



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Corrina (Connie's daughter) - white blood cells & platelets are too high; a recent bone marrow extract has ruled out all cancers!; the blood abnormality has yet to be identified
- 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; prayers needed
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer; undergoing treatment
- Pat Miller - admitted to MMC on Saturday (1/4), being treated for diverticulitis; prayers are needed and greatly appreciated
- Joanne Neithercut - recovering from a recent stroke and subsequent 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
- West Freeway Church of Christ (TX) - gunman killed 2 members before being shot; please pray for all those impacted by this tragedy
- 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

Motive & Intent

Whenever a crime has been committed, careful consideration is given to the motive and intent of the lawbreaker before passing sentence. Was the crime done intentionally—or accidentally? Was it premeditated—or was it done in self-defense, or for self-preservation? The answers to these questions have an important bearing on the punishment the lawbreaker will receive.

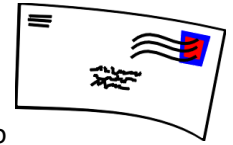
God is interested in motive and intent also. In other words, He is interested not only in *what* we do, but in *why* we do it. Two people can be engaged in exactly the same activity with one pleasing God, and the other displeasing Him. Two good examples are (1) Cain and Abel bringing their offerings to the Lord (Genesis 4), and (2) the Pharisee and the tax collector praying to God (Luke 18:9-14).

God did not respect Cain and his offering because he was of the wicked one and did not love his brother (1 John 3:10-12). And even though the Pharisee was worshiping God in prayer, because of his self-righteousness, he was not justified before God. And what makes the difference? Motive and intent.

When it comes to our worship and service to God, as well as our treatment of others, *what* we do is important. But *why* we do what we do is just as important. And if we are not doing what we do for the right reasons or from proper motives, then that which we do will profit us nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). In whatever we do, our attitude will affect the consequences of the action and how it will be judged.

The Bible warns: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked!" (Galatians 6:7). Another version puts it this way: "No one makes a fool of God!" On the outside, we may appear to be doing what God wants us to do, but our spirit and motives are weighed by the Lord (Proverbs 16:2), who knows everyone's heart! (Acts 1:24). Let us therefore give careful consideration to *why* we do *what* we do—because God does! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

New Address



Joanne Neithercut, who has been visiting with us since our gospel meeting in September, has moved from *The Cedars* to *The Enclave*, an assisted living facility in Scarborough. Here is the address and phone number:

The Enclave of Scarborough
18 Black Point Road
Scarborough, ME 04074
Phone: 207-303-0132

"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

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus — John 14:6

😊 **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! ☺



"Let all things be done decently and in order."

(1 Corinthians 14:40)



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!

January 5: Glenda
January 12: Diane

Contribution & Attendance

for December 29, 2019

Attendance — 18

Contribution — \$1,244

Order of Worship

January 5, 2020

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth"

- John 4:24 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—192

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—173

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

~ Matthew 6:19-21 ~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper:

George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—98

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"How to Make Deposits in Your Heavenly Account"

Song—613

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Wayne Sampson

Alternate: *Paul Bullock*

~~~~~

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

## 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 -*

## January 5, 2020

### 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)