



## Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: Our next visit will be Wednesday, December 17th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

The Kennebunk Nursing Home will be having a residence party on Tuesday, December 23 from 2 to 3. If you are willing to help out by making or buying a batch of cookies, it will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to services on the 21st of December.

Christmas Stockings: We will be doing stockings for children this year. More information will be given later.

No-sew blankets: If you are interested in making these for the nursing homes, please contact Betty for the directions. You can make as many as you want.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Thanksgiving Basket Assembly & Delivery:** TODAY, after services
- **Men's Business Meeting:** Sunday, December 7th, after services

## Birthdays:

26th – Rebecca Hios  
1st – Matthew Nick  
2nd – Erik Grabowski  
4th – Christine Williams

## Happy Anniversary:

Terry & Betty Schmidt— 12/6

## SNACKS!

November 23: Shirley  
November 30: Nancy

Ladies Bread Ministry

November 30: Terry K

# Order of Worship

November 23, 2014

*"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:  
I will sing praise to my God while I have my  
being. My meditation of him shall be sweet:  
I will be glad in the LORD."*

- Psalm 104:33-34 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*  
- Colossians 3:18-4:1 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Good Relationships  
Begin With Christ"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

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Greeter: *Susana Kazel*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

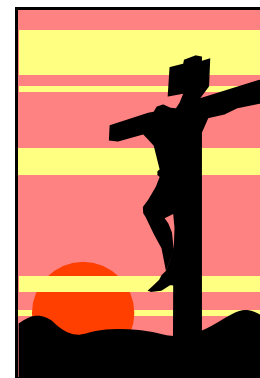
# Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**November 23, 2014**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

Website: [www.sm-cc.org](http://www.sm-cc.org)

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Email: [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net)

## Prayer Requests:

- Blake - recently diagnosed w/ Lyme Disease; on medication, but still weak & tires easily
- Bob Cook - hospitalized last week for tests; is back home now; please pray for his health
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy is now home and doing well; her hospital stay was brief and the problem has cleared. Paul's situation is still being evaluated
- Giovani (George's nephew's twin son) - cancer has spread throughout his body
- Jean Gortot - diagnosed with inoperable & untreatable cancer; also fractured her pelvis
- Janice Grabowski - is struggling and has asked for our prayers
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Rebecca Hios - prayers answered; has been offered a new job in Rochester!
- Terry Kennedy - knee replacement surgery was successful; home now; should be fully healed & walking normally in a few months
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - 3 cancerous tumors found on her son Tripp's brain; cannot be surgically removed; undergoing radiation; chemo will follow
- Ernie Perry - health issues & concerns
- Wealthie Perry - recent tests revealed 2 blocked heart arteries and 3 narrowing stents; treatment options are being weighed
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stage four stomach cancer; please pray for her family as well
- Rebecca, Caren & Karlee - request our prayers because, as teachers, their school situations are very challenging
- Jan Sampson - experiencing chronic & severe hip pain which is often debilitating
- Karlee Wells - physical issues of pain are flaring; prayers requested for the family also
- Please pray for those not with us today

**Note:** Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.

## Good Relationships Begin with Christ

Jesus came to this earth and taught us how to live—how to relate to one another—so that we could have healthy relationships. And, as a result of these wholesome relationships, we can experience a full and abundant life (John 10:10).

Jesus was concerned first with our relationship to God. In identifying the most important commandment of all, Jesus says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). According to Jesus, we are to love our heavenly Father with every inch and ounce of our being. And this love is born out of our response to the tremendous love God showed us by giving His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:19).

Flowing from this relationship, and in fact intertwined with it, is our relationship with others—how we relate to those around us. As Jesus says in the next verse, the second greatest commandment is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). This command is inextricably linked to the first. That is, you can't have one without the other. When Jesus reduces the essence of all the commandments down to the two most important, this should get our attention!

As Christians, all of our relationships should grow out of our relationship with Christ. And they should be grounded in Christ. Our personal relationship with Jesus should, in a very real way, influence all our other relationships—including family, friends, coworkers, brothers & sisters in the Lord, people we don't know, and even our enemies (Matt 5:38-48; 7:12; John 13:34).

May we faithfully show the love and the light of Christ to those we love and all we meet. May they see the gracious spirit of Christ in us at all times. And may it be said of us, as was said of Peter and John, “that they had been with Jesus!” (Acts 4:13). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Youth Group Christmas Party

Kittery church of Christ

December 5, 2014

7:00pm-10:00pm

RSVP by November 28th

## Thanksgiving Baskets



We will be putting the baskets together today after service. Volunteers are needed for delivery of these baskets. Thank you for your participation and generous giving! ☺



Our **Wednesday night Bible class** is beginning a study from the Book of Genesis entitled *The Beginning*. The curriculum covers:

The Creation, Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, Noah, the Tower of Babel, the Call of Abram, Abram & Lot, Abram is Promised a Son, Abraham is Visited by Angels, Sodom & Gomorrah, Hagar & Ishmael, and Abraham Offers Isaac. This should prove to be an interesting study. Everyone who can make it on Wednesday night at 7:00 is invited to attend!

Numbers for 11/16/14

Attendance - 31

Contribution - \$654.

## ☺ 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.