



## Prayer Requests:

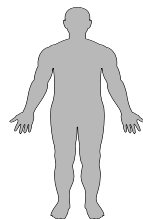
*"Pray for one another"*

- 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
- Scott Gafford (son-in-law of Robbie Andrews, preacher and evangelist) - seriously cut his hand and was rushed to the hospital; no additional info available
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - were pleased (and blessed) to welcome a foster child into their home recently; thanks to all for your continued prayers for adoption
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .  
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~



## Body Life

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, the inspired apostle Paul likens the church, the spiritual body of Christ, to a physical body. "For as the body is one and has many members,

but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ" (v. 12).

He explains that each member is different and has differing functions within the body (vv. 17 & 19). All members are connected with one another and no one stands alone or functions apart from the rest of the body (vv. 15-16). Not only are all members *interrelated*, they are also *interdependent*. In other words, we need each other! (vv. 21-22).

We also need to be reminded that it is God who designs, arranges and orchestrates the process of body function. "But now God has set the members, each one of them (*all are important*), in the body just as He pleased" (v. 18). Yes, according to our loving Father "those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary" (v. 22). As the 19<sup>th</sup> century poet Longfellow observed: "Nothing useless is, or low; each thing in its place is best; and, what seems but idle show, strengthens and supports the rest" (*The Builders*).

So, Paul gives us this practical and indelible picture of the Lord's church, with all members harmoniously working together to allow the body to function in an active and healthy way. And since God is the one who has composed the body and set the members in the body (vv. 18 & 24), we need to learn how to get along—for His glory (Eph 3:21 & 5:21).

This is why Paul strongly admonishes, "with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering (much patience), bear with (forbear; endure; hold up; put up with) one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph 4:2-3). And again, "as the elect of

God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies (a heart of compassion), kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering (patience); bearing with (being tolerant of) one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do (Col 3:12-13).

We all have our unique (and sometimes annoying) personalities, proclivities and idiosyncrasies. We each have our own set of shortcomings and faults that we struggle with. In the practical sense, none of us is perfect. If Jesus taught that we should love our enemies and pray for them (and He did – Mt 5:43-48), how much more should we love and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

We close with a probing and penetrating question from John, followed by a command from the inspired apostle. "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 Jn 4:20-21). May God help us to faithfully fulfill this command. — **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; Rev 2:10

☺ **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:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome!



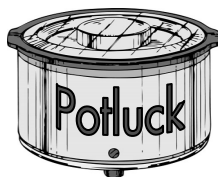
### *Ladies' Corner*

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 -

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



## POINTS TO PONDER

Much of the time, all we can do is simply  
pour out our hearts to God . . . and  
humbly await His faithful response, trusting His  
promise to answer in His time and in His way.  
(See Psalm 27:14)

## SNACKS!

March 11: Betty  
March 18: Jan



Numbers for 3/4/18

Attendance - 23  
Contribution - \$635

# Order of Worship

March 11, 2018

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly  
In all wisdom, teaching and admonishing  
one another in psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs, singing with grace  
in your hearts to the Lord."*

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*  
~ Colossians 3:12-17 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Getting Along With One Another"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternates: *Tony Grant/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 -*

**March 11, 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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