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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2019

World Mission Offering Supporting

ABCUSA International Ministries and the Alliance of Baptists

World Communion Sunday is when we celebrate the world's diversity and providence of God in life. This year the theme will be the global concern over climate change. **We invite each household to bring a small quantity of fruit or bread (or crackers) that we use as our elements at the Lord's Table. Be creative and celebrate this time of worship of global song and community.**

Remember to bring your contribution for our **World Mission Offering**. The theme for this year's World Mission Offering is *"Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life"* (John 4:14 NIV). The proceeds of the offering received throughout October, will be evenly divided between our Baptist affiliated mission agencies: American Baptist Churches USA and Alliance of Baptists. So, give generously as you are able. Envelopes are attached to this newsletter and will be available in the pew racks throughout the month of October.



Leslie Lee & Steve Gretz in Concert

Friday, October 4 @ 7:00 pm

We welcome Leslie and Steve back for another wonderful concert on **Friday, October 4 @ 7:00 pm in the sanctuary**. In 2003, they started recording and performing together as a duo. Their music combines their backgrounds in traditional, country, Americana and gospel music with their taste for contemporary singer/songwriters. Their performances feature simple but tasteful arrangements of timeless melodies. Steve's guitar is often supplemented by other traditional instruments, but the focus is always on thoughtful lyrics and beautiful harmonies. This concert is open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door.



Creating Moments of Success in the World of Dementia

Patty Borden O'Brian, presenter

Sunday, October 27 — 7:00 pm



Patty Borden O'Brian grew up in Noank and in this 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. She 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!



As many know, October 27 will be the final Sunday that Sue Robinson will be with us as the Director of Children and Family Ministries. She is retiring after seven-and-a-half years serving in this position—a tenure that has expanded the number of participating children (and families) nearly three-fold! We see evidence throughout the school year of the vitality of our children and youth Sunday morning programs, especially when a different child each week reads the Beginner's Bible story from the lectern, or when they join to sing in the Youth choir, or when they and their teachers depart the sanctuary for their classes! We are truly blessed to be able to contrast the national religious trends and enjoy the presence of dozens of children in our midst. They reflect the wonderful church we have.

Sue and her team of volunteer teachers, program planners, and supporters are largely responsible for this remarkable ministry. Parents, too, make a significant contribution by ensuring their child attends as often as they can. The benefit our families receive from it is noteworthy and, hopefully, lasting. When children are nurtured in a safe and meaningful community of faith, they are likely to draw upon their spiritual resources to guide them throughout their entire lives. Without this expansive network, the Children and Family Ministries program likely would be in name only. For the last seven years, Sue has been the primary driving force in our church to make sure this program is well run, creative, safe, and enjoyable for all. We are blessed more than we know.



A search committee is presently being formed under the leadership of Nancy Treadway, who is the current Staff Relations coordinator for the Church Council. Members of the search team include Angela Thomas, Shannon Weigle, Christine Johnson, and Heather Harris, with additional input from teachers and the Christian Education planning team, as well as Church Moderator, Charlie Anderson, and myself. We hope to interview candidates in November and fill the permanent position by the first of the year.



In the meantime, we are fortunate to have Sarah Arriaga step up to be the Interim Director until the permanent replacement is hired. Sarah is a multi-talented and gracious person and very much a vital presence in our congregation—singing in the choir, serving as a layreader, being a capable assistant to Sue at the summer VBS, and now in this role as Interim Director. Before coming to Noank Baptist, Sarah's background included being groomed in her home Southern Baptist church in Florida (where her mother was the head administrator until her recent retirement), as well as taking several courses in biblical studies during college. She and her Navy husband, Rick, lovingly parent their two children, Lillian

and Lucas, both of whom we see each week. We are in good hands when Sarah takes over.

As we say farewell to Sue, it may not be forever, as she will likely continue to be a part of our congregation into the future. She will not have any role in this area of church life and will simply be a support to whomever is hired. Characteristically, Sue has never coveted the limelight, which is why everyone responds so well to her thoughtful and capable leadership, recognizing her role to equip others to take on important positions and responsibilities in the Sunday School program and summer VBS. She has even engaged and enabled our youth to be the leaders and mentors for our children at their monthly gathering at Lighthouse Cove. She has embodied a servant leadership style which has been admirable and positively received at our church.

