

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Bethany Boucher - recovering from injuries sustained from being hit by a car while on her bicycle; undergoing extensive dental work
- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction and a bad environment
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers for struggles at work
- Susana Kazel - recently sustained 1st & 2nd degree burns to her lower extremities; being treated at a burn center in FL as of last week
- Mary (Paula's mother) - scheduled for PET scan and liver biopsy on 11/24 and 11/30; has been in remission of eye cancer for the past 6 years
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's oldest son) - recently diagnosed with prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Ernie Perry - shoulder pain; had surgery on Nov 17th for right shoulder; now home doing PT; also has complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - poor blood circulation in both legs; having stents placed in legs on Dec 9th
- Susan (Paula's sister) - her husband Rick and children Ben, Sam and Anna are having some physical and emotional struggles in their lives
- Karolyn Terrill - had first cataract surgery last Thursday (Nov 19) and will have second eye done on December 3rd
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - has been diagnosed with colon cancer; please pray for his wife Evelyn (Sandy's sister), their daughter Janice, and the doctors attending him.

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

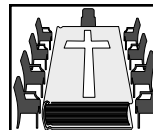
Note: Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.

Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving was quite different from the one we celebrate in our day. After enduring many hardships—an extremely harsh winter, including much sickness and the deaths of about half the settlers—the Pilgrims were blessed the following year with a plentiful harvest. Because of this, Governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to be held on December 13, 1621. The primary purpose of the feast was to give thanks to God for blessings received. The festival lasted 3 days and included not only an abundance of food, but even games and a military review. Although this festival was very different from our Thanksgiving Day, we as a nation still observe it for the same reason—to give thanks to God for what we have.

Beginning with George Washington, observance of a national day of thanksgiving had been mandated by individual presidential proclamations until 1941 when Congress decreed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, making it a federal holiday. In his proclamation that year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a day to be observed in giving thanks to the Heavenly Source of our earthly blessings. On the day appointed for this purpose, let us reflect at our homes or places of worship on the goodness of God and in giving thanks." But this wonderful holiday can become so filled with activity and the fellowship of family and friends that we often forget to observe the great and noble purpose for which it was intended.

In Psalm 116:12, the Psalmist asks a profound question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Realizing all the many blessings we receive from the gracious hand of our loving Father, this would be an appropriate question for us to ponder. The Psalmist's answer comes in verse 17: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." This year, let's be sure to take time to express our heartfelt thanks to God and show our sincere gratitude to Him by sharing what we have with others. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Congregational Meeting

In order to comply with the laws of the State of Maine, we held a congregational meeting on Nov 8. The results are as follows:

President: **Erik Grabowski**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Wayne Sampson**

Our heartfelt thanks is extended to Erik and Wayne for volunteering to serve in this way and to all who participated in this necessary process. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40)

Christmas Gifts



The following note was sent by Josiah, Anthea, Joshua and Layla Carelse in Denver, Colorado. This is the family from South Africa attending Bear Valley Bible Institute that we are helping to support.

"We appreciate the kind hearts of your congregation and what you are doing for us is so amazing. This will be our first time being here over the holidays and this is so special Please send our love to your congregation and thank them for what they are doing. And thank you once again for all the continuous support you have given us."

If you would like to purchase something for the Carelise family, there are papers in the back with suggestions. Please put your name next to the item and write it down on the piece of paper provided to remind you.

Please bring the items in by Sunday, Dec 13 so it can be sent before the holidays.

😊 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 before you depart.



Ladies' Corner

Kennebunk Nursing Home: Our monthly visitation will be Wednesday, December 16 at 9:30 am. Every year we help the nursing home with their Christmas party, which will be Tuesday, December 22nd at 2:00 pm. Many no-sew blankets have been made and will be given away at the party. If you would like to make a batch of cookies for the party, please bring them to services on Sunday, December 20. We were also asked to bring popcorn and popcorn oil. Janice is checking on buying a large box of the popcorn and oil.



November Birthdays

26th – Rebecca Hios



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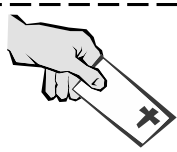
Nov. 22: Jan
Nov. 29: Betty

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting:
Sunday, December 6, after services
- Pot Luck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:
December 13th, after services

Give Thanks to God...

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~



Numbers for 11/15/15
Attendance - 24
Contribution - \$610.

Order of Worship

November 22, 2015

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

~ Psalm 95:1-2 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Psalm 104:14-28 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Thanksgiving Living"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

**November 22, 2015**

## 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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