

Birthdays

9th - Kimberly Willey
13th - Janice Grabowski
14th - Robert (Susana's husband)
14th - Wayne Sampson
22nd - Ernie Perry

NEW LISTING

Mr. & Mrs. Seth Willey
5 Villa Road
Westbrook, ME 04092
Kim: Tel: (207)615-1056

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Terry K. will be doing the bulletin while Terry is away. Please forward any info to her until 8/13. (tkek9@yahoo.com)
- Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, August 7th, after services
- Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, August 31 after services

Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Snacks!

Aug. 7: Terry
Aug. 14: Nancy

Ladies Bread Ministry

Aug. 7: Shirley
Aug. 14: Terry K

Numbers for 7/31/16

Attendance - 16
Contribution - \$356.00

Order of Worship

August 7, 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*
~ 1 Peter 5:5-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Contribution

Song

Sermon: George Nick

Song

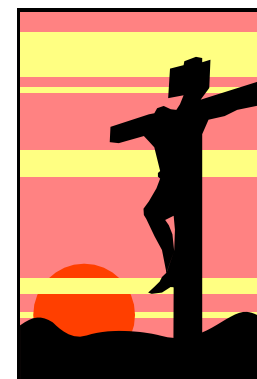
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Susana*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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

August 7, 2016

Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

Website: [www.sm-cc.org](http://www.sm-cc.org)  
Phone: 207-229-4174  
Email: [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net)

## 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; needs visitors ; Sandy: At York Hospital (Rm. 223). She struggles with C-Diff, a serious bacteria that affects the intestines.
- 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 — recently learned of 2 dear friends suffering with cancer
- Mary (Paula's mom) - inoperative cancerous tumor in liver still growing; having Hospice care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns; undergoing various tests for abdominal pain
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) — still has fluid problems and is now at Atlantic Heights in Saco
- Karlee Wells - dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray that our upcoming meeting will be successful in number and spiritual growth.

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*"Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*

Mark 11:24

## Unity of the Spirit

In Ephesians 4:3 we are called "being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is part of walking worthy of our calling; yet so many just overlook it or ignore it. We must be a people making every effort to hold to that which the Spirit already possesses. The unity of the Spirit is the doctrinal qualities that God has built into the church. The Holy Spirit himself has laid it down and calls upon us to keep this unchanged. There can be no alteration of any kind and we must walk in a worthy manner of our calling.

In Ephesians 4:4-6, these patterns are established as the pattern by which the church must be identified. Wherever these qualities exist, there is the church. Wherever any one of these qualities is missing, that is not the church of the Lord Jesus. These qualities are the standards that have been imposed by the Holy Spirit. These seven elements that the Spirit has declared must be examined and held to as they are the very essence to the identity and existence as the church. Again, where these elements exist so does Christ's body. Where these elements are missing, they are not the church of the Lord and scripture makes that very clear.

This is the constitution of the church, if we might say. Man does not have the privilege of changing in any way the characteristics, the standards, or the platform upon which Jesus built His church. We cannot negotiate with the Holy Spirit. We did not establish these standards. We do not have any authority of establishing new ideas or ways. The Holy Spirit planted these in the constitution of the church and those who hold to these, preserve these, are identified as those "called out" to Jesus.

If we for any reason decide this is narrow mindedness, or some legalistic setting of rules and begin to stretch the seven elements laid down into other things, we have just begun a walk with Jesus in an unworthy manner. It violates the Lord and His Spirit in every way. This is so basic, yet it is being blasted by so many today. This isn't a new theory or some new idea and not even some old pattern of denominationalism. This is the calling of God, in Jesus Christ through his Spirit, to make certain that we are diligent to preserve this unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Why is there so much disruption among those claiming the Lord? You don't have to look far. ...Brent Newton

## ~ Upcoming Events ~

### SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

### Gander Brook Family Camp

September 3—5

Theme: "A Family of Disciples"

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## Worship Assignments for August

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Seth Willey

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Erik Grabowski

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Susana Kazel

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*"Consider it pure joy my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."*

James 1:2-3

## Points to Ponder

*"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one".*

Colossians 4:6

## 😊 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.

