



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; began radiation treatments last week—5 days a week for 5 weeks; please pray for Mike & Teal—for the emotional strength and physical stamina needed to endure these aggressive treatments and for positive results
- 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 recent colonoscopy; 8/10 laparoscopic surgery successful; now undergoing chemotherapy
- Terry Kennedy - recovering well from a 10/19 surgery which removed a large cyst from her abdomen; your prayers are much appreciated
- 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
- Molly Urghart (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 for those not with us today— the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble." - Ps 50:15

Open Door Policy



Over the years, many of us have no doubt worked for employers who maintained they had an "open door" policy. This meant that an employee could enter the boss's office, uninvited, at any time, to discuss a problem. However, most of us knew that this was a policy that existed in name only. If an employee were to just walk into the CEO's office without prior notice, this action would no doubt result in some negative repercussions. While it may not be openly advertised, there is an accepted protocol which must be followed when desiring to meet with the one in charge.

We remember in the Book of Esther when the wicked Haman, a prince in King Ahasuerus' court conceived a plan to destroy all the Jews, faithful Mordecai requested that Queen Esther "go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people" (4:8). Esther replied, "Any man or woman, who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live" (v.11). Here we see that, if proper protocol is not observed and followed, it could result in death!

As citizens of the kingdom of God (Phil 3:20), the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16) has graciously invited us to come directly into the throne room of Almighty God—from anywhere—at any time! "Let us therefore come **boldly** [with confidence & assurance] to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16). What a privilege! This great privilege comes as a result of the divine work of our High Priest & Mediator Jesus Christ, "in whom we have **boldness** and **access** with **confidence** through **faith** in Him" (Eph 3:12). Because of Jesus, the open invitation stands: "In everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil 4:6). Now that's an open door policy!

Employers like having an Open Door Policy included in the employee handbook because it looks good and satisfies Human Resource regulations. But the reality is often quite different than what is described in print. In contrast, God's open door policy is the real deal—it is genuine. He graciously invites us to come to Him in times of difficulty, with all our problems, because he cares for us (1 Pet 5:7). And when we turn to God in prayer and seek His help (Ps 55:22), we honor Him and bring glory to His name! (Ps 50:15). —**Terry Schmidt** ✍



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

Have a great week! ☺





We will enjoy our
potluck meal today
after services. ☺

We hope you will plan to
stay for this special time
of food, fun & fellowship!

*"...food which God created to be received with
thanksgiving by those who believe and
know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3*

The Lord's Gracious Invitation



*"Come unto Me, all ye that
labor and are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest. Take My
yoke upon you, and learn of
Me; for I am meek and lowly in
heart: and ye shall find rest
unto your souls." - Mt 11:28-29*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 17,278

This Month: 27,688



SNACKS!

Nov 12: Paula

Nov 19: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for November 5, 2023

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$1,067

Order of Worship

November 12, 2023

*"I will offer sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing
praises unto the LORD."*

📖 - Psalm 27:6 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—19

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—14

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
- Psalm 50:14-15 -

Song—4

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & Louis Bureau

Song—13

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Call Unto Me and I Will Answer Thee"

Song—49

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## November 12, 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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