

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Teal Baldasaro - had surgery on 3/23 to remove a large kidney stone; now home recovering; baby doing well with a strong heart beat
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed, prayers are needed for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now at River Ridge; having cataract surgery on 4/5; Sandy: nursing hip inflammation & sores on feet
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Rebecca Hios' colleague (name undisclosed) - struggling with Lyme disease and anxiety
- Mary (Paula's mom) - beginning new medication to stop liver tumor growth and keep it from spreading; now in palliative care, given 4-6 months by medical professionals
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; begins radiation in March for 33 weeks; also suffers with macular degeneration
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - diagnosed with prostate cancer; surgery scheduled for April 6
- George & Caren Nick - request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & Angel's life challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing;; also has COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kim Slaven - suffering from a bad sore throat with laryngitis & sickness for almost two weeks
- Karlee Wells - requests prayers regarding an opportunity for a better position at work
- Joe Wilder (Kathy's uncle) - has throat cancer; given less than 6 months to live
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had surgery for an illiostomy on 3/3 that will be reversed in 1-2 months; prayers are requested for his health & healing

Happy Easter!

This is the time of year when those in the denominational and religious world focus on the crucifixion of Christ (Good Friday) and His resurrection (Easter). The name Easter comes from a pagan figure called Eastre (or Eostre), the Saxon goddess of spring among the Germanic people of Northern Europe. The festival Eastre was held during the spring equinox in honor of her. Originally, there were some very idolatrous practices that went along with the celebration. The egg was a symbol of fertility, life and new birth. Easter was the goddess of fertility and her earthly symbol was the rabbit, known for its prolific breeding. So, the Easter bunny and Easter eggs are remnants of this goddess worship.

In honor of the goddess Eastre, Saxons would offer sacrifices about the time of the Jewish Passover. Through time, the name came to be given to the early celebration of the resurrection of Christ, which occurred at the time of the Passover. In early English versions, the word Easter was frequently used as the translation of the Greek pascha (Passover) – [Tyndale 1534; Coverdale 1535; Matthew's Bible 1537; Great Bible 1540; Bishop's Bible 1568]. Easter is also a nationally recognized annual holiday celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. While no yearly observance of Christ's crucifixion is commanded in the Bible, Christians are to partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day to commemorate His death and remember His sacrifice (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32).

The Scriptures attest that the Son of God was crucified in accordance with God's will to redeem sinful man, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and then raised to life by Almighty God on the third day – the Lord's Day – Sunday (Acts 2:23-42; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). While His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins, Christ's resurrection gives us hope that we too will be raised again when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). So, the resurrection is at the very heart of the Christian's faith.

To make it even more real and more personal, those who are in Christ have already participated in His death, burial and resurrection in a figurative way, through baptism. "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5). "And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the foundation of the Christian's hope – a confident expectation of everlasting life in the eternal presence of our blessed Lord! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Ladies Weekend

Conway Church of Christ
April 1-3

Area Wide Singing

Concord Church of Christ
Sunday, April 10, 3-5 PM

Spring Sing


Church of Christ, Springfield, VT
Sunday, May 1

New England Lectureship

Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA
May 6-8

☺ 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.



Ladies' Corner
Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.



April Birthdays
 2nd – Justin Kennedy




Happy Anniversary:

Henry & Karolyn Terrill — March 31st

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

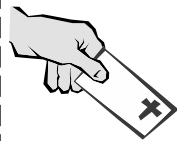
- Next Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, April 3rd, after services
- Next Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, April 10th, after services

SNACKS! Mar 27: Janice
 April 3: Terry K



**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS
 FOR APRIL**

Song Leader: Nate Hios
 Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson
 Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
 Lord's Supper:
 Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote
 Announcements/Prayer: George Nick
 Lord's Supper Prep: Janice Grabowski



Numbers for 3/20/15
 Attendance - 25
 Contribution - \$541.

Order of Worship

March 27, 2016

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom!"
 ~ Psalm 145:3 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Cote*
 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Seth Willey

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Greatest Event in History"
(The Resurrection of Jesus Christ)

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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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 -

**March 27, 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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