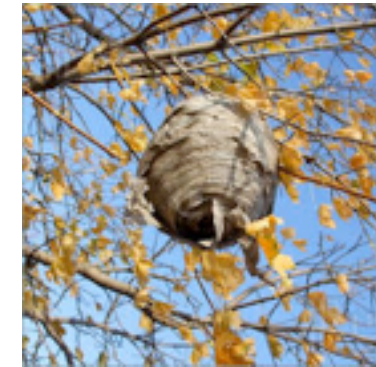


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Happy Birthday Diane Beard	29 5th Wed singing	30	31 Happy Birthday Noreen Dutch	NOV 1
2	3 Monday Night for the Master	4 Happy Birthday Liam Mattox	5	6 Happy Birthday Deniza Chase	7	8 Happy Birthday Deb Dlutowski Elder/Deacon meeting 9:00
9 Happy Birthday Judy Diaz	10 Happy Birthday Lauren King	11 Happy Anniversary Dick & Freda Potter Happy Birthday Ken Simon	12 Happy Birthday Darlene Cordaro	13	14	15



## His Strength, or Your Safety?

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth" (2 Tim. 4:17).

We sing the song: "... though none go with me, still I will follow." But would we? I've been battling a

particularly persistent nest of wasps that dig a new entrance from the roots of a forsythia bush every time I destroy a tunnel and kill a number of them. I can't help but think that is what Satan does with the church. Wave after wave of trouble and suffering descends upon us: faithful Christians are no longer, the yeast of sin and selfishness works its way through the dough, or God's love is questioned when a loved one leaves or is sick or dying. And, when our tunnel is destroyed, do we dig a new entrance? To encourage Timothy, Paul recounts how ones have deserted or opposed him, but that doesn't seem to be his focus. Rather, he says that despite many struggles, the Lord stood at his side and gave him strength so that he could proclaim the gospel. It is only as an afterthought that he remarks on his own deliverance.

Are you focused on His strength or your safety?

Doug Kashorek  
Plattsburgh Church of Christ



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 Minister:**  
Park Linscomb 540-0287

**Our Shepherds:**  
Barry Fogal 487-2387  
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

**Shepherds' Link: November**  
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If you have any concerns that the shepherds should be aware of, or need to speak with them, please contact Gerry or Mike this month.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nov 2	WORSHIP LEADERS
Steve Johnson	Songs
Brandon Hombs	Closing Prayer
Jonah Peacock	Scripture
Rich Therrien	Lord's Supper
Barry Fogal	Worship Tech
Ken Simon	Coordinator
Park L.	Call to Worship
Park L. or Steve J	Songs pm
Stuart Peacock	Wed Songs
Mike Moser	Wed Devotional

### Statistics

Sunday morning attendance:...125  
Sunday morning contribution:...\$4998.00  
Weekly budget.....\$3800.00  
Pantry Served 4 Families this week.

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Thank you to the young adults who planned the Clue Party! It was awesome!

Stay tuned for upcoming events. There will be an opportunity to help with Thanksgiving Baskets on Tuesday Nov 25th.

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### 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' - Study of Acts.

Merrimack: 5:30 - youth studies @ the Hombs

Building: 6 pm, The book of Revelation

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.



### NOTES FROM YOUR SHEPHERDS:

1 John 4:16 reads "And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him."

Sometimes all anybody needs to know to make it through the day is that somebody loves them. Thank you Lord!

# Our Family

Ephesians 2:19 "19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,"



## News & Important Dates

### **It's coming up on Thanksgiving Turkey Basket time!**

There are sign up sheets in the foyer. We will assemble and deliver them on Tuesday Nov 25th. We will also have a Thanksgiving Potluck on Nov 27th at 1:00. Sign up in the foyer.

**Our annual adult Christmas Party** will be Dec 13th at the Skerry's from 5-9pm.

**Wednesday evening dinners:** If you'd like to serve the church by planning and cooking this weekly meal, there's a volunteer list in the foyer.

