



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

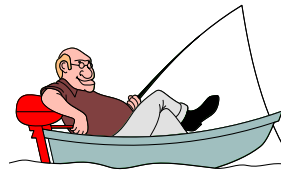
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- Randy Cote - struggling with burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: now at:

Northeast Rehab Hospital
105 Corporate Drive
Pease International Tradeport
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Phone: 603-501-5500

She is doing better, but is still not allowed to eat for another few weeks while colostomy surgery heals; please pray for strength and healing for both her & Paul

- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - now home recovering from a bout with pneumonia; 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 those not with us today

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight...
He hears the prayer of the righteous"*
(Proverbs 15:8 & 29)



Comfort Zones

Comfort zones are those places where one feels safe and secure with little stress to deal with. They represent that with which we are familiar and have grown accustomed to. In our comfort zones we feel at ease and somewhat in control. Moving out of a comfort zone into unfamiliar territory is usually accompanied by a high degree of uncertainty causing a painful level of stress and anxiety. This is why many resist voluntarily leaving their comfort zones. But the only way for most of us to improve our situation, progress in life and develop any measure of growth and maturity is to consciously move out of our comfort zones.

Perhaps due to his aggressive and impetuous nature, the apostle Peter seems to be one who was able to move out of his comfort zones with relative ease. After being brought to Jesus by his brother Andrew (Jn 1:40-42), Peter and Andrew soon left their profession as fishermen and followed the Lord as His disciples—becoming “fishers of men” (Mt 4:18-20). This took a certain amount of faith, as it moved them out of their comfort zones. But Peter seemed to excel in this area.

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, as they were rowing their boat against billowing waves and contrary winds, they were understandably frightened. The Lord calmed their fears saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid” (Mt 14:27). What was Peter's response? “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water” (v. 28). We're not sure why Peter makes this request, but he did receive the Lord's permission to come to Him on the water.

So, Peter left the security of the boat and began walking on the water towards the Lord, through tempestuous waves and tumultuous winds. Talk about leaving your comfort zone! Many have faulted Peter for this and have criticized him for becoming afraid, taking his eyes off Jesus and beginning to sink.

But at least he was willing to get out of the boat and had enough faith to leave his comfort zone. And, for a short time, he did walk on water. What other mere mortal is able to make this claim?

There will be times in our Christian walk when we will be challenged to step out on faith and leave our comfort zones. And this will usually take place during the dark and stormy times of life (Jas 1:2-4; 1 Pet 1:6-9). As we take the first step toward leaving our comfort zone, we can be assured and strengthened by the wise words of Solomon: “The Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught” (Pr 3:26).

With God's help, and by His strength (Eph 6:10), we will be able to effectively face the challenges that lie ahead and be used by the Lord in ways that perhaps we never thought possible—when we move out of our comfort zones.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

DATE CHANGE

Because Mother's Day is on the 14th, our pot luck fellowship is being re-scheduled for May 21st, after services. Also, due to circumstances beyond our control, the men's & ladies ministry meetings are being rescheduled for the same day, May 21st, after pot luck. Thank you! ☺



☺ 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

Augusta Ladies' Day: Saturday, May 13th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. RSVP at pwood1756@aol.com or call Paula at 549-6046.

Nursing Home Visit: Tuesday, May 16th, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at *Perfectos* in Kennebunk.

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Sunday, May 21st, after services

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, May 21st, after services
- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** Sunday, May 21st, after pot luck



May Birthdays

9th – Jim Miller
12th – Tony Grant
15th - Anthony Williams
16th – Betty Schmidt
23rd - Hunter Wells
30th - Paul Cote

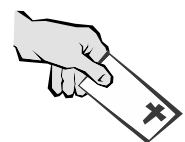


Happy Anniversary:

Seth & Kim — May 7th
Bob & Susana — May 17th

SNACKS!

May 7: Diane
May 14: Nancy



Numbers for 4/30/17

Attendance - 17
Contribution - \$488.

Order of Worship

May 7, 2017

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

- Psalm 29:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Matthew 14:22-33 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Lord, Save Me!"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

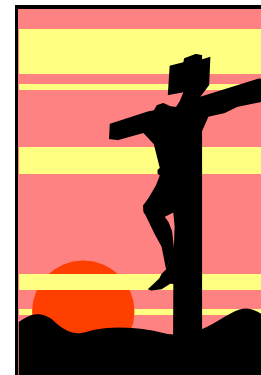
Alternate/fill-in: *Erik Grabowski*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

**May 7, 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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