

March 2012

OMBC Newsletter

- Come worship God with us on Sundays at 10:30 AM
- Pastor Sandy may be reached at his home office on Tuesdays 9am-12 noon; Call 860-268-6148; or Email him at proudscot57@yahoo.com
- If you don't take care of your body, where will the Holy Spirit live?

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OMBC Welcomes New Pastor

On January 8th we welcomed the Rev. Bruce Sandy as our new Pastor, Interim. He lives in Manchester with his wife Bettylou, who runs her own gardening business "for the do-it-yourselfer". Bettylou has an adult daughter who lives in Washington, DC.

Pastor Bruce comes to us with a great deal of experience, especially in the area of church growth. He has been a pastor over 30 years and in 2004 went on sabbatical to study the common ingredients of numerous churches that were growing in New England and the Pacific Northwest. Over time he will be sharing his findings with us.

As he gets to know us, please reintroduce yourself until he

learns everyone's names.

Since Pastor Bruce commutes quite a distance, he will hold office hours on Tuesdays from 9-12noon. During the week he will be doing his sermon preparations at his convenience. Of course he will be with us on Sunday mornings.

If you need to reach Rev. Sandy, feel free to call his cell phone at 860-268-6148; email him at proudscot57@yahoo.com; or make an appointment for Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Sandy enjoys o gauge trains, fossil hunting, and teaching about ancient burial grounds in New England.

He is very excited about serving the Lord with us!



Lenten Programs Offered

"Lent" is the 40 days of penitence from Ash Wednesday through Easter. We Christians use these somber 40 days to reflect upon Jesus, our Savior, and all the betrayal, persecution, and torture He went through during the last days of His earthly life, on our behalf.

Rev. Claudine Crooks from Poquonnoc Bridge Baptist Church has extended an invitation to us to join them on Ash

Wednesday (February 22) at 6:30 for music, Scripture, and ashes. Starting on Wednesday, February 29, we are also invited to a "Bread and Broth" service from 5:30-6:30pm during each of the five Wednesdays of Lent. If you plan to attend, they simply ask that you call them in advance (860-445-6126) to assure enough food.

Ledyard-Gales Ferry Baptist Church has offered to host the

Maundy-Thursdays service. If you are interested in reading some Scripture at this event, please let Pastor Bruce know. More details to come about the Maundy-Thursdays Service .

*What God gave up
for Lent...*

HIMSELF!



For the first time in our history, more than half of the babies born in the USA are born to unmarried women!



**April 1st
no kidding!**

Pastor's Pen

Our God deserves our praise and worship! Yet, about 70% of New Englanders do not worship at all. Seventy percent!

We at OMBC have so much to offer them! Do you know that most of those people have *never* received a single invitation to come to church. More importantly, they have never been invited to learn about Jesus, the Christ, their Savior. If you and I do not invite them to know Jesus, if you and I do not invite people to OMBC, who will? No one will.

It is up to you and me.

Besides worshipping God for who He is, there are other benefits to worship. "Spirituality offers comfort in times of suffering and provides a message of hope...against depression and other emotional upheavals." says Dr. Harold Koenig. In a study of 4,000 older Americans from age 65 to 102, Dr. Koenig found that those who attended church at least once a week were half as likely to be depressed, healthier, and lived longer. ([Prevention](#)

[Health Books for Seniors](#)).

If we invite people to church in order to fill the "pews" or to balance a budget, they will never return. They do not need to meet our needs; we need to meet theirs. We need to focus on their spiritual needs; not our own.

Invite people to a one-time, non-threatening event, like a rummage sale, a concert, Easter worship, etc. You can't go wrong, unless you keep Christ and our church to yourself. Pastor Bruce

Serving Team's Ministry on Your Behalf

Serving Team Meeting

February 12, 2012

After our opening prayer and call to order the following items were discussed:

Old business

- Discussed donations from the home schoolers and the Thursday night AA group. The AA issue took care of itself and we are looking into the amount for the home schoolers.

- A new laptop is to be purchased and new software to update our Quick Books application will be purchased as well.

- We are still working on putting up some outside motion lights on the office wing, this task will require additional wiring.

- Need to compile volunteer tasks.

- Of the three outdoor sheds, two will be taken away and one re-shingled for OMBC use.

Committee updated

- Search committee will begin meeting again 2/13.

- Deacon report – all is well.

- Trustee – new water testing company to begin in March for a savings to OMBC.

- Pastor – suggested Bibles in hymnal rack, website update (s), Lenten season activities, brochure rack, "welcome center" bulletin board.

New Business

- Signatures need to be updated on bank accounts now that officers are confirmed.

- Letter to inactive members to be drafted.

- A board member was approached regarding another congregation using our sanctuary for 3 hours each Sunday afternoon – to obtain more details for further discussion.

- Next meeting date Sunday, 3/11.

- Immediate need to obtain pledge information to formulate budget.

Praise God

For

Our Servant-Leaders!

Project Smiles Fundraising

Our Sunday School children are raising money for Project Smile, a non-profit organization that offers free surgery to children with cleft pallets. Each Sunday after worship there will be food to purchase, games to play, and items to purchase. We hope you will support our children and this very important ministry that brings a smile to one child at a time! For more info, feel free to contact Nannette Williams at 860-536-0717.



How big
is your
smile?!

Signing
up to
pur-
chase
needed
items



*Won't
you help
a child
receive
an
operation
that will
change
his or her
life
forever!*

Bean Bag Toss



For an update,
see Nannette
Williams!

Serving God and One Another



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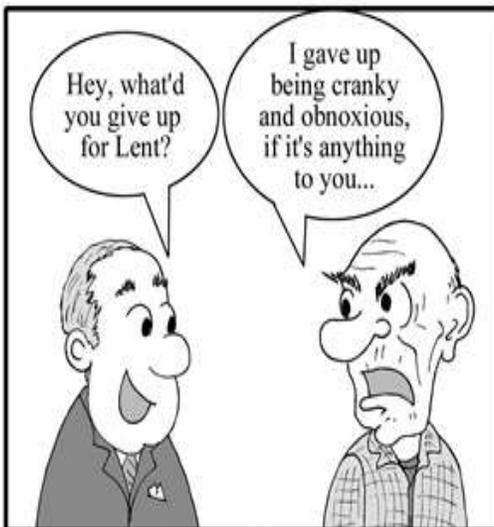
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Rev. Bruce R. Sandy, Interim Minister

Old Mystic Baptist Church was founded in 1705, making it the very first Baptist church in all of Connecticut. We have both a proud history and an exciting future. We invite you to come and worship with us some Sunday at 10:30AM. Be part of history; make history; and make a difference in the future!

We believe that: Jesus is our Lord and Savior; the Bible is the inspired Word of God; and that we all are called to spread the Good News of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ. We aim to provide opportunities for praising God, for learning about God and our Christian Biblical values; and for helping others in town and throughout the world, in the name of Christ.

Come and be part of this loving family of faith!



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March Birthdays and

Anniversaries

Gwen Berdeen 3/2
Rev. C. Burtis Crooks 3/2
Shirley Piacenza 3/3
Faith Williams 3/4
Jeanette Spring 3/13
Timothy Lewis 3/15
Diane Cunningham 3/26 (anniv.)
William Henderson 3/30

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let Rita or Pastor Bruce know.

A VERY Special Palm Sunday

This Palm Sunday we will be journeying with Christ during His last week of life, after He entered Jerusalem triumphantly. You won't want to miss this interactive, moving service.

Invite some friends to come along with you!