



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Paul Bineau (Diane's 95 year old father) - can no longer walk
- Raymond Bineau (Diane's brother) - suffered a heart attack and has COPD; unable to walk
- Suzanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: various health concerns; dealing with chronic pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Pat Glass (Terry K's sister-in-law) - diagnosed with a fatty Liver and now needs a whole liver transplant
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - have decided to try again with another foster child placement in August; prayers needed & appreciated
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Ariana Nick - suffering with serious medical issues; only 16 years old
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 54 year old husband) - rapid weight loss, muscle mass reduction and overall deteriorating health; going to Mass General soon for further testing and another opinion; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, migraines and chronic pain
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)



Open Door Policy

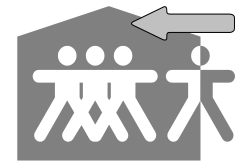
Many of us have worked for employers who maintained they had an "open door" policy. This meant that an employee could enter the boss's office, uninvited, at any time, to discuss a problem. However, most of us knew that this was a policy that existed in name only. If an employee were to just walk into the CEO's office without prior notice, this action would no doubt result in some negative repercussions. While it may not be openly advertised, there is usually an accepted protocol which must be followed when desiring to meet with the one in charge.

In the Book of Esther, when the wicked Haman conceived a plan to destroy all the Jews, faithful Mordecai requested that Queen Esther "go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people" (v. 8). Esther replied, "Any man or woman, who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live" (v.11). Here we see that, if proper protocol is not observed and followed, it could result in death!

As citizens of the kingdom (Phil 3:20), the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16) has graciously invited us to come right into the throne room of Almighty God—from anywhere—at any time! "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16). What a privilege! This great privilege comes as a result of the divine work of our High Priest & Mediator Jesus, "in whom we have **boldness** and **access** with **confidence** through **faith** in Him" (Eph 3:12). Because of Jesus, the open invitation stands: "In everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil 4:6). Now that's an open door policy!

Employers like having an Open Door Policy included in the employee handbook because it looks good and satisfies Human Resource regulations. But the reality is often quite different than what is described in print. In contrast, God's open door policy is the real deal—it is genuine. He graciously invites us to come to Him in times of difficulty, with all our problems, because he cares for us (1 Pet 5:7). And when we turn to God in prayer and seek His help (Ps 55:22), we honor Him and bring glory to His name! (Ps 50:15).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



It is our pleasure to announce that **George & Catherine Cuvellier** have expressed their desire to place membership here, along with their children **Genesis** and **Georine**.

In addition, **Glenda Castleberry** has expressed her desire to place membership here at Southern Maine church of Christ.

We are pleased and blessed to have these disciples of our Lord worship with us and warmly welcome them into 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. Have a great week!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Today after pot luck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺



July Birthdays

7/9 - Tyler Kennedy
7/13 - Karolyn Terrill
7/16 - Pat Miller
7/24 - Diane Cote
7/29 - Shirley Boucher



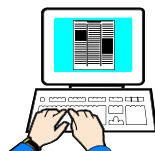
Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

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Last 30 days:

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

SNACKS!

July 8: Paula
July 15: Terry K



Numbers for 7/1/18

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$807

Order of Worship

July 8, 2018

*"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
and His greatness is unsearchable. . . The
LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious
in all His works. The LORD is near to all
who call upon Him, to all who call
upon Him in truth."*

- Psalm 145:3, 17-18 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ John 14:13-14; 16:23-24 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"God's Phone Number"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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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 -*

## July 8, 2018

### 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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