



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Corring (Connie's daughter) - white blood cells and platelets too high; some aggressive cancers have already been ruled out; a recent bone marrow extract may soon determine the cause; prayers are 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
- Doreen Jadwick (Erik's Aunt) - suffering with mental illness for the past 3 months, with little or no improvement; prayers needed
- 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; in treatment
- 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 - surgery on right shoulder on 12/17 was successful; now doing PT; 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

New Year's Resolutions

Many at this time of year are inclined to make "New Year's Resolutions." Simply and generally defined, a resolution is "a formal expression of determination, will or intent; a resolve to change; a fixed and firm decision" (*Merriam-Webster*). This is a good thing. And those who follow through with these resolutions and achieve their goals will no doubt benefit in many ways.

The beginning of a new year, with its calendar of blank pages waiting to be filled, is a fitting time to do this type of self-examination, make needed changes, and set reasonable goals for improvement and growth. This is especially true in the spiritual realm. We are to "as newborn babes, desire the sincere (pure) milk of the word, that [we] may **grow** thereby" (1 Pet 2:2). And, as time goes by, we are expected to "**grow** in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:16).

So, making resolutions to progress in spiritual growth and gain Christian maturity would be a very profitable exercise as we "build [ourselves] up on our most holy faith" (Jude 20), and "give diligence to make [our] calling and election sure" (2 Pet 1:10). With this noble goal in mind, here are some suggested scriptural resolutions that are worthy of our most earnest pursuance, acceptance and implementation. *Resolve . . .*

- ◇ "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." - Joshua 24:15
- ◇ "Seek first kingdom the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." - Matt 6:33
- ◇ "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." - Mark 12:30
- ◇ "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Mk 12:31
- ◇ "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." - Luke 6:31
- ◇ "Let no iniquity have dominion over me." - Psalm 119:133; Rom 6:12
- ◇ "Study to show thyself approved unto God." - 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Pet 2:2; Mt 4:4
- ◇ "Continue earnestly in prayer." - Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17

- ◇ "Worship God in spirit and in truth." - Jn 4:24; Heb 10:25
- ◇ "Be faithful unto death." - Rev 2:7 & 10

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (Heb 13:20-21)

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JANUARY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

Alternate/fill-in: Paul Bullock

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller



*"Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against Thee."*
(Psalm 119:11)

😊 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 ~

- **Annual Corporation Meeting:** Sunday, January 12, after services
- **Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, January 12, after corporation meeting
- **Men's Business & Budget Meeting:** Sunday, January 12, after pot luck
- **Ladies' Meeting:** Sunday, January 12, after pot luck
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

January Birthdays

4th - George Nick



Corporation Meeting
In order to satisfy the laws of the State of Maine, we will be having our annual corporation meeting directly after services on January 12th. Your presence and participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. ☺

SNACKS!

December 29: Betty
January 5: Glenda

Contribution & Attendance

for December 22, 2019

Attendance — 19

Contribution — \$304

Order of Worship

December 29, 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—120

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—111

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Ephesians 4:20-24 ~

Song—48

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—53

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Spiritual Renewal"

Song—640

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

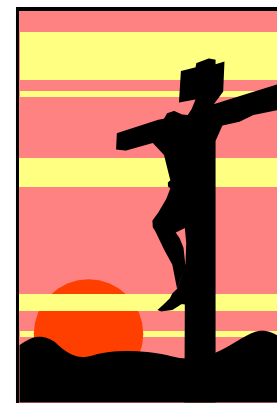
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 29, 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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