#### THE MANCHESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST "WE ARE HERE & WE CARE" MARCH 16, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Happy Birthday Josh Scarlett	17 Happy Birthday Gloria Dion	18 Happy Birthday Alana Cottrell	19 Happy Birthday Anne Davis	20	21	22 Elder/ Deacon mtg
Youth Rally Planning Lunch		Teen Chill 7-8 @ Skerry's				Biddeford Ladies Day
23 Happy Birthday Rachel Devoe & Louise Roy	24	25 Happy Anniversary Julie and Tony Casella	26	27 Happy Birthday Don Dion & Lynn Millette	28 Happy Birthday Yann Lecat	29
30 Happy Birthday Freddie Hillhouse 5th Sunday Contribution	3 I Happy Birthday Scott Apgar	April I Happy Birthday Nate Moser & Freda Potter	2 Happy Birthday Stephanie Cordaro	3 Happy Birthday Zach Daggett	4 Conway Ladi	5 Happy Birthday Barry Fogal Elder/Preacher Mtg
					Conway Laur	es weekend
6	7	8 Happy Birthday Kas Dumas & Carl King	9 Happy birthday Kris Karafelis & Kate Fogal Happy Anniversary Ken & Sue Bell	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Rick Dugre
	Monday Night for the master					





TODAY! Important Youth Rally Meeting after morning classes.

TUESDAY- Chill @ Skerry's 7-8

April 25-27 "REVIVE" Isaiah 40:28-31 Let God take control of our fears and limitations that often make us "Frozen"

#### **The Manchester church of Christ**

603.623.5559 mht church@comcast.net

#### **Our Worship Services**

Sunday AM: 9:30 Bible Class: 11:00

Sunday PM: 6:00 (3rd Sunday congregational potluck @ noon)

Small Groups:

West Side: 5:30 at the Pauls' - Christian Ethics.

Merrimack: 5:00 - youth studies Concord: 5:30 at the Wilsons'

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.



#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Mar 23	WORSHIP LEADERS	
Steve Johnson	Songs	
Mike Moser	Closing Prayer	
Dave Skerry	Scripture	
Karl Davies	Lord's supper	
Susie Peacock	Worship Tech	
Mike Moser	Coordinator	
Barry Fogal	Call to Worship	
Park L.	Songs pm	
March 19- Stuart P.	Wed Songs	
March 19- Park L.	Wed Devotional	

#### **Statistics**

Sunday morning attendance:...125
Sunday morning contribution:..\$2846.44
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00
Pantry Served 1 Family this week.

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Do you not know? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never grows faint or weary;there is no limit to His understanding. He gives strength to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Youths may faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31



## **Volunteers Needed!**

#### **NOTES FROM THE ELDERS:**

So many things mess with our hearts. We can get anxious, angry, guilty, envious or confused, making us feel hopeless and aimless. And we fear that our sometimes bad responses to all of this will anger God. But God is love and there is no fear in love (1 John 4:16-18). God does not want us paralyzed by fear of judgement but rather wants us confident that His promises are true. Jesus showed us God's promises are true so be bold in your faith, always seeking forgiveness, and know God loves you and is with you the whole time. Have a great week!



We are so pleased that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are visiting, we hope that you will feel warmly welcomed by our church family. Our prayer is that you may be encouraged and uplifted as we worship together. Please join us downstairs after worship for some coffee and fellowship, followed by bible classes for all ages.

#### **Our Ministers:**

Park Linscomb 540-0287 Preston Cottrell 518-5800

#### Our Elders:

Barry Fogal 487-2387 Larry Glass 887-1741 Gerry Millette 497-3105 Mike Moser 429-9487

#### **Our Deacons:**

Tony Casella- Finance
Fred Hillhouse- Facilities
Doug Paul- Education
Stuart Peacock- Worship
Pete Steffensen- Facilities
David Skerry- Benevolence &
Outreach

#### Elders' Link: March

Gerry Millette 497-3105

<u>TaeKwonDoM@comcast.net</u>

Mike Moser 429-9487

<u>michaelmoser@comcast.net</u>

If you have any concerns that the elders should be aware of, or need to speak with them, please contact Gerry or Mike this month.

