



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. 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** TODAY, after services

November Birthdays:

9th – Christopher Boucher
21st – Sandy Gagnon
26th – Rebecca Hios

Happy Anniversary:

George & Caren Nick— 9th

SNACKS!

November 9: Betty
November 16: Amber

Ladies Bread Ministry

November 16: Shirley

Numbers for 11/2/14

Attendance - 19
Contribution - \$403.

Order of Worship

November 9, 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*
- Acts 2:36-47 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"They Devoted Themselves"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Greeter: *Susana Kazel*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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**November 9, 2014**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

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

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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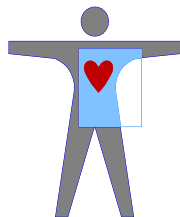
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## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Blake - recently diagnosed w/ Lyme Disease; on medication, but still weak & tires easily
- John Cleary (Wayne & Jan's neighbor) - has pneumonia; also suffers with COPD
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy is now home and doing well. Paul's situation is still being evaluated
- Giovani (George's nephew's twin son) - cancer has spread throughout his body; family is exploring treatment options
- Jean Gortot - diagnosed with inoperable & untreatable cancer; also fractured her pelvis
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Terry Kennedy - knee replacement surgery was successful; home now; should be fully healed & walking normally in about 3 months
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - 3 cancerous tumors found on her son Tripp's brain; cannot be surgically removed; starting radiation with 1 dose 5 days a week for 7 weeks; chemo will then follow for one year
- Angel Nick - her premature baby boy has weight and breathing problems
- 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 and making things difficult; 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.



## Devotion

Devotion is a beautiful word replete with substance and meaning. As Christians, we are to devote ourselves to prayer (Col 4:6), to the reading of Scripture (1 Tim 4:13), to doing what is good (Titus 3:8, 14), to the service of the saints (1 Cor 16:15), and we are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Rom 12:10).

The word and its derivations can be defined as: (1) Ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person or principle; earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc. (2) Religious ardor or zeal; piety; profound dedication, esp. to religion; consecration. Devotion can include feelings of ardent love or a strong positive emotion of regard and affection for another. It also carries the meaning of a firm, dedicated commitment to some purpose—the act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action with a willingness to serve (*thefreedictionary.com*).

The word is synonymous with dedication and commitment and has its roots in words like loyalty, faithfulness and allegiance. And these words have their roots in love. Scripture affirms that "we love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). And when you "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30), your loyalty and allegiance will be to Him only and you will be ever faithful in His service (Mt 6:33; 1 Cor 15:58).

So, out of our grateful response of love for God, and what He has done for us through Christ, grows a solid allegiance to God which produces an unwavering devotion to Him which produces willing obedience and selfless service. Even if this Christian duty should include sacrifice and suffering, the devoted Christian will not be discouraged or deterred from rendering faithful obedience to his loving God. May "Thy will be done" in my life, as it is in heaven. — *Terry Schmidt* ✍

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Gander Brook Ladies Retreat Planning

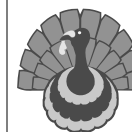
Oxford Hills church of Christ

Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 AM  
FMI contact Brenda Birckholtz at 743-9480



### POINTS TO PONDER:

"True strength lies in submission, permitting one to dedicate his life, through devotion, to something beyond himself. - Henry Miller



### Thanksgiving Baskets

There is a box on the first table for the items you bring in each week. Shirley will be decorating 6 boxes and making 6 cards to put in the boxes. We will put the baskets together after services on Sunday, the 23rd. Thank you for your participation and generous giving! ☺

### "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

**Hear** the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

**Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31  
Heb 11:6

**Repent** of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

**Confess** Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;  
Rom 10:8-10

**Be baptized** - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;  
1 Pet 3:21

**Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;  
Rev 2:10

### ☺ 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.