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THE SHORELINE_____NOTES FROM THE BRIDGE

As we floated merrily to the Bahamas and beyond and after we slept and the cobwebs began to be brushed away, I began to think about next year. I had my Bible, some books– River Dwellers by Dr. Rob Reimer and Family on Mission by Mike and Sally Breen. I was also reading 2 novels, The Family Cross by James Patterson and The Essex Dogs by Dan Jones. As you can see, when the cobwebs clear, reading happens and thinking begins! I began to ask God questions like "What do You have in store for me, my family and OUR CHURCH in 2027. As I sat and listened for those days, I began to write down all of those thoughts that came to me as a quiet stream in the desert. Much needed. When we got home and I began to settle in, those thoughts coalesced, came together, when I saw a headline in a magazine that I was reading– **One On Mission: Different Callings, Different Gifts, One in Mission**. I tweaked the headline a bit, as I think that being One on Mission is different than being One in Mission. Working together and being ON MISSION suggests that we are learning to see that our lives outside the church building and inside might need to reflect each other. It could be that we have difficulty connecting Sunday to Monday. We often live in tension between those 2 worlds. I'm convinced that those 2 points of view might become one perspective, shaped by God's Spirit as we read the **WORD, LISTEN to GOD and WORSHIP TOGETHER**.

What do you think? I'm looking forward to 2027 as a year that takes us deeper WITH GOD. It's gonna be a great year! Hope to see y'all in church and Bible study!

PASTOR BRIAN SHORE

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Easton Hensel
2 Diane McRoberts
4 Isabella Smith
4 Terry McRoberts
5 Doug Coleman
7 Richard Haye
7 David Patnaude
10 Jan Schaffner
12 Stacey Hengel
12 Mitchell Stapleton
16 Deb Alexandre
16 Michelle Gill
18 Amy Brown
20 Katrina Wiggin
22 Dave Fleischer
22 Les LaFond
25 Jesse Wong
26 Peter Marks

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/2/1989 Jay & Amy brown
12/3 Jessie & Susan Wong

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

On Thursday, November 12th, seven women met for lunch at the New England House.The servings are large so there were many take home boxes. It was a good time catching up with longtime friends and getting to know new ones better. We left just as the afternoon rain started.

Next month will be our Christmas luncheon. We will be going to Oak Street Bistro in Alfred. They are always beautifully decorated for Christmas. Please note the change of date: we will gather on the third Thursday at noon, December 17th. We will have a gift swap so please bring a wrapped gift costing $2 or less. (Think Dollar Tree).This is a fun activity to celebrate together. Hope many women can join us.

Submitted by Pam Carnicelli

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Getting to Know You

-----**John Brigham** has been a member of the church for the past two years and is on the church worship team. He currently lives in Wells after living the past 45 years in southern Vermont where he was the pastor of two Baptist churches for over thirty years.

His favorite dessert is Boston Cream Pie, his favorite color is navy blue and his favorite vacation spot is the White Mountains in NH and Paris, France. John enjoys many hobbies and his favorites are: gardening, golf, playing the guitar, feeding the birds and riding his moped to Wells Beach.

John is married to Edie and they are blessed with four grown children and 10 grandchildren.

-----**Pam Carnicelli** is in leadership at the church as a director and head of missions; she has been a member of OBC since 1984. Pam grew up in Saratoga Springs, New York, where she attended the First Baptist Church. Pam worked as a teacher and a reading specialist at schools throughout the years.

Pam's favorite color is blue and her favorite dessert is tiramisu, which is a cream layered dessert made with cream, chocolate and coffee. She also enjoys reading, walking on the beach and knitting prayer shawls for the church to bless people with.

For many years Pam and her family enjoyed vacationing in Maine and at this point of her life her favorite vacations are Viking Cruises. Pam lives in York Harbour with her husband Tom and she has two stepchildren and lots of extended family and they thoroughly enjoy hosting them in their big house in the summer.

by Edie Brigham



POINSETTIAS

If you wish to provide a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary at Christmas, please provide the information requested on the sign-up sheet and give $10.00 to Brenda Goodale by December 6th.
Make checks out to Brenda Goodale.

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CPR WITH AED TRAINING

We have recently replaced our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) with a newer model. At the same time we moved its location from the newly renovated vestibule to the bottom of the stairs to the sanctuary. We are having a training class on the operation of the new AED. The last class we had was in January 2020, six years ago.

The class will be Heartsaver CPR certification with AED training. The class will be held on January 9, 2027 from 10AM until 12PM. The training will be held at the Ogunquit Fire Station. Since the class is off season there will be ample parking behind the station. Paramedic Theo Lecompe will be conducting the training.

The cost of the course is $75 per person, which includes the manual. At the OBC Directors meeting on October 13, 2026, the Directors voted to pay the $75 fee for each individual.

your paragraph text

We encourage all members of the congregation to take the course if they are able. The more CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) trained people at a cardiac arrest event, the better. For example, two people doing compressions can exchange as they tire. One person calling 911 and meeting the ambulance, another getting the AED and preparing the paddles for use.

