

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction and a bad environment
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul had a bad fall recently; Sandy has a new sore on her foot and her legs are quite swollen & painful
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers for struggles at work; very difficult & stressful situation
- Susana Kazel - now in FL healing well from the bad burns she received last month
- Carrie Lamarche - suffering with pneumonia
- Mary (Paula's mother) - results of PET scan and liver biopsy have revealed a large tumor in her liver which is inoperative
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's oldest son) - recently diagnosed with a non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery scheduled for March
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Nicholas (Sandy's grandson) - hospitalized in PA with a 103 degree fever; cause unknown
- Ernie Perry - recent surgery on right shoulder was successful; beginning PT on Dec 17th; also has complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - poor blood circulation in both legs; planned surgery has been canceled
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- 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 - both cataract surgeries were successful and she is doing well
- 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.
- Please pray for those not with us today



Is it Asking Too Much?

God, through the inspired prophet Micah, brings charges against Israel for violating the covenant they shared. Framed in a type of courtroom scene, God invites Israel to plead their case before him (Micah 6:1-8). But, they have no legitimate defense. While God had faithfully kept His responsibilities, Israel had forsaken Him and failed in their covenant obligations.

They went through the motions of keeping the form and ritual of religion (vv. 6-7), but their hearts were insincere and their worship hypocritical. Israel had seemingly forgotten all that God had done for them and were taking His blessings for granted. Because God was not a real part of their daily lives, they had become self-absorbed and self-serving. And this self-centeredness resulted in the emergence of ungodly attitudes and unrighteous behavior. They were dishonest, unfair and unkind in their dealings with others. Even as God's chosen people, they were virtually indistinguishable from the godless pagans around them.

While making sure to offer their burnt offerings and sacrifices, Israel had missed that which was most important to God. "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly (do what is honest, right & fair to others), to love mercy (show love, kindness & compassion toward others), and to walk humbly with your God" (v. 8). The word 'walk' signifies a close, intimate fellowship with God which assumes a right relationship with Him. Walking humbly has to do with willing service in an attitude of submission, respect and reverence.

Even under the new covenant, the teachings of Jesus and the inspired NT writers mirror and support this OT teaching (see Mt 5-7). This is what the Lord requires: "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." And, is this asking too much? Are these unreasonable demands? Apparently for Israel, 700 years before Christ, they were. May it not be so with us.

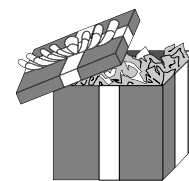
By God's grace, baptized believers are now covered by the cleansing blood of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and we enjoy the undeserved forgiveness of our sins. But this blessed fellowship is contingent upon the fact that we maintain a penitent attitude, regularly confess our sins, and strive to walk in harmony with God's will (1 Jn 1:6-10). Does this describe your daily life? Does it describe you today? Let us remember, worship and morality cannot be divorced from each other, any more than what you do (conduct & behavior) can be separated from who you are.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



We rejoice with the angels in heaven over our brother **Seth Willey's** return to the Lord and His church. We are also pleased that Seth desires to place membership here with the Southern Maine church of Christ. If you haven't already done so, please introduce yourself to Seth and welcome him to our spiritual family. Here's his info:

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Westbrook, ME 04092
Phone: 207-239-3542
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Christmas Gifts

Please have your gift items for the Carelse family **wrapped and tagged** and bring them in by **December 13th** so they can be sent before the holidays. Thank you!



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. Janice has provided a large box of popcorn and oil.

December Birthdays

16th - Brandon Kennedy

23rd - Blake Williams



SNACKS!

Dec 13: Nancy
Dec 20: Diane

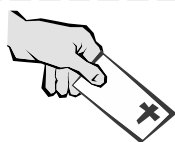
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:**
TODAY, after services



Jesus commands us to trust Him enough to do things that may be difficult...for His glory. Obstacles give us the opportunity to trust God..

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@gwi.net



Numbers for 12/6/15
Attendance - 24
Contribution - \$609.

Order of Worship

December 13, 2015

"I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."

~ 1 Corinthians 14:15 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Cote*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"What Does the Lord Require of You?"
Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Janice Grabowski*

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

**December 13, 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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