Sue will be hard to replace, but we know God is waiting to introduce us to our next Director. We look forward to that and to launching our next chapter in this storied ministry. Please join us on Sunday, October 27 when we recognize Sue's retirement and celebrate her marvelous ministry at Noank Baptist. Over the next several weeks, may we all pray for and sense the blessing of God's presence among us through our leaders and teachers, and especially our children, for in their lives we shall behold our future.





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: **Dale Salmonsén, Kit Torchia, Steve Gordon, Nancy Treadway, Jen Fake, Nancy Jensen, Ed Johnson, and Arlene Stamm.**

Congratulations to **Heather Galouzis** and **A.J. Searle**, who celebrated their commitment in a nontraditional ceremony on the beach sands of Jamaica on September 14. In equally nontraditional fashion, their new last name will be a combination of Heather's maiden name and Searle, i.e., **Searlovera!** Congratulations to the families!

Condolences are expressed to the family of **Leland Bishop**, who passed away at his home in Duxbury, MA on August 26. He was the son of the late Dorothy Bishop. Sympathy is also expressed to **Frank and Lori Lewis** upon the death of Lori's brother, Wayne on September 20, and to **Scott and Kate (Andersen) Nelsen**. Scott's mother, **Marilyn "Jane" Nelson**, died on August 19 in Florida.

Another of our church's "pillars" will be leaving Noank by the end of October. **Dorothy Reas** will be moving with her daughter, **Diane**, to their new home in the Colchester area. Dorothy has been the church Sunday School Superintendent for many years; more recently, she has served as a nursery assistant. Of course, many admire Dorothy and her late husband, Gary, for their devoted foster care of **the Jarvis family—notably, Felicia, Vera, and Neariah**. May God bless Dorothy and Diane as they make this transition.

Please remember our homebound and those in rehab/nursing care: **Errol Crossman** (at home), **Dick Latham** (at home), **Betty Guhl** (Fairview), and **Cindy Booth** (Sunny Lodge, New London).

New Procedure for Checks

Please note that we have been informed by the bank that in the future any checks made out to the church **MUST** be made payable to "Noank Baptist Church – NOT NBC. Also, note that you can now donate online through the church website (www.noankbaptistchurch.org) or through your bank. For more details, contact Nancy Gilmore.



Annual CROP Walk, October 20 @ 1 pm

The CROP Walk will begin at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Pearl Street in Mystic, with registration @ 1 pm. The walk will depart from St. Mark's at 1:30 pm and walk to the Noank Baptist Church where there will be snacks and water available. There are also options for rides back to St. Mark's for those not able to walk the entire way. Registration forms will be available two weeks before the walk in the Narthex. Try and get as many sponsors as possible for your walk. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Harris.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Noank Baptist Church will be held on **Wednesday, October 23** in the Vestry beginning at 6:00 pm with a potluck supper followed by our meeting at 7:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.



Children and Family Ministries

6th Annual Baked Potato Bash

Sunday, October 27 @ 11:00 am
NBC Vestry



Children and youth will serve baked potatoes with your choice of toppings, plus meat and vegetarian chili. Coffee, tea, cider and desserts are included.

All donations benefit the Groton Community Meals Program.

Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries

Sarah Arriaga has been hired to be the interim Director of Children and Family Ministries upon the retirement of Sue Robinson on October 27.

Sarah comes from Florida, where she graduated from Flagler College with her B.A. in English. She and her husband, Rick, and their two children Lilian and Lucas, joined the Noank Baptist Church in 2018. Sarah is active in the church, singing in the choir, serving as lay reader, volunteering in the nursery and helping during VBS.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

On Homecoming Sunday, our regular church schedule began with the morning worship service beginning at 10 am with the children departing midway through the service for Sunday School. They were more than ready to begin a new year with their teachers.

