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The Noank Village News

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Noank Baptist Church

Who are we? We are an American Baptist church, moderate to progressive in our theological and social witness, and inclusive of all. We have a long history in this community (from 1843), sponsoring many programs and agencies for the betterment of our region. We founded Noank Baptist Group Homes, Mystic River Homes (lower-income senior housing), and the Corner Closet Thrift Shop. We are a vital part of Noank and we invite you to participate in any of our activities. This brief newsletter is designed to keep you abreast of our programs and worship schedule. ☞

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

PFLAG of Southeastern Connecticut continues to meet monthly in the Vestry at Noank Baptist Church on the second Monday, beginning with a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. This group is designed for those who are gay and allies of gays, particularly parents, relatives, and friends who desire a supportive atmosphere to explore the realities of being gay in our culture. Each month features a different topic and speaker relevant to the concerns of PFLAG members. All are welcome to attend. For more information, speak to Pastor Hayes. ☞

Marilyn Sharbach Farewell Luncheon

All are invited to this potluck 12:00 luncheon held in the vestry on Thursday **May 17th** to say farewell, but not goodbye, to our friend Marilyn. To her delight, she is moving to New Hampshire. Cards and notes will be appreciated, but no other gifts please. Marilyn is the sister of minister emeritus Jim Pratt. ☞

The Rev. Victoria Burdick, Chaplain, Hospice of SECT Sunday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.

"Cancer's Gift - The Ongoing Journey"

Vicki will speak about her own personal journey through cancer - a cycle from health to illness to health again - a cycle she has experienced three times. The Rev. Mark Porizky of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church comments, "Victoria is possibly the most energetic person I have ever met." Come, hear her remarkable story and wisdom. ☞

Cheryl Satterburg Cummin, LCSW, Psychotherapist Sunday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

"Discovering Joy and Inner Peace through the Practice of Mindfulness and Meditation"

Trained in both theology and psychotherapy at Yale, Cheryl uses a holistic approach that integrates the needs of the spirit, mind, and body in her practice in Stonington. She will particularly focus on the management of stress in our lives today. ☞

Noank Baptist Group Home's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament

This year our golf tournament will be held at the Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton on Monday June 11th. Tee time is scheduled between 11am & 1pm The entry fee for the tournament this year is \$125. The entry fee includes: Greens fee, Lunch, Refreshments, Dinner Reception, & Awards. Awesome goody bag that includes balls, tournament hat, snacks, etc. Every golfer has the chance to win a brand new car provided by Brustolon Buick Pontiac GMC. To win this new car all you have to do is record a "hole in one" on a designated hole! Mark the tournament date on your calendar and begin putting your foursomes together. If you don't have a favorite foursome don't fret just send in your registration and we will put you together with others to form a foursome. This event is an important fund raiser for our group homes. ☞

The Power of Story

Pastor Hayes will guide participants in the reading of several stories in the Bible - some familiar, some not - with the intent of unlocking the variety of meanings within the narratives. With some keen detective sense, we will learn what to look for in a story and how to examine the passages to understand the meaning they had to original audiences, as well as their relevance to our present time. Come for an informative, interesting, and provocative examination of Scripture! Held Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church vestry. ☞

Community Program
Series on Spirituality
& Healing

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Hayes, Pastor
Rev. James L. Pratt, Minister Emeritus
Kristen Negaard O'Brien, Co-Op Youth Ministries Coordinator
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Memorial Day Parade

Sponsored by the Legion Post & Noank Fire District Monday, Mon 28th is the Memorial Day Parade, wonderful time in Noank! The parade forms up at 9:30 am on Main Street & it commences at 10:00 am. The National Guard and Fitch Band will provide a marching unit. The A-10 Warthogs will provide a fly-by.

Historical Society - Sylvan Street Museum

Historical Society is now open by Bernie Boylan on Sundays (when the flag is up). He would welcome guests. Otherwise the society is open by appointment only until the middle of June when summer schedule resumes. Justin Camarata is looking for volunteers who are able to help with computer archiving. We are in the process of applying for a grant that would help fund this project making the computer information more accessible to the members. Volunteers will receive training in the particular software system. NHS will be participating in the Memorial Parade (Mon. May 28) please contact Sloan Keck, or Mark Turner to join the NHS marching unit!

Mystic River Baking Company

Offering special occasion catering, special order flowers, the MRBC is changing their name to **The Noank Bakery** a very fitting name to say the least!. Still featuring a fabulous soup a day, incredible quiche, and well stacked sandwiches...and the baked goods are to die for! **Stop by for cinnamon bun fun & small hot coffee for \$3.00 just for mentioning that you read this article.** Hours: Tues-Sat 7:30 am-3:00 pm Sun 7:30 am-1:00 pm.

Universal Foods - Renovations to Better Serve You!

OUR BACK DOOR IS STILL OPEN! Serving meats, grinders, produce & pizzas, as well as whatever you normally purchased in the deli glass cases is still available! Just use the parking lot entrance, as the *front* on Universal is closed the first two weeks in May. This is renovation phase *1 of 3*. Celebration for the *completion of Phase One* is slated for Memorial Day. Hours remain the same: Mon-Thurs 9-6 Fri 9-7 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-3.

Noank Service Center

We would like to say "thank you" to all those wonderful people who have supported our business through the years. Noank Rules! Our hours are Mon. - Fri. 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

Abbott's Lobster in the Rough

Opening for the summer season May 4, Friday, Sat, Sunday, from Noon to 7:00 pm through Memorial Day. Then seven days a week after Memorial Day! Anyone who brings this newsletter down to Abbott's in the Month of May can have a **free bowl of chowder** with a purchase of an entrée (up to 6 persons per newsletter).

Costello's Clam Shack is Back!

Will be opening soon - on Memorial Day weekend. Summer hours will be noon to 9:00 pm Monday - Sunday.

Noank Historical Society - Latham Chester Store - Noank Artist Show

The Noank Historical Society Art Exhibit Opening Reception will be held on Sunday, July 1st. The show will remain open through Labor Day. New this year we will be open five days a week, Wed - Sun.

Groton Boating Club

Later this month you will be receiving in the mail the Groton Parks & Rec Program Guide for this summer's classes & courses. Send a note to Göran gcbc-coordinator@hotmail.com - if you would like to have information about memberships or classes.

Carson's Variety Store - Serving Ice Cold Ice for 100 years & counting!

Barbara Kelly is the new manager with Andrew Blacker as the Ass't. Manager. We are increasing our ice cream flavors up to 20! 'Penny' candy count will also be increasing. If you don't see what you want - tell us! Along with our usual menu, we are now serving *breakfast sandwiches up to 4:00pm Mon.-Sat.* Otherwise breakfast is served Mon.-Sat. 'til 11:30 & lunch 'til 3:00. Our weekly specials include; Mon. - meatloaf, Tues. - pork, Wed. - pasta, Thurs. - liver & onions as well as chili, Fri. - fish & Karen Schultzman is making her famous Burbine Beans for Sat! On Sun. breakfast is served until 1:00 and sandwiches until 3:00. Noank is all excited about the upcoming 100 year birthday party! More to come in June! Hours remain: Mon-Sun 6:00 am-5:00 pm.

Noank Mystic Community Band

Saturday May 5 the NMCB will be holding a May Day Concert at 12:30 pm in the Mystic River Park, on Cottrell Street in downtown Mystic. For schedule of events <http://www.ct-bands.com/ct-band-body5.htm#noank>

Got Noank News, Tidbits or Fun Photos?

Let us know! Contact the church office (536-7129) if you have news, tidbits or photos that we should consider printing in next month's Noank Village News!