

## 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 - health concerns; Sandy has a new sore on her foot and her legs are quite swollen & painful; on strong antibiotics
- 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 mom) - large inoperative tumor in her liver; undergoing infusion treatments
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery in March
- George & Caren Nick - George recovering from a severe illness; ongoing family struggles
- Nicholas Bush (Sandy's grandson) - now home recovering from mononucleosis
- Ernie Perry - had successful surgery on right shoulder; now undergoing PT; complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- 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
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain and complications from a head injury, including severe migraines
- 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

*"Pray without ceasing"* — 1 Thess 5:17



## Misfits

Every year at Christmastime I enjoy watching the 1964 clay-mation movie *Rudolph, the Red-*

*Nosed Reindeer*. Most of you probably know the story. Because of his bright red nose, Rudolph is not accepted by the other reindeer and is excluded from their activities. And an elf named Hermey isn't good at making toys and really wants to be a dentist. Together, they leave Christmas Town looking for somewhere to fit in. Along the way they meet a prospector named Yukon Cornelius who never seems to make a strike.

These three make their way to the island of misfit toys where, as misfits themselves, they seem to fit in. When granted an audience with the king, they request permission to stay on the island. Because they are not toys, the king denies their request. To which Yukon Cornelius replies: "How do you like that, even among misfits, we're misfits!"

As Christians, whose beliefs and lifestyle run directly counter to the world and its ways, we can relate to this. And we really don't need to flaunt our Christianity to bring about ridicule and ill feelings from those of the world. Because the godly man, by virtue of his righteous conduct and behavior, is a walking rebuke to those who are unrighteous (Proverbs 29:27).

While not always pleasant, being a misfit in this world is not a bad way to be. Because, although we are in the world, we are not to be of the world. Love of the world and its ways threatens our salvation (2 Timothy 4:10), and literally makes us enemies of God (James 4:4). As God's children, we are not to love the world (the world's ways - 1 John 2:15-16), but are to keep ourselves from being corrupted and polluted by it (James 1:27).

Walking in the light and living daily for Christ is sure to bring ridicule, exclusion and even persecution. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

And if that's the case, so be it. Our Savior, Lord and Master whom we serve said: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile (insult, slander, ridicule) and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!" (Matthew 5:10-12).

— 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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The ladies' ministry has had a very busy couple of weeks. They have collected enough (and more) for 20 homeless elderly at the Alfred Shelter. Five ladies got together Monday at Nancy's to put the items in gift bags. These gifts were delivered Tuesday and the staff & residents were VERY appreciative, as no one else donated anything and their funds were low. The ladies also mailed a very large box with all the gifts donated by our members to Josiah and his family in Colorado. Our ladies are to be commended for their careful planning, good organization and hard work. Thank you so much ladies for your caring hearts and willing service. You did an awesome job!!! Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all! ☺



## Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: This Tuesday, December 22 at 2:00 pm, there will be a Holiday party at the Kennebunk nursing home. We were asked to donate popcorn and oil. A box of 24 was given to the nursing home on Wednesday. We're also asked to bring cookies for the party. If you brought a batch today, thank you. We will be having a drawing at the party for the 25 plus no-sew blankets that were made during the year. The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.

## December Birthdays

23rd – Blake Williams



# SNACKS!

Dec 20: Diane  
Dec 27: Sandy

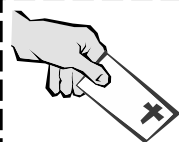
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, January 3, after services



*To love the Bible, the written Word . . . is to know Christ, the Living Word.*

**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)



Numbers for 12/13/15  
Attendance - 28  
Contribution - \$416.

## Order of Worship

December 20, 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*

~ Luke 2:1-14 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*"At Just the Right Time"*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

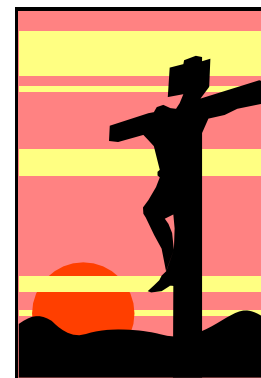
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Lord's Supper Prep: *Janice Grabowski*

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

**December 20, 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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