

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Men's Business Meeting:**
March 2nd after services

February Birthdays:

18th – Teal Baldasaro

POINTS TO PONDER:

Our Christianity should produce a faith that is child-like, but never childish. ☺
(see 1 Corinthians 14:20)

Ladies Bread Ministry

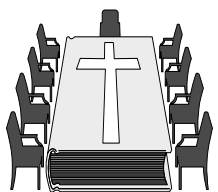
February 23: Betty

SNACKS!

February 16: Betty

February 23: Amber

Men's Business Meeting



Due to a scheduling conflict, our next business meeting will be held on March 2nd, instead of Feb 23rd. Please note this on your calendars. Thanks!

Numbers for 2/9/14

Attendance - 20

Contribution - \$383.

"The Lord . . . hears the prayer of the righteous . . . the prayer of the upright is His delight."

- Proverbs 15:29; 8 -



Order of Worship

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." — Colossians 3:16

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements: *Nate Hios*

Closing Prayer: *Tony Grant*

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Greeter: *Blake and/or Amber Williams*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

1228 Portland Road (Rt. 1)  
Arundel, ME 04043



**February 16, 2014**

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages

10:30 am—Worship

6:00—Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 - Bible Study for all ages

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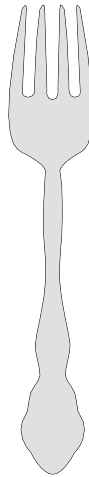
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## Prayer Requests:

- Becky (Terry & Betty's daughter) - migraines
- John Bonner & the Sabattus church
- Larry Bosworth - rehabilitating from "brain bleed" & other injuries sustained in a fall
- Caren - planned trip to South Africa in June
- Caroline (Caren's sister) - planning a trip here in May; prayers requested for her safety
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Mrs. Cleary (Wayne & Jan's neighbor) - diagnosed with diverticulitis
- Bob Cook - undergoing rehab at Pine Point Center; recovering from broken left shoulder
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with Paul's rehabilitation
- Sandy Gaanon - no infections in either foot!
- Grabowski's - recently promoted, with a raise
- Nate & Rebecca - enduring ongoing sickness
- Josh - 22 year old fighting a heroin addiction
- Kathleen Judkins - at home recovering from recent para-esophageal hiatal hernia surgery
- Richard Judkins - Parkinson's/Alzheimer's
- Bill Mancini (Paul's room mate) -
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - 2 year old Tripp completing cancer treatments
- Joanne Neithercut (friend of Terry K) - recovering well from recent hip replacement
- Nick Family - sickness; prayers for strength
- Ariana - struggling with complications from her surgery; needs shots on a daily basis
- Nicholas & family (George's nephew) - twin son's cancerous growth has decreased 50%
- Ernie Perry - respiratory related problems
- Jan Sampson - ankle & shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Philip Schmidt - exp. difficulties & challenges
- Williams family - Anthony: tubes removed; next appt will be 2/24 to schedule surgery for cyst removal
- Hunter Wells - recently made the honor roll!
- Prayers for those not with us today



Last Sunday, our brother Wayne blessed us with an excellent reading of an anonymous devotional piece entitled "Keep Your Fork." For those who missed it, and for those who may want to hear it again, here it is:

### Keep Your Fork

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and was given 3 months to live. As she began getting her things 'in order', she called her preacher and asked for him to come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she wanted read, and what dress she wanted to be buried in. She also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible in her left hand.

Everything was in order and as the preacher was preparing to leave, the woman suddenly remembered one final request that was very important to her. "Please Preacher, just one more thing," she said excitedly. "Sure, what is it?" came the preacher's reply.

"This is very important to me," the woman continued ... "I want to be buried holding a fork in my right hand." The preacher gazed at the woman, at a loss for words.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. The preacher replied "Well to be quite honest, I am puzzled by the request".

The woman explained. "You see, Preacher, in all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I remember that when the dishes were being cleared after the main course, someone would inevitably lean over to me and say, 'Keep your fork'... it was my favorite part of the meal because I knew that something better was coming, like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful to end the meal!"

The preacher listened intently and a smile came upon his face. The woman continued, "So, I just want people to see me there with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder ... 'What's with the fork'... then I want you to tell them: "Keep your Fork ... the best is yet to come".

The preacher's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman good-bye. He knew that this would be one of the last times that he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of Heaven than he did.

She knew and trusted that the best was yet to come. At the funeral, every one that walked by the woman's casket saw her wearing a beautiful dress with her favorite Bible held in her left hand and a fork held in her right hand.

Over and over the preacher heard people ask the question, "Why is she holding a fork?" and his smile began to get larger and brighter each time. During his message, the preacher told the people about the conversation that he had with the woman shortly before she died. He explained the fork and what it symbolized to her. The Preacher told everyone how he could not stop thinking about the fork and how he hoped that they would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

So the next time you reach for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that the best is yet to come!

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## 😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!

