



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Family of Paula's Uncle Joey - who recently passed away from liver cancer
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now at Greenwood Center in Sanford; Sandy: now home and on a new treatment regimen
- Jean Gortot - passed away last week, having suffered with advanced cancer for some time
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - request prayers for the work in Kittery
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Jerry Prestridge (Bob & Phyllis' son) - serving in Afghanistan
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; pocketed fluid retention is still a problem, not much more can be done to remedy this
- Wayne Sampson - issues with lower back pain; has begun receiving epidermal injections
- Karlee Wells - may need to initiate legal action against her employer for her health issues; dealing with severe migraines and chronic pain; other health concerns
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems; thankful for your prayers
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

"The prayer of the upright is His delight...He hears the prayer of the righteous" - Proverbs 15:8 & 29

Abiding

In John 15, Jesus teaches us that we are to abide in Him (vv. 4-5). We abide (stay in, continue in, dwell in, remain in) Jesus when we learn of Him (Mt 11:29), come to know Him and obey His commandments (1 John 2:3-4). Our Lord said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (v. 10)."

Jesus also says in John 15 that He abides in us (vv. 4-5). "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." How does Jesus abide in us? "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you...." (v. 7). Jesus abides in us through the living and powerful word of God (Heb 4:12). "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...." (Col 3:16).

Paul further clarifies this point: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...." (Gal 2:20). But, as indicated by this text, before Christ can effectively live in us the old man must be crucified. That is, we must die to self (to our will when opposed to God's will). "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in (direct our lives in conformity with) the Spirit" (Gal 5:24-25).

As John lovingly reminds us, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked (1 Jn 2:6). Our inspiration and motivation for doing this is eloquently expressed a few verses later: "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 John 2:28).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

Time to Re-Gift!



After our pot luck meal today, we will have our traditional Yankee Swap. All gifts should be wrapped, and those specifically for men or women should be marked "Male" or "Female." It would be good to bring a gift for a child or baby as we have several children who usually participate in our Yankee Swap. So, be ready to enjoy a time of great fun and a lot of laughs as we share this special time together! ☺

"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

☺ 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. Have a great week!





Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: December 18th, after services.

Kennebunk Nursing Home: asked if we could donate cookies for their holiday party on December 23. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them in on December 18. Thank you.



December Birthdays

16th - Brandon Kennedy

23rd - Blake Williams



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck:** Today, after services
- **Yankee Swap:** After pot luck
- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** December 18th, after services



POINTS TO PONDER

God's will revealed in His word helps us to live in the way that

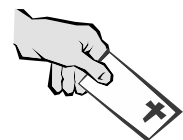
we were created and intended to live. 

Our brother Paul Gagnon was transferred last week to **Greenwood Center** rehabilitation facility: 1142 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073; Phone: (207) 324-2273. This is a good move where he will receive better treatment than before.

SNACKS!

December 11: Nancy

December 18: Sandy



Numbers for 12/4/16

Attendance - 20

Contribution - \$395.

Order of Worship

December 11, 2016

"I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."

— Psalm 9:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ John 15:1-8 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Abiding in the Vine"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

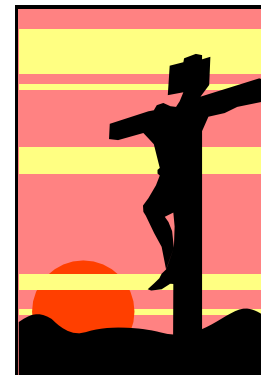
Alternate/fill-in: *Erik Grabowski*

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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 -

**December 11, 2016**

## 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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