



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - underwent surgery on 4/9 to repair a damaged tendon on his left shoulder; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - recently diagnosed with liver cancer; stage & treatment not known
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; now using a temporary prosthesis and undergoing prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - hip replacement surgery 5/16 was successful; up & about now, doing well
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - slowly recovering from a severe back injury
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Alivia Schmidt (Terry & Betty's granddaughter) - suffering with Crohn's Disease at 15 years old
- Brad Shaw - suffered a heart attack on 5/21; had a procedure on 5/24 to remove blockages
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- 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



"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me and hear my speech."

(Psalm 17:6)

Man's Wisdom — the Wisdom of the World

Since the beginning of time, man has sought to challenge the wisdom of God with his own human wisdom. It's the creature seeking to resist, and even defy, the wisdom of his Creator. Not a good move! And it never ends well. It's the dynamic that initially brought sin into the world. God, in His wisdom, told Adam he could eat of every tree in the garden—except of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—for if he should eat of that tree, he would surely die (Gen 2:15-17). Eve repeated this command almost word for word when tempted by the serpent to eat of the forbidden tree (Gen 3:1-5). *But* [dangerous word!], "when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (v. 6). Rejecting the wisdom of God, and trusting in their own wisdom, had brought sin into the world. And it has been here ever since.

God's wisdom (Col 2:3) is acquired through the study of the Scriptures (Pr 1:2-7; Col 3:16) and through prayer (Jas 1:5-6). Man's *earthly* wisdom is limited to what he can glean from his personal observations and through studying the learning and experiences of others. In other words, the wisdom of the world is devoid of divine influence. As James teaches, "This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there" (Jas 3:15-16).

At times, man's "wisdom" may "have an appearance of wisdom ... but is of no value against the indulgence of the flesh" (Col 2:23). This is why "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their own craftiness,' and again, 'the Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile'" (1 Cor 3:19-20). The folly of man's wisdom is plainly manifested in that the world, through its wisdom, knew not God (1 Cor 2:21), "for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Cor 2:6-8).

When effectively applied, true wisdom – God's divine wisdom – serves to "destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of

the prudent" (1 Cor 1:19). This is why you & I need to avail ourselves of God's wisdom in ever increasing measure! (Pr 4:5-7). This acquisition begins with "the fear of the Lord" (Pr 1:7; 9:10). As the Scriptures instruct: "Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding ... If you seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright" (Pr 2:2-6).

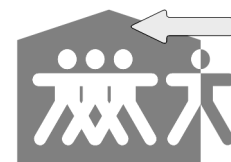
Unlike the wisdom of the world, this wisdom is from above and "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (Jas 3:17). It is more precious than gold or silver (Pr 16:16), "better than rubies, and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it" (Pr 8:11). "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! (Rom 11:33). —**Terry Schmidt** ✍

It is our pleasure
to announce that

Leslie Denbow

has expressed her
desire to place membership here at
Southern Maine church of Christ.

We are pleased and blessed to have her
worship with us and warmly welcome
her to our congregation! ☺



☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us and 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Sampson - June 11th
Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



We will enjoy our
potluck meal
today after services.
We hope you will 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*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,303
This Month: 5,965



SNACKS!

June 9: Cathy
June 16: Pat

Attendance & Contribution

for June 2, 2024

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$955

Order of Worship

June 9, 2024

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing
praises to our King, sing praises. For
God is the King of all the earth: sing
ye praises with understanding"*

📖 - Psalm 47:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—457

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—147

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ 1 Corinthians 3:18-20 ~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper
Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—262

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"God's Wisdom vs. Man's Wisdom"

Song—599

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

Alternate: *Louis Bureau*

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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 -*

## June 9, 2024

### 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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