we bring hope to people.

Over the next twelve months, we will encourage at least 175 people associated with this church to identify what good they do for others. It may be an individual outreach or assistance to another, or it may be joining in an organized effort to serve the community. Obviously, numerous people do a variety of good deeds, but we're only asking each person to record in a book (kept in the Narthex) one thing they have done in 2018 in service to another. In this way, we will be able to appreciate the way Christ's love is expressed in small kind-



nesses or larger acts of justice and mercy in this present generation. Hopefully, this will inspire us, individually and collectively, to be mindful of the importance of building Christ's peaceable realm and teaching our children to do the same. At the same time, 175 people offering service to others will be a fitting expression of the legacy of our church's ministry and faith. We are known by our fruits.

I want to stress that such deeds will vary with the age and circumstances of each person. Children will participate in their own way, based on their parents' guidance. Those who are elderly and homebound may find that their kindness is expressed in a phone call or card sent to someone ill or in sorrow or a meal shared with a neighbor. The point is, each one of us can be conscious of doing something for others. And we may even find some who will organize and launch an entirely new ministry which will mark this period in our history.



Faith is meant to be reflected in our deeds. As James reminds us: "Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Doing something considerate and merciful shapes our personal outlook on life by accentuating selflessness; it makes us more aware of God's miracles which exist

around us when we intentionally serve others in Christ's name. Collectively, we will affirm the truth of our nine-generation-long story as Noank Baptist Church, i.e., we are "A Village Church with a Global Vision for Christ's Caring Community." And that is a beautiful heritage to share.





## News from around the Church Family

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have had recent surgery, been in the hospital, received treatment, in rehabilitative care, or are recuperating at home: **Ken Knobloch, Kent LaGasse, Mary Brodhead, Nancy Treadway, Errol Crossman, Tom Lewis, Dianna Miller, Brian Thorp, and Linda Wood.**

Our condolences are expressed to a number of families who have suffered the loss of a loved one during December: the **O'Donnell family** in the passing of **Jennifer's father, Charles Dick**; the family of **Millie Jensen**, who died on December 17; the family of **James Hand, Sr.**, who passed away on December 17, living to 103 years; and the **Ruggieri family**, upon the death of John's mother, **Galeana Ruggieri**.

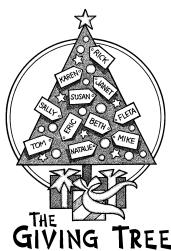
We also hold in our prayers, **Beth and Steve Kanyock**, as Beth's mother is in hospice care.

We celebrate with **Wendy and Paul Hayes**, who are new grandparents, upon the birth of **Grant Henry Ney** to daughter, **Jenny, and her husband, Jon**. Grant was born on December 22.

Please remember our homebound and those in rehab/nursing care: **Ruth Hodgson** (Pendleton), **Errol and Alicia Crossman** (at home), **Ken Knobloch** (at home), **Betty Guhl** (Fairview), and **Cindy Booth** (Sunny Lodge, New London).

## Support Your Local Church

As we enter this 175th anniversary year, our 2018 church budget needs a little more support! If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so at your earliest convenience. The budget is determined largely by the projected income from our supporters. A pledge is a projected amount that you hope to give so that we can build the budget; without it, we are forced to make cuts in program and expense. Please do your part to help maintain this ministry we share, so that we will have a strong year and a promising future. We thank you for your generosity over the past year and we trust you will be faithful to the church in 2018.



### Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree this year. With a total of 78 gifts, we were able to help about nine families have a much happier Christmas! All the gifts came in on time (we were especially happy to have the ones that were due on December 10<sup>th</sup> arrive that day!) All the children received a book this year, in addition to clothes and toys. Congratulations to you all!!

### Credo: This I Believe Series

The series entitled "This I Believe" will resume at **7:00 pm on Sunday, January 14** in the Parlor. This will consist of listening and responding to two or three essays, which offer a lively discussion of interesting topics of all types. Each "credo" is insightful and thought-provoking. These spoken "credos" come from the archives of NPR over the past sixty years, involving the reflections of celebrities, notable leaders, and average people. All are welcome to join us on the second Sunday evening of each month through May.



**January 2018**  
 Throughout 2018, we will include this page in the Anchor to keep everyone up-to-date on Church activities related to the 175th Anniversary. Please join us!

A very special THANK YOU to Karli Hendrickson, who generously created and donated the logo for the 175th Anniversary. The image of the church is based (with permission) on the painting *Noank Americana* by artist Daniel Kenyon.

