



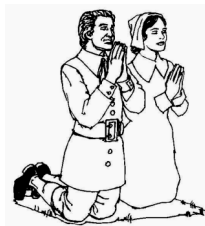
Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - kidney disease & health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Hurricane/Flood/Fire/Shooting Victims - please pray for the injured, those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - inoperable brain tumor; chemo has shrunk it to less than half the size it was; tumors in lungs have shrunk also but still remain; he will have another few weeks of chemo treatments
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - seeking approval for child foster care leading to adoption; request prayers that God's will be done
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - stroke victim
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Haydn Wells - suffering from an unknown illness; not pneumonia or pertussis; many doctor visits and tests; he has returned to school, but is still not 100%; prayers needed & appreciated
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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



Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving was quite different from the one we celebrate in our day. After enduring many hardships—an extremely harsh winter, including much sickness and the deaths of about half the settlers—the Pilgrims were blessed the following year with a plentiful harvest. Because of this, Governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to be held on December 13, 1621. The primary purpose of the feast was to give thanks to God for blessings received. The festival lasted 3 days and included not only an abundance of food, but even games and a military review. Although this festival was very different from our Thanksgiving Day, we as a nation still observe it for the same reason—to give thanks to God for what we have.

Beginning with President George Washington, observance of a national day of thanksgiving had been mandated by individual presidential proclamations until 1941 when Congress decreed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, making it a federal holiday. In his proclamation that year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a day to be observed in giving thanks to the Heavenly Source of our earthly blessings. On the day appointed for this purpose, let us reflect at our homes or places of worship on the goodness of God and in giving thanks." But this wonderful holiday can become so filled with activity and the fellowship of family and friends that we often forget to observe the great and noble purpose for which it was intended.

In Psalm 116:12, the Psalmist asks a profound question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Realizing all the many blessings we receive from the gracious hand of our loving Father, this would be an appropriate question for us to ponder as well.

The Psalmist's answer comes in verse 17: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." This year, let's be sure to take time to express our heartfelt thanks to God and show our sincere gratitude to Him by sharing what we have with others.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God in heaven,
I come to Thee in prayer;
Asking for Thy guidance,
And cast on Thee my care.

Thanking Thee for blessings,
On me Thou hast bestowed;
And humbly, O Father,
I make my requests known.

I pray Thee, God of heaven,
That Thy will may be done;
That I'll seek first Thy kingdom,
And glorify Thy Son.

I ask Thee, heavenly Father,
Thou would my sins forgive;
That I will be found faithful,
As long as I shall live.

And earnestly, Thou blessed Lord,
I make this heartfelt plea,
That I may dwell, when life is o'er,
Eternally with Thee.

- by Terry Schmidt

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, November 26th, after services
- **Singing at Greenwood Nursing Home:** Sandy has arranged for the Southern Maine church to sing at the nursing home on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 PM. All are invited!
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



November Birthdays

21st – Sandy Gagnon



POINTS TO PONDER

"God often uses our simple gestures of kindness to bring powerful comfort to hurting souls."



Visits to Our Web Page

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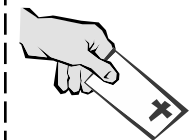
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BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@gwi.net Thank you! ☺

SNACKS!

November 19: Shirley
November 26: Diane



Numbers for 11/12/17

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$395

Order of Worship

November 19, 2017

*"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with the whole heart! ... I will
praise You with uprightness of heart, when I
learn Your righteous judgments."*

- Psalm 119:2, 7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*

~ Psalm 145:1-9 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Lessons From a Child's Prayer"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Nick

Alternates: *Jason Kennedy/Jim Miller*

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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 -*

**November 19, 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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