



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now a resident at Seal Rock Health Care in Saco; thank you for your prayers
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - the court decision regarding their foster child Uriah was that he be returned to his parents; not the outcome we were hoping for; thanks for all the prayers
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - making sure & steady progress as he recovers from surgery and regains his strength; many thanks & much praise to God for this good progress; please keep praying for continued healing and a complete recovery
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; your prayers are appreciated
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Gary Roeder (preacher/missionary) - recently had spinal fusion surgery, and then had to have 3 stents placed to repair artery blockage in his heart; in recovery and doing well so far
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis and arthritis pain, with ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul's cousin) - stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - has pancreatic cancer
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

Learning to Fly



High on a rocky mountain ledge, two baby eagles are nestled in a soft, warm and cozy nest. Because of the comfort, safety and security the nest provides, they have absolutely no desire to leave. But, the mother eagle has other plans.

At the proper time she begins dismantling the nest until the two young birds are totally exposed to the elements. Then, one at a time, she gives them a nudge and pushes them off the ledge into the uncertainty of the turbulent, whirling wind.

Living the Christian life is a lot like the ordeal of those young eagles. Often, when our comfortable routines are disrupted and we are challenged by the adverse situations and troublesome circumstances of life, we cry out to God for deliverance. But, rather than *deliver* us, God chooses to *develop* us. We cry, "God, please take me *out* of this!" But He replies with gentle compassion, "No, I'll take you *through* this!"

After all, we have His word. As He assured His servant of old, so He assures you and me: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go!"* (Joshua 1:9).

Why does God respond this way? Because He is much more interested in developing our *character* than in insuring our *comfort* (Romans 5:3-5). He wants us to learn faith! (2 Corinthians 5:7). And it's only by persevering through difficulties and trials that our faith has occasion to mature and become strong (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9).

So remember, *"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint!"* (Isaiah 40:30-31). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

Yankee Swap!



After our pot luck meal today, we will have our traditional Yankee Swap. So be ready to enjoy a time of great fun and a lot of laughs as we share in this special time together! ☺

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -



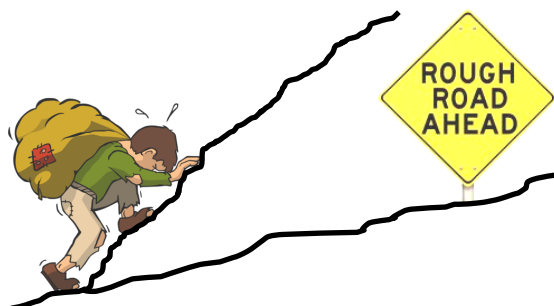
Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!



December 16th - Brandon Kennedy
December 28th - Catherine Cuvellier



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,102
This Month: 18,642



SNACKS!

Dec 12: Paula
Dec 19: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for December 5, 2021

Attendance — 15
Contribution — \$200.

Order of Worship

December 12, 2021

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

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

- John 4:23-24 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—62

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18~

Song—301

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Song—473

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Remaining Strong Through Adversity"

Song—437

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## December 12, 2021

### 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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