

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot Luck Fellowship: Next Sunday, (4/13), after services

Happy Anniversary:

Rodney & Shirley — April 28th

Ladies Bread Ministry

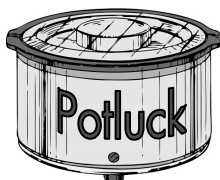
April 6: Nancy

SNACKS!

April 6: Betty

April 13: Amber

Next Sunday, April 13th
after services. Please
make plans to stay for
this special time of food,
fun & fellowship! ☺



*"Wisdom is found on the lips of
him who has understanding."*
- Proverbs 10:13 -

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Family Breakfast

Kittery Church of Christ
Saturday, April 12, 9:00-11:00

New England Lectureship

"Back to Bible Basics"
May 2-4 — Taunton, MA

NE Men's Retreat in Kent, CT

"Dynamic Servants of Christ's Church"
June 13 & 14

Order of Worship

*"I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."*

- Psalms 69:30 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

- Psalm 23 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Sheep Need a Shepherd"

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

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Greeter: *Tony and/or Nancy Grant*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**April 6, 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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## Prayer Requests:

- Becky (Terry & Betty's daughter) - having surgery for endometriosis on 4/15; migraines
- Blake & Amber and family - Blake: shoulder pain; Amber: migraines; Anthony: cyst; surgery on hold for now
- Bob - now at River Ridge for rehab to gain strength in order to go home; also COPD and shoulder pain
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Ernie - various health issues; COPD
- Jeanette - grieving her husband Larry's death
- Mary (Kathy's mom) - severe lower back pain
- Paul & Sandy - Paul at River Ridge doing well & making steady progress. Sandy still suffering from severe hip pain; possible infection; pray for hip replacement surgery soon
- Philip - prayers for solid employment
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- 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 - surgery on right shoulder successful; now in PT; having cataract surgery mid April
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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



**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 [tts654b@gwi.net](mailto:tts654b@gwi.net) Thank you!

**Numbers for 3/30/14**

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$640.



## Stay Close to the Shepherd

There was once a young sheep, new to the flock, who went around asking some of the other sheep how he could make it or survive in the flock. He was counseled to read up on how to find good pasture for eating,

fresh running water for drinking, and ample shade for resting. He was warned to stay away from thickets & quagmires, to keep out of the water, and to beware of wolves and other predators.

To put it mildly, the young sheep was quite overwhelmed and a bit troubled by the magnitude and complexity of all this information. While meandering along thinking about this, he ran into one of the older sheep. "Why so downcast and troubled?" the mature sheep asked. After the young sheep explained his problem relating to survival in the flock, the wise old sheep replied, "Just stay close to the shepherd and you'll be fine."

That's good advice for us as well. When we stay close to the Shepherd, He will feed us with the bread of life (Jn 6:35), quench our thirst with living water (Jn 4:14), and provide proper care and rest for those in His flock (Jn 10:11; Mt 11:28-30).

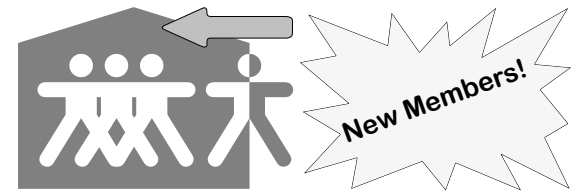
*"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul."* (Psalm 23:2-3)

Our loving Shepherd will also guide us and help us through the difficult thickets & quagmires of life (2 Cor 3:4-5; 1 Pet 5:7). And He will give us the strength and wisdom we need to deal with ravenous and savage "wolves" (Mt 7:15; Acts 20:28-29), and other adversaries (Eph 6:10; Phil 4:13).

So we can take heart and be confident putting our trust in the good Shepherd who "gives His life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11 & 15), "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross], that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Pet 2:24-25).

— 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:

Experience has taught us that the Shepherd is far more willing to show His sheep the path than the sheep are to follow. He is endlessly merciful, patient, tender, and loving. If we, His helpless and wayward sheep, really want to be led, we will without fail be led. Of that you can sure.

## ☺ 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!

