



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Suezanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - broke her right shoulder during a bad fall; healing, but still painful; also has kidney disease & other health concerns
- Florida High School Shooting: please pray for the families & friends of the 17 souls who were killed by a lone gunman at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland; also pray for those who are still fighting for their lives, along with their families
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - approval getting closer for child foster care leading to adoption; thanks to all for your continued prayers
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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

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! ☺

Purity

Purity is a word that has (unfortunately) fallen into obscurity and disuse in today's society. It is a beautiful word defined as follows: "Freedom from foreign material or contaminated matter; as *the purity of water*; cleanness; freedom from foulness or dirt; freedom from guilt or the defilement of sin; innocence; as *purity of heart or life*; chastity; freedom from contamination by illicit sexual connection; freedom from any sinister or improper views; as *the purity of motives*; free from moral defilement; without spot; not sullied or tarnished; incorrupt; not debased by moral depravity or wickedness; holy" (*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*).

Vine's Expository Dictionary provides this definition: "pure," as being cleansed, "pure from defilement, not contaminated" (from the same root as *hagios*, "holy"); chastity which excludes all impurity of spirit, manner, or act." And the modern *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the word this way: "chaste; morally clean or decent: not sinful; free or innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse; wholesome in thought and act (modest); freedom from obscenity, as in language or conversation."

There was a time in our society when personal purity and sexual modesty was the norm. These qualities and practices were once upheld as noble virtues to be desired by young and old alike. My, how times have changed! Today, these virtues are openly ridiculed and maligned on an almost continual basis. Those who espouse to live pure lives are often referred to as self-righteous, old-fashioned prudes suffering from repressed puritanical inhibitions.

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake" (*Jesus* – Mt 5:11). As Christians, we are to be known for having a pure heart (1 Tim 1:5; 2 Tim 2:22; 1 Pet 1:22), as well as a pure mind and conscience (Phil 4:8; 1 Tim 3:9; 2 Pet 3:1). We are commanded to keep ourselves pure (1 Tim 5:22).

One way we do this is by observing what the inspired apostle John describes in 1 John 3:2-3 – "Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure!" — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Scripture Reading: Paul Bullock

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Alternate/fill-in: Tony Grant/George Nick

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller



POINTS TO PONDER


God's way is always better than our own (*Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 29:11*). We can resist and fight against His will, or we can accept God's direction in our lives and be blessed. He leaves the choice with us. So, "choose you this day whom ye will serve!" (*Joshua 24:15*).

☺ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Sing, Supper, Social:** Saturday, March 3rd, 5:00-9:00 here at the building (*See flyer on back table*)
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, March 4th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome!



Ladies' Corner

Biddeford Ladies Day: "A Look in the Tool Box." March 24th beginning at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Call 207-286-4821 for more info.

Conway Ladies Weekend: "Oh Church, Arise!" April 6th-8th. Call 603-447-8855 for more info.

- See flyers on back table -

Happy Anniversary:

Tony & Nancy — March 3rd

Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

2 7 5

Last 30 days:

1 2 8 3



SNACKS!

February 25: Paula
March 4: Terry K



Numbers for 2/18/18

Attendance - 13
Contribution - \$365

Order of Worship

February 25, 2018

"So let us come near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...."

- Hebrews 10:22 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*

~ Psalm 24:3-5 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Tony Grant

Alternates: *Jim Miller/George Nick*

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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 -*

**February 25, 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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