



## 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
- Clara Clark - had a small stroke on 9/14; now undergoing PT & OT
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - dealing w/ chronic neck pain
- Hurricane/flood/fire victims - please pray for all those who have suffered damage & loss during the recent hurricanes down south, and wildfires in California, many of which are our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Kevin Goulet (Justin's father) - lives in the area of Florida which was affected by hurricane Michael
- 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; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Henry Terrill - scheduled for out-patient back surgery on Nov 29th; prayers appreciated
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17



## Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving was quite different from the one we celebrate in our day. After enduring many hardships—an extremely harsh winter, including much sickness and the deaths of about half the settlers—the Pilgrims were blessed the following year with a plentiful harvest. Because of this, Governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to be held on December 13, 1621. The primary purpose of the feast was to give thanks to God for blessings received. The festival lasted 3 days and included not only an abundance of food, but even games and a military review. Although this festival was very different from our Thanksgiving Day, we as a nation still observe it for the same reason—to give thanks to God for what we have.

Beginning with George Washington, observance of a national day of thanksgiving had been mandated by individual presidential proclamations until 1941 when Congress decreed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, making it a federal holiday. In his proclamation that year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a day to be observed in giving thanks to the Heavenly Source of our earthly blessings. On the day appointed for this purpose, let us reflect at our homes or places of worship on the goodness of God and in giving thanks." But this wonderful holiday can become so filled with activity and the fellowship of family and friends that we often forget to observe the great and noble purpose for which it was intended.

In Psalm 116:12, the Psalmist asks a profound question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for

all His benefits toward me?" Realizing all the many blessings we receive from the gracious hand of our loving Father, this would be an appropriate question for us to ponder. The Psalmist's answer comes in verse 17: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." This year, let's be sure to take time to express our heartfelt thanks to God and show our sincere gratitude to Him by sharing what we have with others. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## Congregational Meeting

In order to comply with the laws of the State of Maine, we will hold a corporation meeting today after services.

**"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 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:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺



## Birthdays



21st – Sandy Gagnon  
24th - Glenda Castleberry

## VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE



Last 7 days: 966

Last 30 days: 4199

## Points to Ponder

*We are exercising great wisdom  
when we choose to make prayer  
a first priority, instead of  
a last resort.*



# Snacks!

November 18: Jan  
November 25: Betty

## Contribution & Attendance for

November 11, 2018

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$490

## Order of Worship

November 18, 2018

*"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly  
of the saints, and to be held in reverence  
by all those who are around Him."*

- Psalm 89:7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
- Psalm 100:1-5 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller/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 -

## November 18, 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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