

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Brent Bell - lump found in his lung; awaiting test results to determine if cancerous
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; please pray for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; had cataract surgery on 4/5; Sandy: at SMHC; moved from ICU to room 324A yesterday, 4/23; making slow but steady progress
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Mary (Paula's mom) - on new medication to stop liver tumor growth; now in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; undergoing radiation therapy
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - recently had prostate cancer surgery; thankful for good biopsy results; recuperating well; please pray for a full recovery
- George & Caren Nick - grieving the recent loss of George's mother; request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & Angel's life challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing; needs surgery on left shoulder 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
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had illiostomy that will be reversed in 1 month; prayers are requested for his health & healing
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

## Reserved in Heaven for You!

While still on the runway, the small commuter plane in which I sat was having mechanical problems, which significantly delayed our departure time. This in turn made me late for my connection with a BIG jetliner at JFK airport. I ran at full gallop to the gate (this was over 30 years ago) and made it just before the attendants closed the door. Once on the plane, I didn't need to worry about whether or not there was an empty seat available for me. Why? - Because I had a reserved seat on that plane. In other words, that jetliner had a seat with my name on it!

The same is true of our heavenly home. Those in Christ are promised "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you!" (1 Peter 1:4). The word *reserve* in the original Greek means, "to guard, keep or preserve something that brings joy or happiness" (*Vine's*). While life may get pretty rough down here (John 16:33; 2 Tim 3:12), Christians are given divine assurance of their reward in heaven (John 14:1-3; 1 John 5:13).

Jesus, who purchased our salvation with His own blood (Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 1:18-19), placed a high priority on the joy brought forth by our reserved inheritance. He said to His disciples, "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:19-20).

As baptized believers saved by the blood of Christ, we have our names recorded in heaven - in the Lamb's Book of Life. Of all the records or places where one's name might appear, this is by far the most important. Because "anyone *not* found written in the Book of Life [will be] cast into the lake of fire" (Rev 20:15). The holy city, New Jerusalem, so beautifully described in Revelation 21 & 22, is reserved *only* for those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev 21:27). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to **George & Caren Nick and family** as they mourn the passing of George's mother Evangeline. 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 ~

### Spring Sing

Church of Christ, Springfield, VT  
Sunday, May 1

### New England Lectureship

Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA  
May 6-8

## Gander Brook Camping Registration



Registration for the upcoming camping season is now open online. You can register online at: [ganderbrook.org/registration-information/](http://ganderbrook.org/registration-information/)

## ☺ 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, May 18th, 2016 at 9:30 am.



## May Birthdays

3rd - Paula Kennedy

12th - Tony Grant

15th - Anthony Williams

16th - Betty Schmidt

23rd - Hunter Wells

30th - Paul Cote



## Happy Anniversary:

Rod & Shirley — April 28th

Bob & Susana — May 17th

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Seth Willey

*Scripture Reading:* Erik Grabowski

*Lord's Supper:*

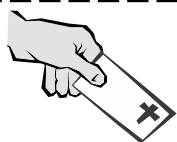
George Nick & Jason Kennedy

*Announcements/Prayer:* Wayne Sampson

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Terry Kennedy

## SNACKS!

April 24: Jan  
May 1: Betty



Numbers for 4/17/16

Attendance - 19

Contribution - \$189.

## Order of Worship

April 24, 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: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Revelation 20:11-15 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Lamb's Book of Life"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

*Terry Schmidt*

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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 24, 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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