

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; please pray for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: now home from Seal Rock ; making necessary adjustments and doing well
- 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 was successful; now home recuperating ; also dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kathy Rader - requests our prayers
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - back at MMC with more fluid around his lungs and fluid retention elsewhere; his blood pressure and heart condition are being constantly monitored; please pray for his physical & emotional health
- Karlee Wells - new program at work 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) - was brought back to the hospital with fluid in the lungs, along with swollen legs and ankles
- 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

✠ True Freedom — In Christ ✠

Two-hundred and forty years ago, the noble sentiments expressed so eloquently in the Declaration of Independence boldly announced the resolute decision of the American colonies to free themselves from the bondage and oppression of England. Through the difficult seven years of the Revolutionary War (1776-1783), our precious liberty was purchased at the cost of much suffering, great personal loss and many lives.

In like manner, the noble tenets of the gospel (good news) boldly proclaim God's marvelous plan of salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Rom 1:16). The sinless Son of God willingly left His heavenly estate, suffered much, and shed His precious blood for His creation (Rom 5:6-8; Phil 2:5-11). In doing so, He redeemed us from the bondage and oppression of sin and reconciled us to God (2 Cor 5:17-21).

While the freedoms we have enjoyed in this country may eventually erode and even disappear, the spiritual freedom Christ offers is solid, steadfast and sure. "Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed (John 8:36). Because it came at such a great cost, this freedom is to be whole-heartedly embraced, sincerely cherished and fully experienced by the redeemed.

However, whether experienced on a national or spiritual level, the exercise of freedom should never be abused, regarded lightly, or taken for granted. As the Scriptures admonish: "Do not use [your] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Gal 5:13) . . . "as free, yet not using your liberty as a cloak for vice, but as servants of God" (1 Pet 2:16).

Many in this world do not share the freedoms we enjoy in this country. And many, many souls are still in bondage to sin. May we sincerely value our salvation and truly appreciate the fact that, in Christ, we are free and no longer enslaved to sin. We close with this admonition: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage" (Gal 5:1).— **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

"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

POINTS TO PONDER



Next to the power of God, the serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world." — Blaise Pascal

☺ 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

Ladies Meeting: Sunday, July 3rd while the men have their meeting.

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Ladies Movie Night: Did you mark your calendars, ladies? The next movie night will be Saturday, July 23 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Terry Kennedy's.



July Birthdays

4th – Paul Gagnon

9th - Tyler Kennedy

13th – Karolyn Terrill

24th - Diane Cote

29th – Shirley Boucher



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Business Meeting: Today, after services
- Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, July 10th, after services

SNACKS!

July 3: Jan

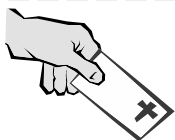
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Ladies Bread Ministry

July 3: Betty

July 10: Jan

There is peace in the presence of God.



Numbers for 6/26/16

Attendance - 24

Contribution - \$763.

Order of Worship

July 3, 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*

~ 2 Chronicles 7:12-14 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"We Hold These Truths"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

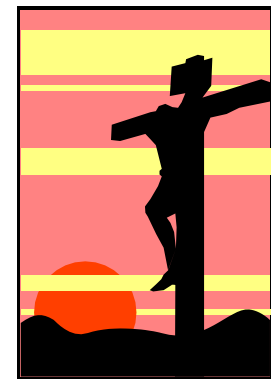
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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

**July 3, 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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