

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; now home recovering; pray for his overall health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: now home from Seal Rock ; making necessary adjustments and doing well
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Susana Kazel & family - mourning the loss of their loved one John Moseley
- Mary (Paula's mom) - inoperative cancerous tumor in liver still growing; in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - rotator cuff surgery on left shoulder was successful; dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - has fluid around his lungs and fluid retention elsewhere; his blood pressure and heart are constantly monitored; pray for his physical & emotional health
- Karlee Wells - new program at work will provide greater opportunities & better working conditions; dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Seth & Kim Willey - prayers that they might close on their new home with no problems
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - was brought back to the hospital with fluid in the lungs, along with swollen legs and ankles
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

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

Satan is a Gambler

Satan is identified in a lot of ways and has many descriptions. He is known as "the devil" (meaning *the slanderer*); "the evil or wicked one" (Mt 13:19,38; Jn 17:15); "the accuser of the brethren" (Rev 12:10); "the adversary" (1 Pet 5:8); "the deceiver of the whole world" (Rev 12:9); "the father of lies" (Jn 8:44; "the god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4); "a murderer" (Jn 8:44); and "the tempter" (Mt 4:5);— to name a few.

But, did you know that Satan is also a gambler? He takes a big chance when he throws temptations, trials, and difficulties our way. He's a gambler because he knows that the odds are sometimes against him. He is fully aware of the fact that there's a chance that we will not react as he would have us to.

Our righteous fellow-servant Job is a good example. Satan accused Job before God that he was serving Him, not because he loved and revered God, but for selfish reasons—for blessings he received from God. With God's permission (and divine restraints to protect Job), Satan unleashed a barrage of severe trials and tremendous suffering (Job 1-2).

Through this ordeal, Job did not charge God foolishly with wrong-doing. And, at one point, said: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15). Clearly, Job's love for God was true and his faithfulness genuine. Satan had lost the wager. Job's loyalty and allegiance was to God, and to Him alone!

Even so, Satan continues his diabolical work and hopes that the Christian will fold under pressure—that he will despair, quit trying and give up. And sadly, some do. But others, much to Satan's dislike, react to his temptations by resisting him (Jas 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8-9), by drawing closer to God and leaning on His strength (Eph 6:10; Phil 4:13). And, as a result, these disciples grow even stronger in the Lord (Jas 1:2-4).

It's up to each of us to decide how we will react when "the gambler" decides to "try his luck" with us. How will you respond? — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Susana and family** as they mourn the passing of Susana's son-in-law John Moseley. John & Carm have visited with us a number of times during the past few years. His death was due to a heart-attack and was totally unexpected. 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 ~

SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

"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

☺ 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


Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Ladies Movie Night: Did you mark your calendars, ladies? The next movie night will be Saturday, July 23 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Terry Kennedy's.



July Birthdays

24th - Diane Cote
29th - Shirley Boucher



- ## ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- **Next Men's Business Meeting:** Sunday, August 7th, after services
 - **Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, August 14th, after services

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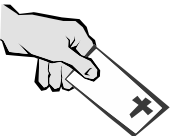
July 17: Shirley
July 24: Diane

Ladies Bread Ministry

July 17: Nancy
July 24: Susana

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please note that Terry Kennedy's home number (284-7306) is no longer in use. She can now be reached on her cell phone at **502-5675**. Please make a note of this change in your directory. ☺

Numbers for 7/10/16
Attendance - 18
Contribution - \$295.

Order of Worship

July 17, 2016

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

- Psalm 29:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Seth Willey*
~ Hebrews 12:3-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Why Do We Suffer?"
or
"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**July 17, 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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