

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction and a bad environment
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns; Sandy has a sore on her foot and her legs are quite swollen & painful; now on strong antibiotics
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers to find a new job; one that will be a good fit and pay the bills
- Susana Kazel - pleased to report that burns received in November have healed completely
- Mary (Paula's mom) - large inoperative tumor in her liver; undergoing infusion treatments
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery in March
- George & Caren Nick - Caren sick with the flu; George recovering from a severe illness; Vivian & family very sick as well; also dealing with ongoing family struggles
- Nicholas Bush (Sandy's grandson) - now home recovering from mononucleosis
- Ernie Perry - had successful surgery on right shoulder; which is healing well; now undergoing PT; also, complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Susan (Paula's sister) - her husband Rick and children Ben, Sam and Anna are having some physical and emotional struggles in their lives
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain and complications from a head injury, including severe migraines
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - has been diagnosed with colon cancer; please pray for his wife Evelyn (Sandy's sister), their daughter Janice, and the doctors attending him.
- Please pray for those not with us today

Happy New Year! 2016

While New Year's Day is really no different than any other day, it does provide us with a "mile marker" as we travel down the highway of life. This gives us an excellent opportunity to look back over the previous year to thoughtfully reflect on what we've accomplished, and to carefully consider some things we may have left undone. Used wisely, this can be a profitable and productive time of deep introspection and self-examination.

However, much of the time, taking a good look at ourselves is difficult because we don't always like what we see. It's here that the wisdom of a bumper sticker seen recently can offer some help and encouragement. It said, "Please be patient with me — God's not finished with me yet!" All of us can identify with this statement and acknowledge the truth of it.

We can be thankful that God loves us; that He does not expect perfection from us (none of us can give Him that anyway); that He accepts us and loves us as we are; and He always seeks our good and has our best interest at heart in everything! Who would not want to willingly, lovingly, and obediently serve a God as eminent, beneficent, and magnificent as that?

As we begin 2016 and think about the coming year with its promise of new opportunities and challenges, may our overriding New Year's resolution be to draw closer to God than we've ever been before (James 4:7-8).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

**"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

Our Current Bible Classes:

Sunday AM—*Book of First John*
 Sunday PM — *Worship*
 Wednesday — *Genesis*



"They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily...." - Acts 17:11



POINTS TO PONDER:

God is always greater than our greatest problem.

😊 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 Holiday Party: was held on Tuesday, Dec 22. Three of us went and helped out. We passed out 31 no-sew blankets. The residents were very pleased with them. Thanks to all who helped make the blankets.

Ladies Meeting: will be January 3rd while the men are having their meeting. We will discuss our plans for 2016.

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.

January Birthdays



4th – George Nick
4th - Wealthie Perry
26th - Susana Kazel

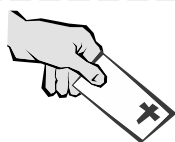
SNACKS!

Jan 3: Janice
Jan: 10: Pot Luck

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting: Today, after services
- Next Pot Luck Fellowship: Sunday, January 10, after services

BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@gwi.net



Numbers for 12/27/15
Attendance - 24
Contribution - \$478.

Order of Worship

January 3, 2016

"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

~ Psalm 95:1-2 & 6 ~

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Luke 12:42-48 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Nate Hios & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Stewardship — Improving Our Service in 2016"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Nick

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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 -

**January 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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