



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

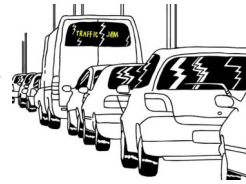
- James 5:16 -

- Cote Family - mourning the death of Diane's father who passed away on March 14th
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - chronic neck pain
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Jim Miller - suffering with chronic back pain
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; recovering from pneumonia
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; prayers needed for the family
- Henry Terrill - now in PT after back surgery
- Tornado & Flood Victims - please pray for those who have suffered loss and damage from the tornado in Beauregard, AL & flooding in mid-western states (many of whom are our brothers & sisters in Christ)
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Jan Sampson - recovering from injuries sustained in a bad fall; may need elbow surgery
- 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

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

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

## Interruptions, Delays, Difficulties and Disappointments



**M**y job as a bus driver is largely defined by safely piloting 34,500 pounds of hi-tech rolling machinery on an established route and staying on a set schedule—not running behind. Therefore, any obstacles causing delays in the schedule or interruptions causing a deviation from the set routine is usually not welcomed. Most of us live lives that are ordered by schedules or run by routine. We're busy. We're driven. We have places to go and things to do. Important things—at least to us. Interruptions, delays and disappointments may be a part of life, but they are often hard to accept because they are annoying, frustrating and irritating. We would much rather not have to deal with them. But deal with them we must. When faced with these inevitable trying circumstances, it is important for us to remember who we are.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus had much to do and lots to accomplish in those three short years. He was busy doing the most important work that would ever be done. And we see in the Gospels that He was often interrupted and delayed while doing His vitally important work. How do we see Jesus handling these unscheduled interruptions? He always handled them with grace, dignity and calm. But the disciples, in whom we often see ourselves, were a different matter. We see them at times getting impatient and even indignant.

In Matthew 19:14 we read that little children were being brought to Jesus so that He could place His hands on them and pray for them. Probably something that was not in the daily planner. The disciple's reaction? They rebuked those who brought the children to Jesus! In Matthew 15:21-23 we see Jesus and His disciples in need of some privacy and rest (ever been there?). But a desperate Canaanite woman desiring to have her demon-possessed daughter healed persistently begged the Lord for His help.

The disciples obviously regarded this as an inconvenience and the woman as a nuisance saying to Jesus, "Send her away, for she cries out after us (v. 23)." These words reveal no apparent concern for the needy woman or her desperate situation. They just wanted to get rid of her and not be bothered.

Are we that way sometimes? When presented with interruptions, delays and difficulties (which never come at a convenient time), do we reveal an attitude of impatience, irritability and unconcern? With God's help, let's try to do better in this area. Let's follow the example of Jesus who always responded to these difficulties with grace, dignity and calm—and then turned them into opportunities for ministry. People were His business. And they should be ours too. "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me'." (Matthew 25:40).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for APRIL

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Wayne Sampson

*Scripture Reading:* George Nick

*Lord's Supper:*

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*  
George Cuvellier

*Alternate/fill-in:* Jim Miller/ Paul Bullock

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Terry Kennedy

☺ **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:

- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**  
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.  
All are welcome! ☺



### April Birthdays

2nd — Justin Kennedy



## Happy Anniversary

*Rod & Shirley - April 28th*

*Jim & Pat - April 28th*



## Points to Ponder

*Old age strips the body of its outer  
glamor, in order to emphasize  
the inner beauty of the soul.*

## VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1,662

This Month: 14,947



# Snacks!

March 31: Betty  
April 7: Cathy

### Contribution & Attendance for March 24, 2019

Attendance — 22

Contribution — \$957

## Order of Worship

March 31, 2019

*“And let us consider one another in order to  
stir up love and good works, not forsaking  
the assembling of ourselves together, as is  
the manner of some, but exhorting one  
another, and so much the more as you  
see the Day approaching.”*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Mark 5:21-34 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*“Our Disappointments/  
God's Appointments”*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

*George Nick*

Alternate/fill-in: *George C./Paul Bullock*

~~~~~

Lord's Supper Prep: *Connie Henderson*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

159 Alfred Road, P.O. Box 344  
West Kennebunk, ME 04094



*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

## March 31, 2019

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

Phone: 207-229-4174

Email: [tls654b@twc.com](mailto:tls654b@twc.com)

Website: [www.southernmainecofc.com](http://www.southernmainecofc.com)