Primary Class
Teachers: Marti & Kelly



More Homecoming Pics

**Intermediate Class
Teacher: Shawn**



**Middle School Class
Teachers: Shannon & Charlie**



**High School Class
Teachers: Catherine & Courtney**





Hats for Hope

Our Hats for Hope mission has been successful over the years. However, there never seems to be enough hats to meet the need, so we are asking for your help again. We need helping hands (knitters, crocheters/creative persons regardless of gender).

Our goal this year is to make and distribute several hundred hats to various shelters and other places of need in the fall/winter, as well as to cancer patients. Donations of yarn (no wool please) is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Mansfield @ 860-445-6208.



The Corner Closet has now stocked the racks with winter clothes. Come in and see what we have for you. We are a mission of the Noank Baptist Church. We accept donations, sell them and use the money to help the community. Donations may be brought to the Corner Closet during our hours of operation. The Corner Closet is located at the corner of Main and Pearl Street in Noank.

The hours are:
Wed., Fri. & Sat.—10 am to 1 pm

THANK YOU LETTER FROM CLAUDE CHESTER SCHOOL



THANK YOU to all who donated school supplies and back packs to Claude Chester.

A letter was received from Jamie Giordano, principal of Claude Chester School as follows:

Dear Congregational Members of Noank Baptist Church,

On behalf of Claude Chester School, I want to thank you so much for the abundant amount of supplies that were donated to our school! The items will be so very helpful for our students and teachers to get started with at the beginning of the school year.

We are truly grateful to your thoughtful community and continued partnership with Claude Chester School.



14th Annual Groton Fall Festival

Saturday, October 5, 2019 11 am to 4 pm

Poquonnock Plains Park

Join us for a family-friendly day of fun at Poquonnock Plains Park for our 14th Annual Groton Fall Festival. There will be traditional fall activities, family tournament games with prizes, food and beverage trucks and nearly 100 local vendors and businesses including artists, artisans, crafters and non-profits from around the Groton and Mystic regions sharing this businesses with the Greater Groton & Mystic communities. **Noank Baptist Church & the Day Nursery School will each have a table there, so STOP BY AND SEE US.**

Fusion Youth Group Fall and Winter Events

October 6, 4-6 pm—Middle School Youth Group @ NBC
October. 20, 1-4 pm—CROP Walk @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church
October. 26, all day—Six Flags Fright Fest
November 1—High School Overnight Retreat at UBC
November 3, 4-6 pm—Middle School Youth Group @ PBBC
November 16, 9am-2pm—Volunteer at UBC Holiday Bazaar
November 17, 4-6 pm—High School Youth Group @ PBBC
November 26, 4-6 pm—Supercharged
December 6, 6-8 pm—Christmas Caroling



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 23, 2019

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Your help is needed:

Sunday, November 17—Start a “monkey chain” to move Bazaar items from upstairs to downstairs

Tuesday, November 19—Move furniture from Parlor and Narthex into the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 23—work 2 hours at a table or be available to relieve someone at a table, help clean up and put furniture back

- Continue working with your knitting or crochet needles.
- Get your recipes ready for the bake table (items can be baked, frozen and thawed out before the Bazaar).
- Keep in mind the Silent Auction tables, find gifts and jewelry tables.
- The Greens Committee has requested paper bags with handles.
- If you have donations, please leave them in the Chapel in the boxes which are labeled.
- The knitting table is looking to borrow 2 small table size Christmas trees (about 3 ft or so); one for knitted/crocheted ornaments; the other for a mitten tree. Please contact Bonnie at 860-222-5622 or contact the church office at 860-536-7129 if you can help.

Loving Thy Neighbor Presentation

October 2 from 6-8 pm

Groton Public Library

Mystic Area Ecumenical Council is sponsoring a presentation called “Step Up and Reach Out”.

Local panelists will discuss how we can be better neighbors and citizens. Panelists will share their perspectives on: How fear & misconceptions stop us from reaching out to others; How we can be better neighbors & citizens. There will be a Q&A time with each panelist. Admission – bring one can of non-perishable food for a donation to Groton Human Services.

Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church

5th Annual Apple Festival

October 26 from 10 am–2 pm



Apple Pies (whole or by the slice); Apple Turnovers;
Old Fashioned Apple Butter; And Much More



Saturday, November 23, 2019 9 am to 3 pm

The 2019 Holiday Bazaar is only 54 days away! We have all been busy with summer activities. Have you called and offered your talent, skill, or time to one of our hard working chairpersons? **Everyone needs assistance.** Please help make this a successful bazaar. **CALL US!**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Table</u>
Dale & Robert Salmonsens	860-701-0419	Chairpersons
Joyce Sturman	860-599-8427	Baked goods and food
Lynn Anderson	860-536-0851	Personalized and handmade tree ornaments
Jane Templeton	860-961-3975	Herbs, wreaths, preserves, jams, jellies, pickles, dried hydrangeas
Barbara Williams	860-536-4503	Live greens—bags & arrangements
Joan Thorp	860-536-8273	Jewelry and perfume
Shirley Sebastian	860-460-6121	Publicity
Bonnie Banks	860-536-6048	Knitted mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, and items for infants, children and adults
Doug Mansfield	860-445-6208	Luncheon
Betsey Goetsch Carol Spunar	860-235-2729 860-333-4742	Silent Auction; services and items (from restaurants, stores, shops, individual items)
Heather Galouzis	860-786-2479	Candy, fudge, chocolate and other types of candy
Tim Bates John Goetsch	860-536-4747 860-739-5150	Cheese - fine cheddar and other cheeses
Kelly Gordon Taylor	860-460-0530	Kids Corner
Evening Circle - Betsey Goetsch	860-235-2729	Handcrafted Items
Rebecca Watson	860-440-6291	Fine gifts—china, pewter, silver, antiques
Sandy Mansfield	860-445-6208	Christmas holiday decorations and accessories—used & new

We are asking for your help. If you have any items that can be used for sale at the Holiday Bazaar, please leave them in the church office Monday-Friday 9 am to noon or contact Betsey Goetsch and she will pick them up. They are as follows:

New knitted items Handmade crafts Jams and jellies
Fine gifts Used or new Christmas ornaments

If you have any items for the Silent Auction, a box will be available in the chapel with donor sheets. Please fill in the donor sheet and tape it to the item.



September Council News

The Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 with twelve members and one non-member present.

The Rev. Paul Hayes offered an opening prayer.

The minutes from the July 10, 2019 council meeting were accepted without changes..

The church calendar was reviewed. The regular Church schedule will begin on Homecoming Sunday, September 8. Jazz Sunday will be celebrated on September 15. Dr. Paul Weigle will speak about the effects of screen habits on children's mental health on September 29. Steve Gretz and Leslie Lee will present a concert on October 4.

Pastor Hayes circulated his report to the council members.

Sarah Arriaga has been hired as Interim Christian Education Director.

Thames Valley Cable has been installed for both phone and internet services.

With the addition of the online donations, the capability of receiving credit card payments at the holiday bazaar was discussed. There was discussion around handling credit card payments and check out procedures at the Holiday Bazaar. Pastor Hayes suggested a card reader on each floor of the building. The finance team will work on this.

Spiritual Life reports that Vacation Bible School was a big success. The nursery classes will need a replacement for Dorothy Rea as she will be moving. Plans for the Sunday School year are underway.

Property reported on the poor condition of the parking lots. Estimates will be received for patching of the gaps. The Nursery School needs a level surface and additional play area such as the lower circle driveway. All parking lots should be redone within the next 5 years. The fence along the Wright property needs vegetation cleared out. Some pickets on the fence are also falling out. The Nursery School sandbox also needs to be replaced and also needs a cover. The Nursery School would like the option of using the vestry, especially in bad weather and will be instructed to notify Frank Lewis of this. There was discussion about community use of the parking lots. The option of getting sandwich board type signs to use when there are church functions, such as funerals, taking place. The public parking on the Main Street hill, adjacent to church property causes traffic problems. Further thought and discussion is needed..

