

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting:** Next Sunday, April 27th after services

Happy Anniversary:

Rodney & Shirley — April 28th

Ladies Bread Ministry

April 20: Jan

SNACKS!

April 20: Shirley

April 27: Nancy



"Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy lam." - Psalm 119:18

POINTS TO PONDER:

"We the saved who are loved by God, are empowered by His Spirit to serve Him...by serving others...in countless ways each day through kind words and thoughtful actions."



~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

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

Please see bulletin board for more details

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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements & 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 20, 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) - surgery for endometriosis was successful; migraines
- Blake & Amber and family - Blake: shoulder pain; Amber: migraines; Anthony: surgery for adenoids, ear tubes & cyst is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4
- Bob - now at River Ridge for rehab to gain strength; also COPD and shoulder pain
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Ernie - various health issues; COPD
- Mary (Kathy's mom) - severe lower back pain
- Paul & Sandy - Paul at River Ridge doing well & making steady progress. Sandy now at River Ridge with a class B staph infection in various abscesses & bones; pray for hip replacement surgery when infection is gone
- Philip - prayers for solid employment
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- Raymonde Georgeff - suffering with cancer
- Sue - having cataract surgery on 4/16
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- 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 [tls654b@zwi.net](mailto:tls654b@zwi.net) Thank you!

Numbers for 4/13/14

Attendance - 24  
Contribution - \$449.

## Happy Easter

This is the time of year when those in the denominational and religious world focus on the crucifixion of Christ (Good Friday) and His resurrection (Easter). The name Easter comes from a pagan figure called Eastre (or Eostre), the Saxon goddess of spring among the Germanic people of Northern Europe. The festival Eastre was held during the spring equinox in honor of her. Originally, there were some very idolatrous practices that went along with the celebration. The egg was a symbol of fertility, life and new birth. Easter was the goddess of fertility and her earthly symbol was the rabbit, known for its prolific breeding. So, the Easter bunny and Easter eggs are remnants of this goddess worship.

In honor of the goddess Eastre, Saxons would offer sacrifices about the time of the Jewish Passover. Through time, the name came to be given to the early celebration of the resurrection of Christ, which occurred at the time of the Passover. In early English versions, the word Easter was frequently used as the translation of the Greek pascha (Passover) – [Tyndale 1534; Coverdale 1535; Matthew's Bible 1537; Great Bible 1540; Bishop's Bible 1568]. Easter is also a nationally recognized annual holiday celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. While no yearly observance of Christ's crucifixion is commanded in the Bible, Christians are to partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day to commemorate His death and remember His sacrifice (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32).

The Scriptures attest that the Son of God was crucified in accordance with God's will to redeem sinful man, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and then raised to life by Almighty God on the third day – the Lord's Day – Sunday (Acts 2:23-42; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). While His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins, Christ's resurrection gives us hope that we too will be raised again when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

So, the resurrection is at the very heart of the Christian's faith. To make it even more real and more personal, those who are in Christ have already participated in His death, burial and resurrection in a figurative way, through baptism. "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5). "And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, this is the Christian's hope – a confident expectation of everlasting life in the eternal presence of our blessed Lord!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



*"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."*

— Jesus (John 11:25)

😊 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!

