



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Shirley Boucher & Family - mourning the passing of Shirley's father who died on 12/1
- Corrina (Connie's daughter) - white blood cells and platelets are too high causing concern; under physician's care; prayers needed
- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concern
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - has pneumonia and many other health issues; has requested our prayers
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - recently diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer which has spread to her liver and gall bladder
- Jim & Pat Miller - request our prayers for health concerns and financial struggles
- Joanne Neithercut - undergoing therapy at The Cedars rehabilitation center in Portland due to a recent stroke and brain surgery
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - injured his right shoulder recently and may be having surgery soon; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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

## Abiding

**I**n John 15, Jesus teaches us that we are to abide in Him (vv. 4-5). We abide (stay in, continue in, dwell in, remain in) Jesus when we learn of Him (Mt 11:29), come to know Him and obey His commandments (1 Jn 2:3-4). Our Lord said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (v. 10)."

Jesus also says in John 15 that He abides in us (vv. 4-5). "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." How does Jesus abide in us? "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you..." (v. 7). Jesus abides in us through the living and powerful word of God (Heb 4:12). "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...." (Col 3:16).

Paul further clarifies this point: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..." (Gal 2:20). But, as indicated by this text, before Christ can effectively live in us the old man must be crucified. That is, we must die to self (to our will when opposed to God's will). "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in (direct our lives in conformity with) the Spirit" (Gal 5:24-25).

As John lovingly reminds us, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked (1 Jn 2:6). Our inspiration and motivation for doing this is eloquently expressed a few verses later: "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 Jn 2:28). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Shirley Boucher and family** as they mourn the death of Shirley's father, Robert Hoctor, who passed away last week. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ☩

**"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

*"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

☺ **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 & Yankee Swap:**  
TODAY, after services
- **Singing at Greenwood Nursing Home:**  
Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**  
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.  
All are welcome! ☺

## December Birthdays

9th - Terry Schmidt  
16th - Brandon Kennedy  
28th - Catherine Cuvellier



### Points to Ponder

*The Christian life, faithfully lived, is itself the beginning of the heavenly adventure.*

### VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 5,087

This Month: 5,087



## SNACKS!

December 8: Sandy  
December 15: Paula

### Contribution & Attendance

for December 1, 2019

Attendance — 16

Contribution — \$188

## Order of Worship

December 8, 2019

*“Seek ye the LORD while He may  
be found, call ye upon Him  
while He is near”*

- Isaiah 55:6 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—248

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—338

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ John 15:1-8 ~

Song—321

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

Contribution

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“Spiritual Agriculture”

Song—599

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

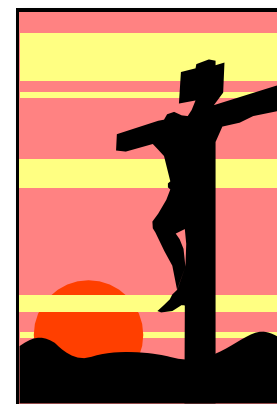
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 -

December 8, 2019

### 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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