There will be a signup sheet for the course in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Larry Smith

Prayer Shawl Ministry Marks 20 Years!!

---The prayer shawl ministry was started in 2006 by Wandah Clark and Gail Annis and it is still going strong today! In twenty years, 335 shawls have been given out to folks with prayers for healing, good health and peace from God. Many hands make light work and a dedicated group of knitters in the church have kept the church well supplied. The knitter starts out with a prayer for the receiver and continues to pray Gods blessings on the person while knitting it. Getting one reminds me of a warm hug from God and if you know anyone who would enjoy one please let the church know.
Submitted by Edie Brigham

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Missions
Giving Tree

The Mission Board is once again working to provide Christmas gifts for two families from the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center.

There is a tree in our Fellowship room with ornaments with the gift requests printed on the back. You can take an ornament, shop for the gift, leave it unwrapped, place the ornament back on the package, and return it to OBC by Sunday, December 13th.

If you don't feel you can shop, you can give a monetary donation to Pam Carnicelli or Amy Brown by December 6th.

The first family consists of a married mom and dad with two little boys. This family is faithful in attending parenting classes at Alpha PRC; they identify as Christian so pray that their relationship with Christ continues to grow and that Alpha PRC continues to have the opportunity to support them in parenting and in their faith.

The second family consists of a single mom with two boys; they have had a hard year on many fronts, yet when the mom is at Alpha PRC, she is a blessing with her always joyful demeaner, even in the midst of the challenges she faces. Pray first for more opportunities to point this mom to Christ, pray for strength for her as she perseveres and shoulders so much by herself. Pray for her boys, for their safety, and that they too one day will come to know Jesus.

Thank you for your prayerful support.

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Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

THE IMPORTANCE OF RMMO

Following God's call does not come without sacrifice. Retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited options for adequately planning for the future. Medical problems, moves or the death of a spouse can also cause these leaders to find themselves far from the church family that once supported them.

The assistance you provide through a contribution to RMMO restores that lifeline and maintains an ongoing connection to the ABC family. Like anyone else, retired ministers and missionaries experience stress and worry when faced with unexpected expenses. RMMO exists to alleviate that stress, worry and the hardship — and also to say "Thank you for ..." the sacrifices our retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses have made in order to serve us and God.

RMMO recipients have used their funds:

- **To cover medical expenses for hearing aids, dental services and vision care, which are not typically covered by Medicare**
- **To cover emergency medical procedures for themselves and their families**
- **To purchase prescription medication not covered by health insurance**
- **To make emergency home repairs**
- **To serve God and their community, even in retirement**

Join us to say "Thank you for ..." the countless ways ABC's retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses have contributed to our congregations.

Our Christmas Eve Offering will be designated for the RMMO Offering. If you would like to give to this offering before Christmas Eve, envelopes will be in the pews during the month of December.

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THE BRIDGE BY E-MAIL

Please let me know if you would like to receive the Beacon by e-mail. Notify me (Hilda Wynne) at ogunquitbaptistchurch@gmail.com or 646-2160.

PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE....

1. If your mailing address changes
2. If your email address changes
3. If your phone number changes
4. If your name changes

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO ON THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR BRIAN OR HILDA.

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PASTOR BRIAN'S CELL : **(904) 305-1936**
HILDA'S CELL : **(207) 451-7282**

DONATING TO OBC

Donating to OBC using your Bank's Automatic Bill Pay It's simple and it's free! (We have a few contributors using it and they are very pleased with it.) Technically your pledge donations to OBC aren't "bills", but it is still possible to set it up through your bank's bill pay. You can do a one-time or recurring donation to OBC.

Guidelines to help you through setting it up:

1. Follow directions on your bank's website to set up a new bill or payee.
2. Choose to pay a company rather than a person (if given a choice).
3. Where it requests "Company Name" enter: Ogunquit Baptist Church
4. For the "Company Address" enter: Attn: Financial Secretary
   PO Box 874 Ogunquit, ME 03907-3814
5. For "Company Phone Number" enter: 207-646-2160
6. For "Account Number" enter either:
   a. Envelope #____ (whatever your envelope # is) or
   b. your first initial and your last name.
   Example: HWynne
7. After setting up OBC as a biller, it is added to your list and you can select it at any time and enter a payment amount and payment date. There is chance to put a memo with it.
8. You will also have the option of setting up automatic or recurring payments (this can add more convenience, but it is not recommended if there is a risk of overdrawing from your account)

Bill Pay is usually a free service of your checking account, but some banks may charge a monthly fee for the service; this fee may sometimes be waived.

The church is not charged any fees for receiving a donation through your bank's bill pay service, so what you donate is what would appear on your annual giving statements.