

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting:** Today after services

March Birthdays:

30th – Amber

Happy Anniversary:

Henry & Karolyn — March 31st

Rodney & Shirley — April 28th

Ladies Bread Ministry

April 6: Nancy

SNACKS!

March 30: Jan

April 6: Betty

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Conway Ladies Weekend

April 4-6

New England Lectureship

"Back to Bible Basics"

May 2-4 — Taunton, MA

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

FOR APRIL

Opening Prayer: George

Scripture Reading: George

The Lord's Supper:

Tony & Wayne

Closing Prayer: Wayne

Greeter: Tony and/or Nancy

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan



Order of Worship

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." — Acts 2:42

Song Leader: *Nate*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George*
- Luke 10:38-42 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne & Terry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Martha, Martha..."

Song

Announcements: *Terry*

Closing Prayer: *George*

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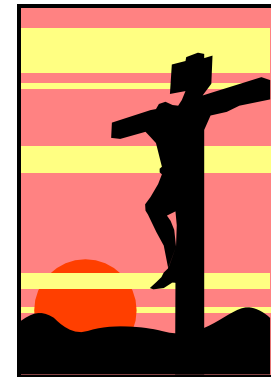
Greeter: *Terry and/or Betty*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**March 30, 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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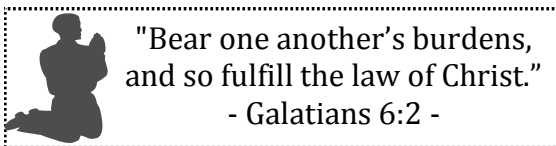
Mailing Address:

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## Prayer Requests:

- Ariana - health concerns
- Becky (Terry & Betty's daughter) - having surgery for endometriosis on 4/15; migraines
- Blake & Amber and family - Blake: shoulder pain; Amber: suffering with migraines; Anthony: MRI revealed small cyst; surgery on hold for now; fluid & infection in ears; may have sustained permanent hearing loss
- Bob - now at River Ridge for rehab to gain strength for going home; has a positive attitude toward therapy; COPD; & shoulder pain
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Ernie - health issues; COPD; problems with high blood pressure; having ongoing tests
- Jeanette - grieving her husband Larry's death
- Paul & Sandy - Paul at River Ridge doing well & making good progress. Sandy still suffering from severe hip pain; possible infection; hoping for hip- joint replacement surgery soon
- Philip - prayers for solid employment
- Sue - having cataract surgery on 4/16
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Terry K - prayers for safe travel
- Tony - torn muscles in right shoulder require surgery on 3/31; cataract surgery mid April
- Prayers for those not with us today



**BULLETIN ITEMS:** If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net) Thank you! ☺

Numbers for 3/23/14

Attendance - 21  
Contribution - \$394.



## Priorities and Perspective

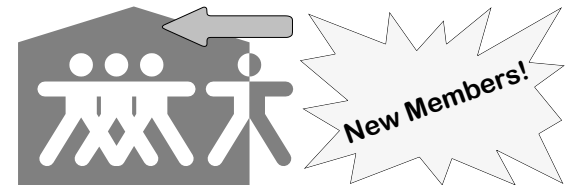
In Luke 10:38-42, we see Martha opening her home to Jesus and his disciples. This was a kind and noble gesture. But then we read that Martha became "distracted," "worried," "upset," and "burdened" by all the preparations that had to be made. She then asked Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" We can almost hear the anxiety, frustration and anger in her voice. The Lord responded: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Was the Lord rebuking Martha with these words? Or, was he perhaps gently reminding her that she needed to re-adjust her priorities? The things we worry about and get upset over are very real to us and often legitimate. But, when we allow the temporal physical concerns of this life to obscure and take precedence over spiritual things, we are heading for trouble. One of the things Jesus identifies as preventing the seed (the word of God) from producing fruit in one's heart is "life's worries" (Luke 8:14). Yes, the meal preparation was important, just as is feeding and nourishing our physical being. But, the feeding and nourishing of the spiritual being, the inner man, is *more* important and should have top priority in our lives (Matthew 4:4; 6:33).

What started out as a kind and noble gesture went sour because of Martha's flawed perspective. Perspective can be simply and generally defined as the way we view things. It seems that, on this occasion, Martha saw her service as a burden rather than a blessing. This can happen to us as well. When we view our spiritual disciplines (study, prayer, & worship), and our Christian service as a burden, we will be (to quote a phrase from Paul), "of all men most miserable" (1 Cor 15:19).

A more beneficial and biblical way to view our service to God and others would be to regard it as a privilege. To be used by God in his service is a special right, granted to us as his children. To God be the glory!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Our sister in Christ Susana Kazel desires to place membership here. We also "officially" welcome Karlee & Keith Wells and their son's Hunter and Hayden. We are pleased to have these precious souls worship with us and welcome them all to our spiritual family!☺ A new directory will be made up soon reflecting these additions.



## POINTS TO PONDER:

While we live, the greatest earthly gifts we can give others are our presence and godly influence and, once we're gone, the pleasant memory of lives lived faithfully for God.

## ☺ 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!