## Our Family

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ~Colossians 3:12

# Ways that YOU can help with our Youth Rally!

- \* Pray for our speaker Keke Brooks, as well as the teens and volunteers.
- \* Provide housing! Floor space is fine!
- \* Help with decorations/ preparations.
- \* Help prepare and serve meals.
- \* Help with clean up after the rally.

Let Stuart or Susie Peacock know if you can help serve!

## News & Important Dates:

Mar 16: Youth Rally Lunch meeting @ noon

Mar 22: Biddeford Ladies Day

Mar 30: Area-wide hymn sing at Concord church

*Mar 30:* 5th Sunday Building Contribution

**April 4-6**: Conway Ladies Weekend

**April 25-27**: Our Youth Rally (volunteers needed!)

Menu for 3/19:



ENCOURAGEMENT— Ansar Rana; Judy
Diaz; Mark Brown & his daughter Emma; Jim
Kenison; Linda Tetrault; for Jean Cadet to
come to know the Lord: Jessica Gelinas

- \*\* PRAISE—for HUSBM who served with all of their hearts!
- **SYMPATHY- to Nancy Kerrins** on the death of her mother in law.
- ## HEALING & COMFORT --Angela Beard;
  Dave McKinnon (husband of Lenore, former member); Anabeth Hickman (Kathy Fuerhelm's daughter)-high risk pregnancy;
  Chantal- the Lecat's daughter; Rita Jones;
  James McLaughlin-leg & back pain; Melissa Therrien's dad; Jim Kenison-broken arm;
  Peggy Mailloux; Linda Tetrault: Rick Gelinas
- \*\* CANCER TREATMENTS-- Curtis Winstead,
  Doris Nault (Lucille's sister), Gina
  Jonston, Lynn Millette, Algie Beard, Dave
  Seguin, David Lovering, John Matthewexperimental chemo; Barbara Ann (Margery's
  cousin)
- OUTREACH-- GAD contacts, Bible studies in progress, our website, food pantry.

\*If you have updates to prayer requests, please call the office or let Susie know.



#### FOR THE LADIES....

March 22— Biddeford Ladies Day 9:00-3:00 "Bloom Where You Are Planted". Speaker Janie Craun, editor Christian Woman Magazine

**April 4-6**— Conway Ladies Day "Come to the Feast" Sign up in the foyer for carpool.

**April 5th**— Ladies Spring Luncheon 11:30 @ Wendy LeCat's. Wear a hat! ♠

May 31 — Lakes Region Ladies Day



### Life is a Balancing Act





The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

-- John 1:14

My wife has told me that sometimes I work too much and don't spend enough time at home with the family. I need to work to make the money needed to support my family as comfortably as I can. But if I spend all my time working, I don't get to enjoy my family and the love that is there. There is a balance there and I need to make sure I don't go too far one way or the other. But finding that sweet spot is hard and there are usually a few bumps on the road to getting there.

So it is with our life as faithful followers of Christ. In his gospel, John tells us that Jesus was full of both grace and truth. He was the perfect example of the balance that God desires of us. It isn't either grace or truth, it's both. There are times when I've gotten into discussions with people about grace and as soon as I mention it, they seem to assume that I don't care about truth. That in grace I see a way out of needing to follow God's plan for me with His character and not my own. As Paul states in Romans 6, grace does not allow us to go on doing whatever we want. If we love God and trust in His promises, why would we want to go

on doing things we know disappoint Him? God's grace is in His acceptance of us in spite of how much we mess things up. And it was purchased through God's love for us and Jesus's sacrifice upon the cross. We should be thankful every morning that God loves us so!

As we seek to understand the truth of God's word, something God wants us to do (1 Peter 1:22-25), we need to ensure we do so with grace. We need to hold out hope for those who make mistakes, including ourselves, and not judge others who have come to conclusions about scripture other than our own. We should care that our practices are in line with God's will for our lives but patiently and willingly listen to how others view those same scriptures. Jesus showed us that you can have a balance between both grace and truth. Only in living with that balance can we hope to show others the true heart of the gospel message. God loves you!

~Mike Moser

