

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Vernon Beach Family - grieving the loss of Vernon at 56 due to having a heart attack
- 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; Sandy: making good progress at Seal Rock
- 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) - 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 on May 31 was successful; now home recuperating ; also dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - at MMC due to having a heart attack; has a blood clot near his heart
- Karlee Wells - accepted to a 2-year doctorate program at work which will provide greater opportunities & better working conditions; dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had a successful reversal of the illiostomy and is now in rehab; Evelyn & family are grateful for our prayers and support throughout his ordeal
- 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

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



## The Greatest Need in America

We've been thinking much about the state of our country. Economic woes, fear of enemies, health concerns, natural disasters, spiritual decline, and confused morality call for our attention; and we continually ask what God's will is for this country.

We are perplexed but not surprised that the fastest growing religious group in America is the group that identifies themselves as having "no religion." According to the American Religious Identification Survey taken in 2001, adults who do not subscribe to any religious identification has more than doubled from 14.3 million in 1990 to 29.4 million in 2001; their proportion has grown from just eight percent of the total in 1990 to over fourteen percent in 2001. Only 77 percent of Americans now claim to be Christians.

Many of those who claim to be Christians have convictions far different from the teaching of the New Testament. For instance, the Pew Forum recently released a survey saying that 65 percent of American Christians say that many religions can lead to eternal life, a fact that contradicts Jesus' plain statement in John 14:6 (see also Acts 4:12; Eph 4:4-6).

What trends do these statistics reveal? People are increasingly less open to the idea of church. Church-going is no longer mainstream. Secularization is on the rise with more than one-third (38%) of America's adults being essentially secular in belief and practice.

What America needs most is the gospel (Rom 1:16), the old story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Cor 15:1-4). That divine story will lead them to change their hearts and lives in repentance and to unite with Christ in baptism. The gospel will open their hearts to faith, hope, and love. — **Phil Sanders**

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Work & Worship Week

Gander Brook Christian Camp  
June 25—July 2

GUEST SPEAKER: ARNIE HOLMES,  
former minister Manchester CT church  
"Faith for an Every Day Life"



### POINTS TO PONDER

*Of all the methods available,  
a sincere personal invitation  
remains the most effective way  
to get the unchurched into the church.*

### "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 and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!





## Ladies' Corner

*Nursing Home:* The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 at 9:30 am.



## Birthdays

20th – Caren Nick  
21st – Nathaniel Hios



## Happy Anniversary:

Erik & Janice — June 14th

## SNACKS!

June 12: Potluck  
June 19: Janice



## POT LUCK BARBECUE

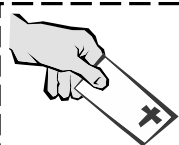
Our potluck fellowship today after services will be a cook out at Susana & Bob's. Bob will have the grill fired-up and ready-to-go so bring a meat, salad or dessert, and something to drink. Also, please bring your own chair. See you there! ☺



*"When life knocks you down,  
you're in the perfect position  
to pray!"*

## Ladies Bread Ministry

June 12: Nancy  
June 19: Kim



Numbers for 6/5/16  
Attendance - 30  
Contribution - \$571.

# Order of Worship

June 12, 2016

*"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice  
of praise to God continually, that is,  
the fruit of our lips giving thanks  
to his name."*

- Hebrews 13:15 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Erik Grabowski & Seth Willey*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**June 12, 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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