

CONNECTIONS



Cheryl and I will always remember the love, kindness and devotion that is exemplified in everything that you good folks at Cornerstone Baptist Church do for your church and community. It has been a pleasure and an honor serving with you. So, from a warm beach on Oak Island, NC, we will anticipate hearing great things about you in the future. Always remember that what we give in service to others, we give to our Master and Rabbi, Jesus – “what you have done for the least of these - my brothers and sisters - you have done for me.” *Matthew 25:40*



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**In Worship
This Month**

- Sunday, January 3**
10:30 am - Worship & Communion
- Sunday, January 10**
10:30 am—Worship
- Sunday, January 17**
10:30 am—Worship
- Sunday, January 24**
10:30 am—Worship
- Sunday, January 31**
10:30 am—Worship

January Birthdays

- Erin Noren
- Max Poer
- Barbara Marston
- Molly Truesdale
- Sydney Rosen
- Nancy Scholl
- Mike Lehoux
- Walter Johnson
- Rosemarie Rakowitz
- Raymond LaRose, Sr.
- Gail Losardo



Ladies Luncheon

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 12th at 12 noon at
The Royal Buffet in Willimantic. Please sign up in the narthex!
All ladies of the church are welcome!



On Sunday, January 10th, plan to stay after worship for lunch and some fellowship time, to welcome our interim minister, Rev. Erica Avena.

If anyone would like to help out by bringing food or helping with set-up and clean-up please contact Dana at danadonut@hotmail.com

F.Y.I.— If Killingly has a parking ban on the first Friday of a winter month, the "Be Our Guest" Dinner will be cancelled.

- Pastor:
Rev. Greg Thomas
- Organist/Choir Director:
Howard W. Curry
- Administrative Secretary:
Kris Useted

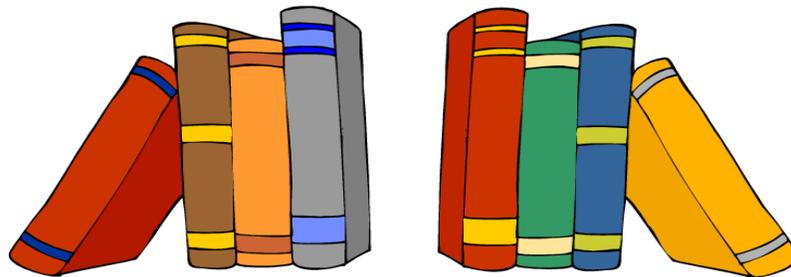
Remember: The last person to leave the church building should be sure that all doors and windows are closed /locked. In addition, the Academy Street door into Fellowship Hall will be kept locked during the Sunday worship service. Thank you for helping us take care of our facilities.

Connections is published 11 times a year at The Cornerstone Baptist Church, and is put together by a host of valuable volunteers. Please try to have articles and information to the office by the 15th of the month, and no later than the 20th. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter via U.S. mail, please notify the church office. **The newsletter is available online at www.cbctt.us**



Reverend Erica Wimber Avena

The Reverend Erica Wimber Avena has been working in Intentional Interim Ministry since 2007. In 25+ years of ministry she has served numerous churches in Connecticut including most recently as Interim Senior Minister of First Baptist Church of West Hartford. Erica is a Past-President of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, a former General Board Member of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and former Chair of the Committee on Christian Unity. She served as a Commissioner for the National Council of Churches for 12 years, and on numerous other church boards in ecumenical leadership. Her M.Div. (Masters of Divinity) is from Yale University Divinity School in 1988, and she received an S.T.M. (Masters in Sacred Theology) in ecumenical studies there in 1994. She is married to Attorney Robert Avena, who practices law in Stonington, and they have three children and make their home in East Lyme, Connecticut.



From the Bookshelf ... Adventures which amaze and inspire!"

"Married to Brazil" by Alan Bachmann

A couple with two young children stepped into the dark reaches of the Amazon, five days upriver from any medical resource. They had studied the Portuguese language and prepared themselves as much as possible to attend to any emergency that might happen. Supported by prayer, Alan and Barbara Bachmann began their relationship with jungle people who had never seen a doctor or dentist and had little education. Most had no chance of knowing Jesus, Son of the loving God who, in His mercy, sent the Bachmanns to live with them in the jungles and on the rivers of Brazil.

