



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Randy Cote - (Paul & Diane's son) - struggling with the demands and burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now residing at Greenwood Center in Sanford and doing well; Sandy: suffered facial injuries from a recent fall; on a new treatment regimen; prayers for strength & healing for her & Paul
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - traveling today; in upstate New York on business
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Jim & Pat Miller - suffering with leg & back problems brought on by the cold weather
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Jerry Prestridge - serving in Afghanistan
- Kathy Rader - prayers for her and her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - diagnosed with spinal stenosis; corrective surgery scheduled for February 13th; suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Jim Schmidt (Terry's Dad) - hospitalized with cancerous brain tumors and a mass found in his lung; beginning a series of radiation treatments on February 13th; now at a rehab center to regain strength and possibly return to his home
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- Kim Willey - struggling with bi-polar disorder
- Seth & Kim Willey - traveling today; picking up Kim's mother at the airport
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray for those not with us today



Spiritual Ennui?

An old adage states: "Familiarity breeds contempt." Familiarity may indeed breed contempt but, according to psychologists, over-familiarity can bring about apathy and extreme boredom. Psychologists refer to this monotonous, unfulfilled state as "ennui" [on-wee]. From the French, ennui is defined as "a feeling of utter weariness and discontent resulting from over-exposure or lack of interest; boredom" (*Dictionary.com*). It is "a feeling of listlessness and general dissatisfaction arising from a lack of activity or excitement" (*Collins English Dictionary*). *Merriam-Webster* briefly defines it as "a lack of spirit, enthusiasm, or interest." And the *Urban Dictionary* defines ennui as "a mental weariness and lack of interest brought about by personal stagnation."

Question: Could this happen to you and me with regard to our relationship to Jesus Christ? Can we get to the point where we become so familiar with the gospel story that it no longer interests or excites us? (Rom 1:16; 5:6-10). Do we still feel privileged that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Rev 1:5) and that we are now new creations in Christ? (2 Cor 5:17). Or, has our walk with God become a rather dull, mechanical, unemotional, predictable routine? Are we still amazed at Jesus? Or, are we bored? And do we perhaps take Jesus and what he has done for us for granted much of the time?

Our Lord, "who knows the hearts of all" (Acts 1:24), and "who searches minds and hearts" (Rev 2:23), knows the answer to these questions. And we must be honest in our evaluation of our Christian walk as we "examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). Christ had to admonish the church in Ephesus to "repent and do the things you did at first" because they had left their first love – the Lord himself (Rev 2:4-6).

May this never be said of us. We never want to lose sight of the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is God's "indescribable gift" to us (2 Cor 9:15).

The Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us (Gal 2:20) desires that we put him first (Mt 6:33; Lk 14:26-33) and love him "with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength" (Mk 12:30). May this be our habitual heartfelt practice as we continue to enthusiastically worship and energetically serve the One who died for us. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;
 Rev 2:10

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

A Note from Susana...

I want to thank my wonderful church family for all the thoughtful birthday wishes. I truly appreciate the cards and well wishes. Take care and please stay well.

Love in Christ, Susana

☺ 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

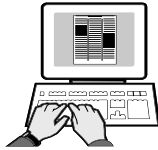
Nursing Home Visit — will be Tuesday, February 21 at the Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at Perfectos in Kennebunk.

Biddeford Ladies Day — Saturday, March 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Speaker: Peggy Coulter. Theme: 'Filled Up and Poured Out'

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

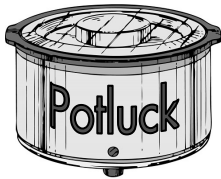
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services

BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191



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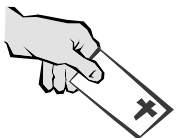
February 12: Shirley
February 19: Diane



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

POINTS TO PONDER

*Pain and problems can produce the shining,
rock-solid character that comes from trusting
God when life is hard.*



Numbers for 2/5/17

Attendance - 19
Contribution - \$481.

Order of Worship

February 12, 2017

*"Let all those who seek You rejoice and be
glad in You; let such as love Your salvation
say continually, 'The LORD be magnified'."*

— Psalm 40:16 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Cote*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Mark 1:21-28 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Jesus is Amazing!"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

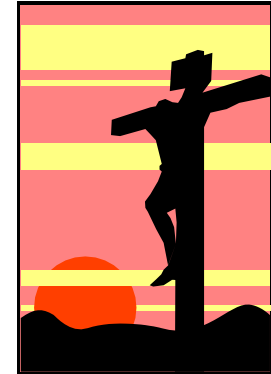
Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller*

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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 -*

## February 12, 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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