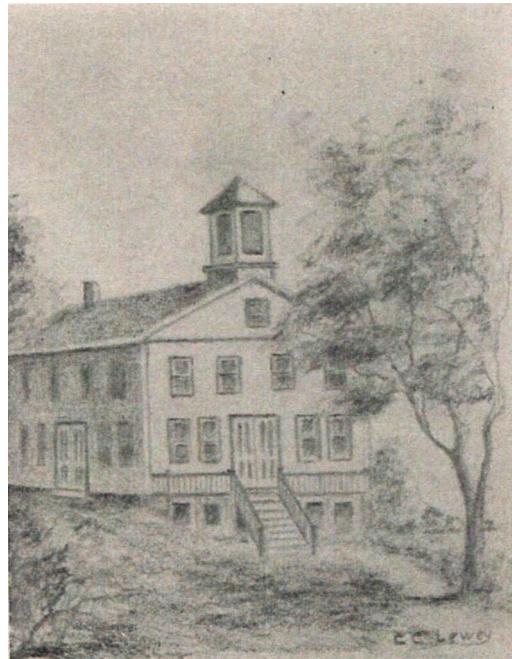
## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**January 7, 2018:** Kick-off the year-long celebration with the Community Service Challenge. The goal is to have 175 individuals participate. Please consider volunteering for Habitat for Humanity or a soup kitchen, donating to a food pantry, participating in a fund-raising walk/run/bike ride, knitting hats for those in need, donating clothing, coats, etc. A logbook will be available to tally names and activities and a chart to measure progress will be posted in the Narthex.

**February 11:** Hymn Sing during morning worship. Come and join the fun!

**March 11:** The Actual 175th Anniversary of NBC, celebrated during Morning Worship.

**May 18-20:** 175th Anniversary Celebration Events. Mark your calendars, save the date, and watch for further details.



A pencil sketch by C. C. Lewey of the original Church building erected in 1841 to house the 223 members who were dismissed from the Fort Hill Church in order to begin regular services in Noank, March 11, 1843

## *Children and Family Ministries*



The 2017 Community Craft Night was a magical evening. The children brought their grown ups to share in the festivities. The energy in the Vestry was abuzz with joy, delight and laughter. Original works of art were created with glue, buttons, cotton and glitter...lots of glitter!! It was a fun night. **A heartfelt thank you to Lisa Knobloch and her team of volunteers!** It is the dedication of these folks sharing their time and enthusiasm that makes this night possible.



*We are so proud of our Youth Choir! Their beautiful music is a meaningful part of our Worship Service and a blessing to us all!*



**Children Share  
Their  
Thoughts &  
Insights  
During the  
Season of  
Advent**



The Meaning of **Peace** to a Child  
By the Primary Grade Class



The Meaning of **Joy** to a Child  
By the Intermediate Class



The Meaning of **Hope** to a Child  
By the Youth Class



The Meaning of **Love**  
By the Sunday School Teachers +1

## **“Soup”er Bowl Sunday**

The children of the church are once again collecting cans of soup from January 21—February 4. There will be a box available in the Narthex for your convenience. The soup will be distributed to the Groton Food Locker. Generous donations in the past has made it possible for us to donate over 500 cans of soup in 4 years!





*Living Nativity  
December 24, 2017*

Thank you to all the children who participated in the program. They did a wonderful job!!



## Hats for Hope Project

This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Hats for Hope Project. We distribute between 300-400 hats each year to the Cancer Society, homeless shelters, W.A.R.M., community kitchens, children's hospitals and various schools to be distributed to children who are in need of a warm hat.



We need your help again to replenish our stock of hats. The hats can be knitted or crocheted and can be made for both adults and children. If you can help make hats or wish to donate yarn (**no wool please**), contact Sandy Mansfield at 860-445-6208.

## Coats for New London Homeless Hospitality Center

We, at NBC, are collecting winter coats for adults and children to be distributed to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. We are asking for durable used winter coats. There will be a box in the chapel for you to drop off any coats that you may have. We will take care of cleaning, if necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Mansfield at 860-445-6208.

## MASH Has a New Name!!

Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality, Inc. has changed its name to *Always Home*. They are still located at 119 High Street in Mystic. Always Home has been serving families who find themselves on the brink of homelessness. Always Home seeks to stabilize families and prevent them from ever becoming homeless. The staff works to address the root cause of each individual family's housing crisis. They may offer brief rental assistance, child care for a week or two while a parent looks for a job access to a training program to develop a marketable skill or a donated car to allow a parent to drive to a better job. To contact Always Home, their phone number is 860-245-0222 or email at [home@alwayshome.org](mailto:home@alwayshome.org).

## *Mystic River Chorale*

**COME JOIN OUR 34TH SEASON**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018 @ 3:00 PM**  
**HARKNESS CHAPEL AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE**  
 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT

*Schubert Mass No. 4 in C Major & Haydn Te Deum in C*

To purchase tickets, call 860-460-1487  
 or visit [www.mysticriverchorale.org](http://www.mysticriverchorale.org)



Posy Webber  
 and  
 Mary Harris  
 are part of the  
 Chorale!



**December Council News**  
**Bonnie Banks, Clerk**

The Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 with 14 members present. Pastor Paul Hayes offered an opening prayer.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved with one correction.