Minutes from meeting of advisory council

November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Jim Hilow, moderator. Due to the absence of P. Greg, Jim led us in opening prayer. A Thanksgiving devotional called "Leftovers" was read to us by Rose Bertorelli.

WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD? Rose told everyone that John Lemieux had open heart surgery and then suffered a stroke. We will keep the whole family in our prayers.

Dana let us know that the people who attend the Be Our Guest Dinners were saddened by the news of P. Greg's leaving.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Southam reported to the council that he is retiring from his job. He will continue to be Cornerstone's representative for investments, but the official business will be taken care of by JUSTIN BROUILLARD of Ameriprise Financial.

Pastor Greg had sent a letter from Windham Hospital Foundation requesting permission to transfer the Howard Valley Church Endowment Fund (currently held in a certificate of deposit with First National Bank) to the Foundation. It was stated the original intent of the former leaders of the church to provide much needed health services to the women in the community. At this time the certificate of deposit balance is \$13934.45. Rose moved to go forward with this request, seconded by Kathy Hexter. Motion passed.

REPORT OF CLERK- Debra moved to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jim Milliard and passed.

REPORT OF TREASURER-Mary let us know she will be maintaining a balance of \$10,000 in the checking account at the beginning of every month to cover bills. The shortfall will come from the investment interest.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- Larry stated that the market is bouncing back up and that our investments have been improving.

DATES TO REMEMBER-

Nov 22 Fundraising Dinner after church to raise funds for the Ghana Church

Dec 13 Children's Christmas Service

Dec 13 Christmas in Davis Park

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services @ Howard Valley & Cornerstone

Jan 2 Goodbye Dinner for Pastor Greg 5 pm

Jan 10 Meet & Greet Interim Pastor following service

Jan 17 Annual Budget Meeting (Snow date Jan 24)

PASTOR'S REPORT- There was to be a baptism this Sunday, however the candidate has decided to wait. There are two others that will be held later in Dec.

DEACON REPORTS-

Connections- Diane needs more greeting cards, will see Kris.

Education & Discipleship- Rose reported that there will be a teachers meeting on Saturday to discuss x-mas and they are working on blankets for the homeless.

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Events & PR- Dana reported that there will still be fellowship after church this Sunday, even though the baptism is cancelled. She has received donations of \$75.00 for the Be Our Guest Dinners from Stop &Shop. She has met with her fundraising committee.

Mission & Outreach- Anne Milliard reported that Sunday nights are not good for missionary dinners, as they were very poorly attended. We should also have people sign up for potlucks as there was not enough food for the number of people who attended. She will look into Xmas mission giving.

(Maybe a family who is needy)

Pastoral Relations- Mike Lehoux reported that they have heard 2 prospective candidates preach and will begin the interviewing process.

Property & Finance- Frank Brush reported that he has replaced batteries in all smoke detectors and clocks. The Automatic Light in Outside Front of church keep getting turned off. He will put something over the switch.

Worship & Membership- Molly went over the deacon's communion job list and said that Kris will be e-mailed the deacons for communion with their job as well as the letter deacon they are to be. She stated that the deacons need to be a little more responsible getting to church on time to set up and also cleaning up after communion. There were discussions about the bleach container and Rose stated that it should be kept in the original bottle because of safety. Molly also cleaned out deacons' kitchen and threw out many unneeded supplies.

OLD BUSINESS- It was decided to wait on the church photo directory, till we have new pastor.

Dana stated that she does not need a babysitter for her children during the BOG dinners.

Locking Doors and Turning Lights off—Discussion was held about this ongoing problem and we all need to be more diligent about checking doors after worship and during week. We will look at the list of who unlocks for what groups next month so that when P. Greg leaves, it will be covered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Grandelski, Clerk

Members Present: Mary Grandelski, Larry Southam, Diane Spratley, Barbara Holloway, Dana Thayer, Florence Ofori, Oduro Gyamfi, Donna Gilbert, Rose Bertorelli, Jim Milliard, Anne Milliard, Frank Brush, Molly Truesdale, Mike Lehoux, Kathy Hexter, Pat Rocheleau, Jim Hilow & Debra Grandelski



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