

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Larry Butler - recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in his abdomen
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: struggling with ongoing infections
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - request prayers for the work in Kittery
- Susana Kazel - she & Bob are safe & well after hurricane Matthew passed through their area
- Laurie (Caren's friend) - suffering with cancer; now undergoing radiation therapy
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - recent colonoscopy went well; no real problems; also dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - cancerous tumor on pancreas is of a serious & severe nature and in advanced progression; now at *Gosnell Memorial Hospice House* in Scarborough due to high pain levels
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Jerry Prestridge (Bob & Phyllis' son) - serving in Afghanistan for the next 6 to 9 months
- 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; now at Atlantic Heights in Saco and doing well
- Karlee Wells - dealing with severe migraines and chronic pain; other health concerns
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - various health concerns
- 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

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thess 5:17

Placing Membership

When faithful Christians move to a new area, or decide to worship with another congregation in the area where they live, they are often asked to "identify" or "place membership" with the chosen congregation. While we do not find these phrases in the New Testament, this does not mean that the practice is suspect or unscriptural. In fact, the principle involved is quite biblical.

Writing to the church in Rome, Paul commends Phoebe, a sister in Christ and servant of the church in Chenchrea, and asks that they receive her in the Lord (Rom 16:1-2). In doing this, Paul affirms that Phoebe is a faithful member of the Lord's body and a member in good standing in the local congregation of Chenchrea, her previous congregation. This is valuable and needful information for the saints in Rome.

Because of this, it is always good for a faithful Christian to place membership with the congregation they are worshipping and working with. Again, there is no hard and fast rule concerning this, but there are some solid and beneficial reasons for doing so.

When faithful Christians place membership and identify with a local congregation of the Lord's church:

1. It reveals their intentions to both the congregation and the leadership that they desire to be regarded as members.
2. It reveals that they are accepting responsibility as a member of that congregation.
3. It reveals commitment to support the work financially through their contribution.
4. It reveals a willingness to be faithfully involved in the work of the church.
5. It usually gives permission to have their names printed in the church's directory as members.

Placing membership is in complete harmony with the New Testament which teaches that we are to be members of a local congregation, subject to the leadership, involved in the work and supportive of the Lord's cause in that place.— **Terry Schmidt** ✍



"Do not forget to do good and to share..."
~ Hebrews 13:16 ~

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. At the ladies meeting last week, we decided to help provide meals for the community through the York County Shelter. It is suggested that each family donate 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 jars of turkey gravy and 2 cans of green beans. The church will donate \$150.00 toward purchasing turkeys. Please have the items here by Sunday, November 6. Thank you for your cooperation. — Betty ☺



On October 1st, Terry & Betty welcomed their 11th grandchild into the world! Their daughter Tina & her husband Serge are the proud parents of a precious little girl named **Brynn Rose**, who weighs 7 pounds, 11 ounces and is 21 1/2 inches in length. Both mother and daughter are healthy and doing well. ☺



It is our pleasure to announce that **Jim & Pat Miller** have expressed their desire to place membership here. We are pleased to have them worship with us and warmly welcome them to our spiritual family!

☺ **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 visit for October 11th has been cancelled. Our next visit will be Tuesday, November 8th. As always, we plan on going to *Perfectos* in Kennebunk afterwards for lunch and fellowship.

Ladies Night Out: for Friday, October 21st at Sandy's has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date. More details to follow.

Kittery Ladies Day: October 22nd from 9:00-2:00 with Linda King "Perseverance" & Valerie Seaton "The Art of Apology & Forgiveness."



October Birthdays



10th - Keith Wells

14th - Hayden Wells

18th - Robyn Mackey

21st - Clara Clark

26th - Nancy Campbell-Jones

28th - Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary:

Wayne & Jan — October 9th

Jason & Paula — October 25th

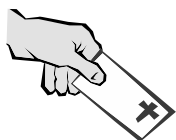
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot luck fellowship: Today, after services

SNACKS!

October 9: Terry K

October 16: Janice



Numbers for 10/2/16

Attendance - 27

Contribution - \$283.

Order of Worship

October 9, 2016

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

— Psalm 95:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Lord's Supper—A Memorial"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**October 9, 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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