

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - recently diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed, prayers are needed for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now at River Ridge; having cataract surgery on 4/5; Sandy: nursing hip inflammation & sores on feet
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Rebecca Hios' colleague (name undisclosed) - struggling with Lyme disease and anxiety
- Mary (Paula's mom) - beginning new medication to stop liver tumor growth and keep it from spreading; now in palliative care, given 4-6 months by medical professionals
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; undergoing radiation therapy; also suffers with macular degeneration
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - diagnosed with prostate cancer; surgery scheduled for April 6
- George & Caren Nick - request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & Angel's life challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing; also has COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kim Slaven - suffering from a bad sore throat with laryngitis & sickness for weeks
- Karlee Wells - requests prayers regarding an opportunity for a better position at work
- Joe Wilder's Family (Kathy's uncle) - passed away last week; succumbed to throat cancer
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had surgery for an illiostomy on 3/3 that will be reversed in 1-2 months; prayers are requested for his health & healing

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thess 5:17



Sacrificial Giving

Few of us would argue that our society influences our thinking far more than we would care to admit. Take the subject of giving, for example. Most of us are willing to give if what we are giving is coming from our surplus. In other words, we won't miss it. The rich mentioned in Luke 21:1-4 fall into this category. Jesus seems to be saying that their gifts weren't worth much because they were giving out of their abundance.

On the other hand, the poor widow's gift was a real sacrifice. She gave all that she had and was commended by the Lord for it. We are ready to give if what we are giving is of no use to us or hasn't cost us anything. Like the recycled Christmas gifts and birthday presents we didn't want or need in the first place. This is what God's people were condemned for in Malachi 1:6-14. They were offering to God blemished sacrifices—crippled and diseased animals that were of no use to them anyway.

But David in 2 Samuel 24:24 shows us the proper attitude: "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God that which has cost me nothing." We are typically willing to give if we feel that we will be getting something back in return. This is the "What's in it for me?" approach. I'll give so long as I can be assured that I'll get some kind of return on my investment. But Jesus says in Luke 6:34-35, "If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners' expecting to be repaid in full. But lend, without expecting anything back. Then your reward will be great."

Perhaps many of us could use an "attitude adjustment" in the area of giving. We need to learn how to give sacrificially. To give even when it's inconvenient and even painful for us. And it's not just about money. It's about the giving of our time, talents, energy, and material goods as well.

It's about becoming more like our Lord Jesus Christ who set for us the perfect example of sacrificial giving. He gave His life for sinners like you and me. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Kathy Rader & family** as they mourn the passing of Kathy's uncle Joe Wilder. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †*

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Area Wide Singing

Concord Church of Christ
Sunday, April 10, 3-5 PM

Spring Sing

Church of Christ, Springfield, VT
Sunday, May 1

New England Lectureship

Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA
May 6-8

😊 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!



Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.



April Birthdays

2nd – Justin Kennedy



Happy Anniversary:

Keith & Karlee Wells — April 20th
Rod & Shirley Boucher — April 28th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Next Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, April 10th, after services

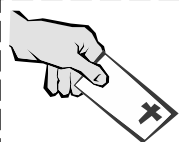
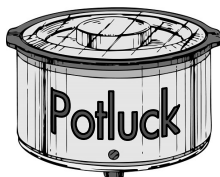
SNACKS!

April 3: Terry K
April 10: Pot Luck



"Through prayer, we draw upon the power of the infinite God."

Our potluck fellowship will be Apr 10th after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ☺



Numbers for 3/27/15
Attendance - 30
Contribution - \$705.

Order of Worship

April 3, 2016

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

~ Jesus — John 4:23-24 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"How Do We Treat Others?"

Song

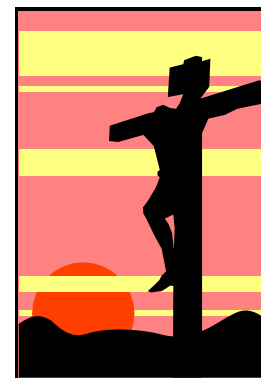
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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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 -

**April 3, 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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