



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Family of Paula's Uncle Joey - who recently passed away from liver cancer
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: now home from York Hospital & on the mend; new treatment prescribed
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - request prayers for the work in Kittery
- Laurie (Caren's friend) - suffering with cancer
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Jerry Prestridge (Bob & Phyllis' son) - serving in Afghanistan
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; pocketed fluid retention is still a problem, not much more can be done to remedy this
- Wayne Sampson - issues with lower back pain; has begun receiving epidermal injections
- Karlee Wells - may need to initiate legal action against her employer for her health issues; dealing with severe migraines and chronic pain; other health concerns
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems; thankful for your prayers
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight...He hears the prayer of the righteous" - Proverbs 15:8 & 29*

## "Thy Will Be Done"

The biggest struggle any of us will ever have in this life is with OURSELVES. More specifically, the struggle involves the subjection or opposition of OUR selfish, self-centered wills to GOD'S perfect will. When we think about this rationally and objectively, the fact that mere sinful mortals (Romans 3:10, 23) would place their wills in opposition to the will of Almighty God, the Creator of the universe, just doesn't make any sense.

What do we think we can accomplish by resisting and opposing the will of God? Do we believe that we are better qualified to run our lives than the Almighty who sustains the universe? Do we think we know better than our Father what is good or bad for us? Why then do we continually resist and oppose His will for our lives? Could it be that we, like Eve of old, have allowed Satan to deceive us?

We pay more attention to his deceptive lies than to GOD'S powerful truth. We buy the "bill of good's" he's selling and accept his counterfeit promises: "Ye shall be as gods!" (Gen 3:5). As he did in the first temptation, Satan implies through his deception that God is holding out on us! We're missing out on something good by listening to God! The fact is, just the OPPOSITE is true! We're missing out on something good and wonderful by listening to Satan! And we deprive ourselves of many blessings that could be ours by doing things our own way (Jonah 2:8).

How much better it is to AGREE with God's word and COOPERATE with God in our lives! (Psalm 119:1-2; Luke 11:28). How much more freeing and satisfying to say: "Not MY will, but THINE be done!" (Luke 22:42). If God is good. And He is! (Psalm 100:5; 119:68). And, if He always seeks OUR good. And He does! (Psalm 103:1-5; 145:8-9; 14-19). And if, in everything He does or asks us to do, He has OUR best interest at heart! (Revelation 3:19; Hebrews 12:5-11), shouldn't we WANT to give Him our full and complete trust (Proverbs 3:5-6), our loving and willing obedience (1 John 4:19; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15), and our heartfelt thanks? (Col 2:7; 1 Thess 5:18).— Terry

## Operation Shoebox



As many of you know, we are getting together items to send to our military overseas. We recently received word that shoeboxes are not used anymore because they are heavy and take up too much space. Our items should be placed in gallon zip-loc bags which will be put in a larger box and shipped to Florida. *Operation Shoebox* will then ship them overseas to military personnel. Please bring your filled zip-loc bags by Sunday, December 4. The box will be shipped the following week. Thank you for your help in this. ☺



## Time to Re-Gift!

After our pot luck meal next Sunday, we will have our traditional Yankee Swap. All gifts should be wrapped, and those specifically for men or women should be marked "Male" or "Female." It would be good to bring a gift for a child or baby as we have several children who usually participate in our Yankee Swap. So bring your wrapped gifts and be ready to enjoy a time of great fun and a lot of laughs as we share this time together! ☺

## ☺ 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. Have a great week!





## Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Today, after services.

Kennebunk Nursing Home: asked if we could donate cookies for their holiday party on December 23. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them in on December 18. Thank you.



## December Birthdays



4th – Christine Williams

9th – Terry Schmidt

16th - Brandon Kennedy

23rd – Blake Williams

## Happy Anniversary:

Terry & Betty — December 6th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Ministry Meeting: Today, after services
- Pot Luck Fellowship: December 11th, after services
- Yankee Swap: After pot luck

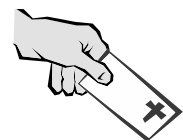
## SNACKS!

December 4: Diane  
December 11: Nancy



## POINTS TO PONDER

*That which we value reveals  
the state of our heart.*



Numbers for 11/27/16

Attendance - 21

Contribution - \$603.

# Order of Worship

December 4, 2016

*"I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.  
I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing  
praise to Your name, O Most High."*

— Psalm 9:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternate/fill-in: *Erik Grabowski*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**December 4, 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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