



Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: Our next visit will be Wednesday, November 19. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

Ladies Retreat: September, 2015 will be planned by the churches of Christ in Maine. (New England states take turns each year.) The first planning meeting will be Saturday, November 15 in South Paris. Each of the churches in Maine will volunteer to organize part of the retreat. We will volunteer to do either registration or the craft table. A couple of our ladies will be attending.

Christmas Stockings: The men decided at the last meeting that we will be doing stockings for children this year. More information on this will be given later on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Potluck Fellowship: TODAY, after services

October Birthdays:

21st – Clara Clark
26th – Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th – Terry Kennedy
29th – Helen Murphy



October 19: Susana
October 26: Terry K

Ladies Bread Ministry

October 19: Jan

Numbers for 10/12/14

Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$369.

Order of Worship

October 19, 2014

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created."

- Revelation 4:11 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & _____

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Greeter: *Tony and/or Nancy Grant*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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**October 19, 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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## Prayer Requests:

- Blake - recently diagnosed w/ Lyme Disease; on medication, but still weak & tires easily
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy has been evaluated and is scheduled to go home on October 28. Paul should be going home a few weeks later. Praise God for answered prayer!
- Giovani (George's nephew's twin son) - cancer has spread throughout his body; family is exploring treatment options
- Nate Hios - suffering from a sinus infection, in addition to ongoing allergies and frequent sickness
- Paula Kennedy - experiencing back problems; MRI revealed a torn disk in lower back; PT seems to be helping
- Terry Kennedy - has knee surgery scheduled for November 5th; pray for good results
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - a routine MRI found 3 tumors on the back of her son Tripp's brain; tumors cannot be surgically removed; starting radiation next week, doing 1 dose 5 days a week for 7 weeks; chemo will follow for one year
- Angel Nick - her one month premature baby boy is in the hospital with low birth weight and breathing problems; may need to be hospitalized for two more weeks
- Ernie Perry - health issues & concerns
- 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
- Karlee Wells - physical issues of pain are flaring and making things difficult; prayers requested for the family also
- 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.

## The Power of Words

In our Sunday morning Bible class, James has been instructing us on the power of the tongue and its destructive nature. The tongue is “a fire, a world of iniquity,” “full of deadly poison” which “defiles the whole body” (James 3:6-8). The wise man Solomon once observed, “When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise” (Pr 10:19). And again, “A man of knowledge uses words with restraint” (Pr 17:27). Most of us can attest to the wisdom of these Scriptural truths, knowing all too well the untold damage that words can cause (Pr 12:13).

Perhaps we, like David should pray: “Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips” (Ps 141:3). After all, “he who guards his lips guards his soul, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin” (Pr 13:3). There is much to be said for thinking before we speak (Jas 1:19) and choosing our words carefully (Pr 15:28). Brevity, often regarded as a virtue, can be very effective in communication. And some things are better left unsaid (Pr 11:12; 17:28).

But, even though their use can be dangerous and may result in problems, words are necessary, aren't they? And while reckless words may pierce like a sword, the tongue of the wise can bring healing (Pr 12:18). While there should be no “obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place” (Eph 5:4), the “lips of the righteous know what is fitting” (Pr 10:32), bring forth wisdom (v. 31), and nourish many (v. 21).

The Christian is cautioned against using words in a hurtful, destructive way. Rather, we are instructed to use our words in a helpful, constructive manner. “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Eph 4:29). The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life (Pr 10:11), and wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning (Pr 10:13).

We are to choose our words carefully, in order to build up and benefit those to whom we are speaking. The words of God's children are to “always be gracious [courteous], seasoned with salt” [pleasant; attractive] (Col 4:6). To that end, may we pray as David did, “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer” (Ps 19:14).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Kittery Ladies Day

with Grace Durgin

October 25 — 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Gander Brook Men's Retreat Planning

Brunswick church of Christ

Saturday, October 25th at 11:00 AM

### Supper and Sing

Southern Maine church of Christ

Saturday, November 1, 4:00-6:30pm

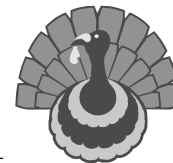
### Gander Brook Ladies Retreat Planning

Oxford Hills church of Christ

Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 AM

FMI contact Brenda Birckholtz at 743-9480

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Did everyone get a list of non-perishable items? There will be a box on the first table for the items you bring in each week. The food will be stored in our little storage room. Shirley will be decorating 6 boxes and making 6 cards to put in the boxes. Thanksgiving this year is on the 27th, so we'll put the baskets together after services on Sunday, the 23rd. Thank you for your participation and generous giving!