**Council Members**

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| Moderator:       | <i>Charles Anderson</i>  |
| Clerk:           | <i>Bonnie Banks</i>  |
| Treasurer:       | <i>Jane Templeton</i>  |
| Asst Treas:      | <i>Debbie Bates</i>  |
| Finance:         | <i>Nancy Gilmore</i><br><i>Carol Spunar</i>  |
| Property:        | <i>Adrian Johnson</i><br><i>Jonathan Lane</i>  |
| Spiritual Life:  | <i>Valerie King</i><br><i>Mary Harris</i>  |
| Community Life:  | <i>Betsey Goetsch</i><br><i>Steve Gordon</i>   |
| Staff Relations: | <i>Jennifer Johnson</i>  |
| At Large:        | <i>Nora Andrews</i><br><i>Katy Nelsen</i><br><i>Oliver Porter</i><br><i>Heather Galouzis</i> |

Finance reports that we continue to be in good shape for this time of year. Operating Expenses are below budget but so is Operating Income, primarily due to the fact that accrued income was not taken from the investment account as budgeted. Thanks also to all who helped make the annual Holiday Bazaar such a big success. Concern for 2018 was expressed however, with pledges currently \$40,000 less than for 2017. It is hoped that more pledges will come in before the budget is created.

The new Art Show, Titled "*And How are the Children?*" has been set up in the parlor with plans developing for the next show starting in March in honor of the 175th Anniversary.

Property managers have been very busy this year with a lot of work completed, including some work on the steeple. There is a lot more work to be done next year however, including a new roof.

Work on the Habitat House on Yetter Road continues with more volunteers needed.

There was discussion around a proposal for a security task force in light of the recent attacks on the church in Texas. A motion to form such a task force was made but not seconded to move forward at this time.

The 2018 Commemorative Calendar for the 175th Church Anniversary has been received and is being offered for sale on Sundays before and after worship. Sales have been slow however. Carson's has offered to sell them in the store and it was agreed to bring some of the calendars there as well as to continue to offer them for sale on Sundays. Other updates on plans for the Anniversary Celebration were shared, including voting on a proposed logo. A special section on plans for the celebration will be included in upcoming newsletters.

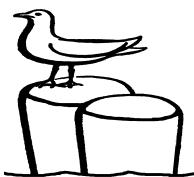
The status of the Council positions for the coming year was reviewed. Nominees for a few positions are needed. At-large members will reach out to potential candidates to fill the positions for 2018.

Budget requests are needed by the next Council Meeting.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Full council meeting minutes are available upon request.

Respectfully Submitted  
**Bonnie Banks**



## Our Shoreline Community Association

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### OSCA Launching New “Living Room Talks” Series In January

Looking for a good time? Need to escape the cabin fever that winter brings? Looking to meet new friends or reacquaint with old friends? **Join OSCA!**

Our Shoreline Community Association “OSCA” is a membership organization that believes we all have a choice when it comes to growing older. Not whether to grow old, but how and where we do so. We are proud to be making a different kind of choice that helps us age with joy and confidence, continuing to lead lives we love in the homes and communities we cherish.

Want to check us out? Join us at an upcoming “Living Room Talk.” The first of this new OSCA series will feature OSCA member Jim English on **Tuesday, January 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Jim and Nancy Pratt (15 Church Street, Noank). It is recommended that you park in the Noank Baptist Church parking lot (18 Cathedral Heights in Noank) since there is no on-street parking on Church Street. Jim will speak about "The Multiple Careers of One Man". Although he is best known in the Noank-Mystic area as the retired President of Trinity College in Hartford, he has worked in many jobs over his life. After the conclusion of World War II, Jim was stationed in Japan as an "Intelligence Officer". When that military service ended, he attended Yale College and Law School and did graduate work at Cambridge University. He then taught at a Law School and practiced law. Following that he served as a banking executive. Next came his time as President at Trinity College, and finally he served as Interim Executive Director at the Mystic Seaport. Come and share Jim English's adventures in all of these occupations.

We also invite you to our OSCA ”Cultural Potluck” on **Friday, January 12** at 5:00 pm at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Mystic. Call Stephanie Panagos, OSCA Coordinator at (860) 271-1681 for the details and to RSVP.

If you are 55 years old or better, please consider joining OSCA. You’ll be glad you did! For information, please contact Stephanie Panagos, OSCA Coordinator at (860) 271-1681.

Respectfully Submitted  
*Stephanie Panagos*

### 2019 Global Baptist Peace Conference July 15-20, 2019 – Cali, Colombia

The last conference in 2009 drew 450 people to Rome, Italy—mostly Baptists from around the world committed to justice and peacemaking. Pastor Hayes was one of the conference planners and is once again for the next conference, which will be held in Cali, Colombia on the campus of Unibautista. The program will be a mix of worship, seminars, workshops, and a day highlighting the extraordinary peace accord reached between the Colombian government and the FARC rebels, ending a 60-year war. Made possible by the participation of religious leaders, the Peace Accord serves as a model for ending many low-intensity conflicts around the world (the President of Colombia received the Nobel Peace Prize for it). If you are interested in attending, speak to Pastor Hayes. If you would like to help underwrite some of the costs, please make your tax-deductible gift to the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America/Bautistas por la Paz at [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org)—designating your gift to the “Global Baptist Peace Conference”.

