



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Randy Cote - (Paul & Diane's son) prayers requested for his salvation through Jesus—inner strength and spiritual direction, as he is struggling with the demands and burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now residing at Greenwood Center in Sanford & making the necessary adjustments; dealing with an e-coli infection; Sandy: now home on a new treatment regimen; prayers for strength & healing
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Jerry Prestridge - serving in Afghanistan
- Kathy Rader - prayers for her and 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; suffering from ongoing debilitating anxiety attacks
- 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



## The Greatest Gift of All!

I wonder how we would feel on Christmas Day if we were to receive, from a friend or relative, a leftover gift from a previous year? And let's emphasize the fact that you would *know* it was a used, re-cycled gift. How would this make you feel? What is it that gives a gift its worth, value, or meaning?

In Proverbs 3:9 we are told to honor the Lord with the "first-fruits" of our increase. This means we are to give God our best. We honor God by sacrificing and offering to Him the very best we have. The Apostle Paul teaches that we are to offer *ourselves* as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Rom 12:1).

King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, affirmed that he would not offer to the Lord that which had cost him nothing. Are we guilty of this? Are we as "living sacrifices" offering to God that which really doesn't cost us anything? That which requires no sacrifice?

During this holiday season with its emphasis on giving, let's be reminded that each day of the year we are to give God our best—a sacrifice that *costs* us something—a gift that's *worth* giving.

After all, God gave His *best* for us—Jesus Christ our Savior—the greatest gift of all! "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: Erik Grabowski

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: George Nick

Alternate/fill-in: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

## "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

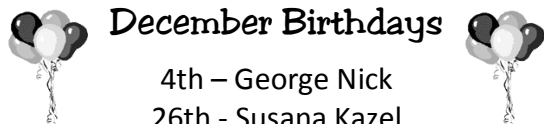
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;  
Rev 2:10

*"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 before you depart.





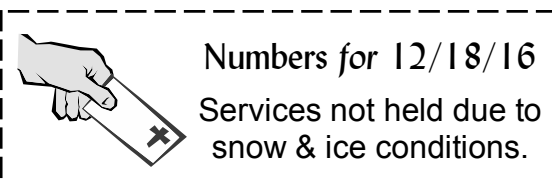
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** January 1st, after services
- **Next Pot Luck Fellowship:** January 8th, after services



Does your daily manner of life give others a reason to ask about our hope in Christ? (1 Peter 3:15). If we truly honor Christ as Lord in our hearts and lives, the difference it makes in us will prompt questions from those around us. Peter speaks of the kind of transformation that others will envy—in the best sense of the word. Those living under the influence of Christ will treat one another with compassion and humility (v. 8). They won't return evil for evil, or insult for insult, but rather blessings for curses (v. 9). This difference in our lives will help others open their hearts to receiving the best gift they could ever receive — salvation in Christ!

**SNACKS!** December 25: Janice  
 January 1: Paula



## Order of Worship

### December 25, 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*  
 ~ John 3:16-21 ~

Song

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

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
 "The Greatest Gift of All"  
 (from the Greatest Gift Giver!)

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 25, 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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