



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 have 7 names and small gift ideas this year. Jan has volunteered to make the stockings. She will bring them to potluck on the 14th. We will be meeting at the Dollar Store in Biddeford by Mardens on Saturday, December 20 at about 10:30 am to purchase items for the stockings. If you are interested, please join us.

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.

Women's Brunch: The Seabrook church of Christ invited us to a Winter Women's Brunch on Saturday, January 17 from 11 am to 2 pm. The theme is 'Home is where God's heart is.' An RSVP is required: I will ask for a show of hands on January 4th. — *Betty*

Birthdays:

23rd – Blake Williams

SNACKS!

December 14: Terry K
December 21: Jan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:**
TODAY, after services

Ladies Bread Ministry

December 14: Betty

Order of Worship

December 14, 2014

"For it is written, 'Worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve'."

- Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

- Colossians 4:2-6 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Some Things That Really Matter"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Terry Schmidt

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Greeter: *Shirley Boucher*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Susana Kazel*

# Southern Maine Church of Christ

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## 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:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Blake - dealing with Lyme Disease
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy is home and doing well. Paul is home now; please pray the transition and required adjustments go smoothly
- Jean Gortot - diagnosed with inoperable & untreatable cancer; also fractured her pelvis
- Grabowski's - recently moved to Kittery; request prayers as they make this transition
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Rebecca Hios - prayers of thanks are in order; has been offered a new job in Rochester!
- Terry Kennedy - recovering from knee replacement surgery; presently undergoing PT
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - sons brain tumors cannot be surgically removed; undergoing radiation; chemo will follow
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - ongoing 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
- Jan Sampson - experiencing chronic & severe hip pain which is often debilitating
- Betty Starling (friend of TK from San Marcos, TX) - recovering from a recent stroke
- Karlee Wells - physical issues; dealing with chronic pain
- 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.



"I call to God, the Most High, to God, who supplies my every need. He will answer from heaven and save me." — Psalm 57:2-3



## Prudence

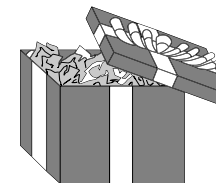
When Jesus sent out the Twelve on their limited commission, He warned: "'Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves'" (Matthew 10:16). All New Testament Christians are also cautioned: "See then that you walk circumspectly (carefully, cautiously), not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Both these verses highlight the need for us to maintain our spiritual vigilance and can be summed up in one word: prudence.

Simply and generally defined, prudence is practical wisdom promoting (through the ability of reason and thoughtful consideration) a healthy sense of caution and restraint in the management life's affairs. It is derived from the Latin *prudens* meaning "far-sighted" or "acting with foresight." The word is synonymous with common sense and is associated with exercising good, sound judgment.

This is why the wise man Solomon asserts, "Every prudent man acts with knowledge" (Proverbs 13:16); "considers well his steps" (14:15); "receives correction" (15:15); "acquires knowledge" (18:15); is "crowned with knowledge" (14:18) and is "wise in heart" (16:21). Of course, the knowledge and wisdom spoken of here refers to the will and the ways of God. This enables the prudent to foresee evil (danger) and hide himself (prepare and take adequate precautions), while the simple (foolish, unthinking persons) pass on and are punished, suffering the consequences of their foolish actions (22:3).

So, how do we obtain this most excellent quality? Prudence is equally promised to the simple and inexperienced, as well as to the wise and learned. It comes through the knowledge and wisdom found in God's word, which freely imparts the gift of prudence to those who will faithfully study its pages (Proverbs 1:4; 8:12). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

## POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP AND YANKEE SWAP



After service this morning we will have our monthly potluck meal followed by our annual Yankee Swap. We hope you have planned to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

**"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

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* — Acts 4:12

**Numbers for 12/7/14**

Attendance - 19

Contribution - *Not Available*

☺ **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.