

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Brent Bell - awaiting test results for a possible cyst on his pancreas
- 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: discharged from Boston's *Brigham & Women's Hospital*; transferred to *Northeast* rehab facility in Portsmouth yesterday for rest & rehab; being scheduled for a sigmoidoscopy
- 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) - on new medication to stop liver tumor growth; now in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; undergoing radiation therapy
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - recently had prostate cancer surgery; thankful for good biopsy results; recuperating well; please pray for a full recovery
- George & Caren Nick - request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & Angel's life challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing; having surgery on left shoulder May 31; COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Karlee Wells - has been accepted to a 2-year doctorate program at work which will provide greater opportunities & better working conditions; dealing with chronic pain & health issues
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had illiostomy that will be reversed in 1 month; prayers are requested for his health & healing
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today



### Mother's Day

## Thinking of My Mom on Mother's Day

In Hebrews 13:5, God's word tells us to be content with the things we have. As I look back over the years, I think this was very true of my mother's life. She wasn't rich by the world's standards, she didn't possess a lot of material things or enjoy a successful career outside the home. But Mom was rich! She possessed treasures of enduring value; worth more than silver and gold. She was content to simply be a good, devoted wife to my Dad; a loving, nurturing mother to her children; and a very capable, highly proficient housekeeper. These are the things she loved. These are the things she took pride in. These are the things that made her happy.

One of the many pleasant memories I have of my childhood is Mom going around the house singing. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. Even while cleaning, she would sing hymns, country-western songs, or sing along with whatever music was on the radio. I especially loved hearing her sing Christmas songs and carols around Christmastime (I can still hear her singing *Away in a Manger* - *Silent Night* - *Silver Bells*). When we were young, Mom sang a lot. She sang because she was happy. She was content and fulfilled in being a housewife and mother.

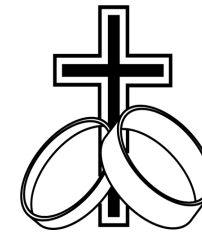
As my family watched the menacing, ever encroaching Multiple Sclerosis invade her body and rob her of her freedom, mobility, and quality of life; we saw that it could not and did not rob her of her dignity. For more than 30 years, all through her struggle with MS, she continued to exhibit "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight" (1 Peter 3:4). She (and Dad) made the necessary and difficult adjustments and continued on.

And as they continued on, through Mom's suffering and weakening, their love and devotion for one another grew deeper and stronger, and was an inspiration to those of us who witnessed it.

Galatians 5:13 says that we are to "serve one another in love." I believe this accurately expresses the way my Dad cared for Mom when she was no longer able to care for herself. His dedicated devotion to Mom, and her trusting, adoring love for him, is a beautiful testimony to the vows they had taken so many years ago: "To love one another, for better or for worse; through sickness and in health."

God created the institution of motherhood and blessed it. In His word He defines what motherhood is and exalts the work and responsibilities of mothers. And God expects us to appreciate and honor our mothers, giving them their due respect. "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (Proverbs 31:28). May this be our heartfelt practice, not only on Mother's Day, but every day of the year!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Our heartfelt prayers and congratulations go out to  
**Seth & Kim**  
who were united in marriage yesterday. May the Lord richly bless their union, and may they enjoy many happy years together as husband and wife.



## ☺ 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

*Nursing Home:* The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 9:30 am.



### May Birthdays

12th – Tony Grant  
15th - Anthony Williams  
16th – Betty Schmidt  
23rd - Hunter Wells  
30th - Paul Cote



## Happy Anniversary:

Bob & Susana — May 17th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

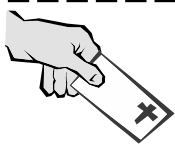
- **Next Pot Luck Fellowship:** Due to today being Mother's Day, our pot luck will be on Sunday the 15th

## SNACKS!

May 8: Shirley  
May 15: Pot Luck

*"The noblest calling in the world is that of mother. True motherhood is the most beautiful of all arts, the greatest of all professions. She who rears successfully a family of healthy, beautiful sons and daughters whose immortal souls will be exerting an influence throughout the ages long after paintings shall have faded, and books and statues shall have been destroyed, deserves the highest honor that man can give."*

-- David O. McKay



Numbers for 5/1/16  
Attendance - 22  
Contribution - \$323.

## Order of Worship

May 8, 2016

*"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."*

- Psalm 100:2, 4 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Seth Willey*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*  
~ 2 Timothy 3:14-15 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Nick & Jason Kennedy*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Honoring Our Mothers"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

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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 -

**May 8, 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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