



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Michael Baldasaro (Wayne & Jan's son in law) successful surgery on 9/21 addressed cancer of the tonsils; has completed five weeks of radiation treatments; now healing; thanks for your continued prayers
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work & is gradually recovering from surgery
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; soon to be fitted with a prosthesis and undergo prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Linda Gloman - colon cancer was detected in a colonoscopy; laparoscopic surgery successful; now undergoing aggressive chemotherapy
- Lewiston Shootings - Please pray for victim's families, friends & associates as they grieve the deaths of their loved ones, along with all Mainers & our nation as, together, we mourn this tragedy
- Jan Sampson - recently fell on her right side, injuring/ bruising her ribs; doing much better now and is very grateful for all the prayers
- Molly Urqhart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River)- her stage 4 esophageal cancer has spread to other areas; undergoing aggressive chemotherapy; prayers needed
- 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 sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

*"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."*

## Merry Christmas!

Christmas was declared a national holiday in 1870 by President Ulysses S. Grant. Throughout the history of our great nation, a fundamental message of the Christmas holiday has been giving to others. Traditionally, this idea was based on the wise men giving their gifts to baby Jesus and, of course, our loving God giving mankind the gift of his Son to pay for man's redemption (Mt 1:21; 2 Cor 9:15).

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. While we certainly cannot flatter the Almighty, we can and should honor him. Since He is the Blessed Giver (Mt 5:42-48; James 1:17), "who gives to all liberally" (James 1:5), one of the best ways we can honor God is to imitate Him in this respect. As the Scripture says: "Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...." (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As we enjoy the many American traditions of this holiday season, let's be sure to remember the words of our Savior Jesus who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). When we give with a good attitude and a generous spirit (2 Cor 9:7), "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work!" (2 Cor 9:8). Also, when we are rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, we are storing up for ourselves a good foundation for the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life! (1 Tim 6:18-19).

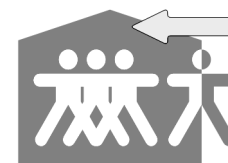
May God's richest blessings be yours in abundance—not only during this holiday season, but throughout the coming year! (Eph 1:3).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

It is our pleasure to announce that **Heidi Soper**

has expressed her desire to place membership here at *Southern Maine* church of Christ, along with her children **Roslyn & Grant**.

We are pleased and blessed to have them worship with us and warmly welcome them into our spiritual family! ☺



**"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

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☺ **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. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.*

*Have a great week! ☺*





Catherine Cuvellier — December 28th



Our lives are like a window, through which others see Jesus.

Or, do they?

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me!"*

## Points to Ponder

"God is love" (1 Jn 4:8 & 16). And God will often choose to love others through you! ☺

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 Jn 4:7).*

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 3,891

This Month: 22,550



# SNACKS!

Dec 24: Betty

Dec 31: Cathy

## Attendance & Contribution

for December 17, 2023

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$400

# Order of Worship

December 24, 2023

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

📖 - Colossians 3:16 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—256

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—401

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Matthew 2:1-11 ~

Song—299

The Lord's Supper  
*George Cuvellier (lead) & Jim Miller*

Song—6

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Christmas Spirit"  
(is Really the Christian Spirit)

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Louis Bureau*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

## December 24, 2023

## Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

*"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 -

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