

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, he still has not recovered fully and has lost a lot of weight; pray for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now at River Ridge; had 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; had surgery on 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
- Karlee Wells - requests prayers regarding an opportunity for a better position at work; dealing with chronic pain & various health issues
- Joe Wilder's Family (Kathy's uncle) - recently passed away, succumbing 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



Spiritual Warfare

For centuries now, military forces have been utilizing camouflage to gain an advantage over the enemy. Effective camouflage serves to conceal military personnel and equipment by making them blend in with natural surroundings. This technique has even been used to disguise or obscure large military installations rendering them virtually undetectable. The sole purpose of camouflage is to deceive or fool the enemy.

Satan, our enemy (1 Peter 5:8), is an expert in the art of camouflage. Consider the impact of the following text: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into (*disguising themselves as* – NAS; *masquerading as* – NIV) apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into (*disguises himself as* – NAS ; *masquerades as* – NIV) an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into (*disguise themselves as* – NAS; *masquerade as* – NIV) ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Cor 11:13-15).

Because of Satan's skillful ability to gain advantage over us through disguise and deception, God's soldiers must "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." We must "put on the whole armor of God, that [we] may be able to stand against the wiles (*schemes* – NAS & NIV) of the devil. The word wiles (Greek. *methodia*), denotes craft, deceit, and cunning device (*Vine's*). It is synonymous with trickery. Satan's ability to deceive and outwit us should cause us to be cautious and walk circumspectly (Eph 5:15), being alert to his evil purposes (2 Cor 2:11), and being careful to avoid them (Proverbs 4:14-15).

But, we need not run scared because "the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). We are not in this battle alone. And we should never be tempted to use our own strength to do battle with the enemy.

As the Scripture says, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts" (Zech 4:6). So take heart Christian soldier! "Fight the good fight of the faith! Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called! (1 Tim 6:12). And "thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Cor 15:57). — **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 to have you worship with us today. 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 Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Happy Anniversary:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Men's Business Meeting:** Sunday, April 17, after services

SNACKS!

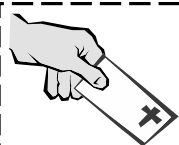
April 10: Pot Luck
April 17: Paula

To the Church that meets in Kennebunk,

I wanted to let you all know that the congregation in Kittery and myself have an informal agreement that I will start working with them. My work with them will begin immediately. I am excited about this new opportunity and pray that the Lord will bless it. Rebecca is also very excited about this new prospect.

Sadly it also means that I will not be attending Southern Maine, going forward. I was not expecting a decision so quickly. Regardless, I will miss you all. I am confident that we will visit in the future. Perhaps this happenstance occurred to bring the two congregations closer together. I will continue to remember you all in my prayers,

Nate



Numbers for 4/3/16

Attendance - 19

Contribution - \$334.

Order of Worship

April 10, 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: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ 2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 6:10-18 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Weapons of Our Warfare"

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 10, 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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