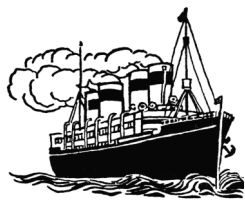


Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - had surgery on 2/19 to remove ulcerated portions of his colon and large intestine; prayers needed for healing & restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - various health concerns; Paul: just diagnosed with a UTI and is now on medication; still losing strength in his legs; having cataract surgery soon Sandy: dealing with ongoing lymphedema
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Mary (Paula's mom) - underwent last infusion treatment on 2/18; having a CAT scan on 3/17 to evaluate progress; pray that the cancerous tumor in her liver will dissolve or at least shrink
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; begins radiation in March for 33 weeks; also suffers with macular degeneration
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery is now scheduled for April 6th
- George & Caren Nick - request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & health, and for Angel's various challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing; doing PT; also has COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Rebecca Hios' colleague (name undisclosed) - struggling with Lyme disease and anxiety
- Karlee Wells - requests prayers regarding an opportunity for a better position at work
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles; health issues
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - no obvious colon cancer found in recent biopsies; praise God for answered prayers!

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



Integrity

While serving aboard ships and submarines in my younger days, one of the primary concerns when at sea was watertight integrity. Needed to maintain an effective barrier between the crew and the ocean, the integrity or soundness of the hull is of paramount importance. Because of this, the vessel's hull is tested periodically for defects or areas of weakness. When found, these areas need to be strengthened and restored.

Integrity is also of great concern in the spiritual realm. The word is defined well in the 2010 edition of the *Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary* which reads: (1) Uncompromising adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty. (2) The state of being whole or entire. (3) A sound or unimpaired condition.

All three of these definitions are relevant to our responsibilities as God's servants. As Christians, we are chosen vessels entrusted with the treasure of the Gospel (2 Cor 4:7). Being God's representatives, we must be people of good character and moral integrity. We understand that the power is in the message (Rom 1:16; 10:17; Heb 4:12). But because the messenger gives the message credibility, our motives must be sincere, our methods honest and our manner above reproach (Mt 5:13-16; 1 Thess 2:3-6; 1 Pet 2:9-12).

To insure this, it is advisable for us to examine ourselves spiritually on a regular basis. Just a vessel's hull is regularly tested for flaws, we as God's vessels need to be tested for soundness and signs of weakness. As the Scripture says, "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test (prove) yourselves" (2 Cor 13:5).

Ships are routinely scheduled for dry-dock periods so that the needed hull-integrity inspection can be accomplished.

As part of our worship, we are regularly scheduled each Sunday to partake of the Lord's Supper where we are called to examine our spiritual integrity before we partake of the emblems representing the Lord's body and blood (1 Cor 11:27-29). Doing this spiritual check will insure soundness and prevent defects and areas of weakness being found when God does His inspection (1 Cor 11:31-32; 1 Thess 2:4-5). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Kittery "Goodbye Get Together"
Farewell to Leo & Rowena Woodman
Saturday, March 5, 2-5 PM

Biddeford Ladies Day
with Becky Blackmon
Saturday, March 12, 10am-2:15pm

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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH

Song Leader: Nate Hios

Opening Prayer: Erik Grabowski

Scripture Reading: Paul Cote

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Seth Willey

Announcements/Prayer: Terry Schmidt

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

☺ 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, March 16, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Biddeford Ladies Day: will be Saturday, Mar 12, 10 am to 2:15 pm with speaker Becky Blackmon. Registration begins at 9 with morning refreshments. Lunch will be served at noon. THEME: Singing in the Rain Betty will be asking for a show of hands TODAY as to who will be attending.



March Birthdays

6th – Michael Baldasaro
23rd – Sophia Colvin



Happy Anniversary:

Tony & Nancy Grant — March 3rd
Henry & Karolyn Terrill — March 31st

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

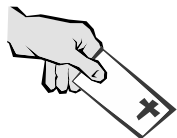
- Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, March 6th, after services
- Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, March 13th, after services

SNACKS!

Feb 28: Nancy
Mar 6: Diane

The ladies of the Kittery church of Christ have planned a **"Good-by Get Together"** for Leo & Rowena on their last Saturday here: **March 5th from 2-5 PM.**

A money tree will be available to provide a send-off gift for them.



Numbers for 2/21/15
Attendance - 19
Contribution - \$644.

Order of Worship

February 28, 2016

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

~ Colossians 3:16 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Cote*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*

~ Acts 17:1-9 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Jason Kennedy

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Entrusted with the Gospel"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

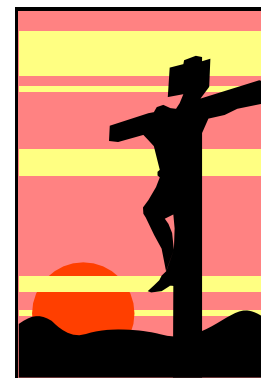
Wayne Sampson

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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 -*

**February 28, 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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