**Menu for Wednesday 10/29:** *Tacos and fixings*

**PLEASE sign up in the back of the auditorium if you plan on attending.** Thanks!

If you are interested in keeping up with area wide events among our sister congregations in New England, You will want to look at this website: [necentralbulletinboard.wordpress.com](http://necentralbulletinboard.wordpress.com), and you will want to subscribe to the email updates that can come your way every time something new is posted. Just click on the blue button in the right column, under directions for "posting an event".

### **Local Meetings:**

The church in Lawrence, MA will conduct a "revival" from Oct 26-30. There is a poster on the foyer bulletin board about it. Among some of the other preachers from around New England, Park is scheduled to speak on Wednesday night, Oct. 29 on "Reviving the Church to Stay the Course Amidst Chaos, Confusion, and Mixed Messages". If you would like to attend, contact Park for directions, a ride or to convoy.

A **Harding Spring Break Mission** group will be returning to serve with us March 7-14! This is always a very encouraging and exciting time for our church family, so please be in prayer for the students who choose to spend their spring break serving! More info will be shared as it becomes available.

### **Please Pray...**

- ENCOURAGEMENT— for our shepherds, deacons, teachers, and preacher; the sick; our speaker in next week, Charlie Jackson.
- PRAISE— Annabeth Hickman's successful surgery
- NEEDS EMPLOYMENT—Candy Chase, Jim Kenison, Yann Lecat
- HEALING— Louise Linscomb, Annabeth Hickman, Natalie Cleavitt, Deb Dlutowski; Gary Chase; Mary Jane; David Black; Angela Beard; Rita Jones; James McLaughlin; Peggy Mailloux; Linda Tetrault; Brian Day
- CANCER TREATMENTS—Gary Cottrell, Curtis Winstead, Gina Jonston, Lynn Millette, Dave Seguin, David Lovering, John Matthew; Barbara Ann (Margery's cousin), Truman Gist; Jeff Blackmon
- OUTREACH—for Jean Cadet to come to know the Lord; Bible studies in progress, food pantry.

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



# Looking for Answers



There's plenty of trouble in the world. Things that make us mad. Things that make us afraid. Things that break our hearts. Things that outrage us. Things that frustrate us. Things that worry us. Things that make us cry, make us scream, weigh us down, depress us, and even move us to plot evil against others. There's even things that can lead us to lose hope and start to despair. Yes, since the day Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, the world has had its problems.

And since that poor beginning in the Garden of Eden, mankind has been looking for an answer. Sometimes we sought answers in sin. Perhaps, we thought, enough sex, enough drink, enough food, enough drugs, enough thrills, enough revenge, enough violence would overpower and get rid of the bad feelings forever. Generation after generation have pursued sin as the answer like it was a brand new idea. But generation after generation we've sadly discovered that sin was the major problem rather than the answer.

Sometimes we looked for answers in wealth. Perhaps, we thought, enough money, enough toys, enough gadgets, enough luxury items, enough houses, cars, and prestige that money brings would make us feel better. Yet, those who obtained wealth and some of the security that it brings also found new things to worry about and new negative emotions to eat us up from the inside out. "The world is never enough".

Sometimes we looked for answers in big projects. Perhaps, we thought, we could find real meaning in something bigger than ourselves, leave a legacy for future generations to remember us by, something for the ages. So we've built buildings and businesses and empires. But we found that while busyness and having a purpose to life does give some satisfaction, it's only a distraction, not a solution, to the personal problems and distresses that plague us. The griefs, the fears, the worries, and the heartbreaks are all still there in the middle of the night.

Some have sought answers in one kind of a Utopia or another. Maybe, we reasoned to

ourselves, we just need the right philosophy, the right politics, or the right economy. However, our Utopian communities have all ended in disappointment, because they all had the same problem: us.

A wise man named Solomon once tried to find the answer. Lucky for him, he had all the resources to "try it all". He wrote about it in a book called Ecclesiastes, and he also revealed to us his great conclusion: "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person." (Ecclesiastes 12:13 ). Did you get that? His answer is pretty religious for a guy so worldly as to try every worldly "answer". All the other "answers" were simply empty and nothing.

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Peace despite the trouble, that's what I want. How about you? It's found only—only—in Jesus.

Park Linscomb