Community Life and Outreach notes that Robert and Dale Salmonsens will co-chair the Holiday Bazaar. The Groton Fall Festival will be held October 5 and NBC plans to be represented. Copies of the Covenant should be available along with the triple folded brochure, Christian Education information and general church-sponsored activities. A suggestion of including some musically talented folks playing their instruments could be included.

Sue Robinson will retire as Director of Children and Family Ministries. Sarah Arriaga, who has been hired as her interim through the end of 2019, will work with Sue until she leaves on October 27.

\$15,000 from American Baptist Church's One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been sent for Hurricane Dorian relief.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. Full council meeting minutes are available upon request.

Council Members

Moderator:	<i>Charles Anderson</i>
Clerk:	<i>Bonnie Banks</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Jane Templeton</i>
Asst Treas:	<i>Debbie Bates</i>
Finance:	<i>Jennifer Johnson</i> <i>Carol Spunar</i>
Property:	<i>Adrian Johnson</i> <i>Jonathan Lane</i>
Spiritual Life:	<i>Valerie King</i> <i>Shannon Weigle</i>
Comm. Life	<i>Betsy Goetsch</i> <i>Joan Butler</i>
Staff Relations:	<i>Nancy Treadway</i>
At Large:	<i>Sherrie Neilson</i> <i>Deb Thompson</i> <i>Ed Watson</i> <i>Michael Whitehouse</i>

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Banks, Clerk



ABCCONN Gala Dinner

November 3, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

You are invited to celebrate with ABCCONN at **The Chowder Pot of Hartford, 165 Brainard Road, Hartford**. Your presence is requested as ABCCONN honors God and expresses gratitude for its ministries and its faithful servants. The cost of the Gala is \$75 per person (\$700 for a table of 10). Reservations may be made by calling 860-521-5421 or sending a check to: ABCCONN, 90A Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107-1924.

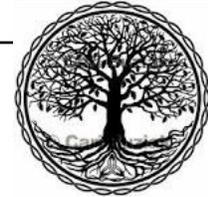
There will be a silent auction followed by dinner and an award ceremony to honor: Joyce Blandon, the Gordon and Myrtle Beals Award and Peter Young, The Alvin Wood Award.

Tree of Life Annual Fall Conference Series

Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:00 to 11:00 am—Morning Service and Adult Forum

First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, 2 Ferry Rd. Old Lyme



In the West Bank, Palestinian children are being pulled from their beds in the middle of the night, blindfolded, thrown into jeeps and held under military detention. In Gaza, children struggle to do homework by candlelight and shake in fear at the sound of planes, having seen first-hand the devastation caused by one ton bombs and 155 mm artillery shells.

This year's theme is *Solidarity*, and in this series, we will hear from those who exemplify what it means to be in solidarity with Palestine. We will also hear from Palestinian youth ambassadors who will share how they cope and what brings them hope.

Speakers for the Morning Service are Mark Braverman, Cindy and Craig Corrie; Adult Forum are Cindy and Craig Corrie, Palestinian Youth Ambassadors, plus music and more!

Additional Dates & Locations

October 19: Hartford—Artists Collective

October 20/pm: Woodbridge—Palestine Museum US

October 24: Hartford—UConn School of Law

*For additional information, go to www.tolef.org, or tolef@tolef.org, or 860-434-8686



Reality, Hope & Action in an Age of Climate Change

Sunday, October 20—2:00—3:30 pm

St. James Episcopal Church, New London

Let's start talking honestly about climate change. Instead of staying stuck in a state of paralysis and denial, how can we face reality while still finding hope and a sense of purpose to take action. Join us for a 90-minute forum to hear leaders from different communities speak about why they got involved in fighting climate change, how they stay engaged, and their vision for the future.

Our key speaker is Rev. Margaret Bullit-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care, MA Conference, United Church of Christ & the Episcopal Diocese of Western MA. She will be joined by Jameelah Muhammed, from Sierra Club & IREJN, and Juliana Barrett from CT Sea Grant.