



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- Randy Cote - struggling with burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: now home and doing well; able to eat solid food at this time and is re-gaining her strength; thanks to everyone for your cards, calls, visits and continued prayers; they are much appreciated!
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Susana Kazel - pray that all goes well as she & Bob sell their home and make preparations to move to Florida; we will really miss them!
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - had a serious stroke recently and is severely debilitated; now at a rehab center undergoing treatment
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - recently diagnosed with gallstones & fatty liver; also suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Mark Schmidt (Terry & Betty's son) - serving in the USAF, now deployed to Qatar
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for the success of current negotiations on a good & affordable piece of land in Kennebunk where we, with God's help, will be able to build our future meeting place

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

Why We Do What We Do

Most people do things for three basic reasons. First, they do things because they want to. This strong desire moves them to action, usually with enthusiasm and wholehearted devotion. They are "not lagging in diligence" but are "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Rom 12:11). A good example of this attitude would be the prophet Isaiah. Upon hearing the voice of the Lord ask, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" He immediately (and probably enthusiastically) responded, "Here am I, send me!" (Is 6:8).

Second, people do things because they see a need. This need stimulates a genuine desire to get involved, support someone, render assistance, ease a burden or help solve a problem. After learning that the survivors of the captivity remaining in Jerusalem were in great distress with the city walls broken down, Nehemiah was moved to action because of this need. Due to his efforts, the walls were rebuilt and the city was again safe and protected. And because of Nehemiah's leadership, "The people had a mind to work!" (Ne 4:6).

Third, people do things because they are told or commanded to. When these commands are met with a submissive faith, willing obedience is the positive result. By faith, when Noah was commanded by God to build the ark, he built it. By faith, when Abraham was told to leave Haran and travel to a place not yet revealed by God, he went (Heb 11:7-9).

But there is a negative and unappealing side to this point as well. When told by God that he had been chosen to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage, Moses' response was not favorable. Having received assurance from God through His words and miraculous signs, instead of saying, "Here am I, send me," Moses responded, "Lord, please send someone else!" (Ex 3-4). King Saul, when commanded to attack the city of Amalek and "utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them," spared King Agag and took the best of the spoil, contrary to God's command (1 Sam 15:1-9).

And Jonah, when commanded by God to "go to Ninevah...and cry out against it" because of their wickedness, the prophet ran in the opposite direction! (Jonah 1:1-3).

These negative instances reflect a conflict of wills. When our will opposes God's will, and we choose to do our will rather than God's, it is the result of pride. And pride leads to disobedience which, left unchecked, results in rebellion. On the other hand, a genuine humility negates pride and brings about willing obedience through a continuous submission to God's will.

If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30), we will want to please Him and do His will. We will look for opportunities to serve and desire to meet the needs of the church and those yet unsaved (Gal 6:9-10; Eph 2:10). We will grow to realize that God's commandments are not burdensome (1 Jn 5:2-3), but rather, it is an honor and privilege to serve the Living God in this life, that we may serve Him eternally in the next! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" — (1 John 5:3)

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Northeastern States Men's Retreat

"How Can We Keep Our Youth?"


Kent School, Route 341, Kent, CT

June 16 & 17

☺ 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. Have a great week!






Ladies' Corner
Nursing Home Visit: Wednesday, June 21st, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at *Perfectos* in Kennebunk.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, June 25th, after services



Birthdays

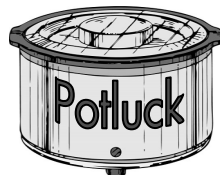
6/11 – Jan Sampson
 6/20 – Caren Nick



Happy Anniversary:

Erik & Janice — June 14th

Today after services.
 There's plenty for all.
 Please stay for this
 special time of food,
 fun and fellowship!



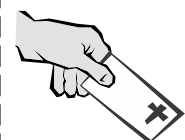
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Last 7 days: 2 4 9

Last 30 days: 6 4 0

SNACKS!

June 11: Jan
 June 18: Betty



Numbers for 6/4/17

Attendance - 28
 Contribution - \$785.

Order of Worship

June 11, 2017

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

- Revelation 5:12 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
 ~ Judges 3:26-31 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Shamgar — Courageous Cattleman"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

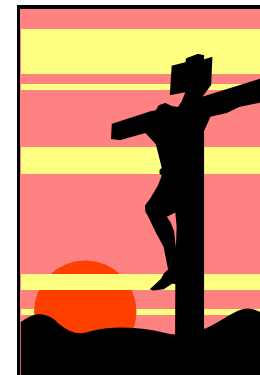
Alternate/fill-in: *Jason Kennedy*

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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 -

**June 11, 2017**

## 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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