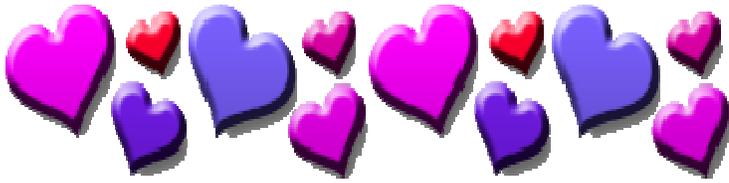


# The Pew Review



**2nd Baptist Church**

**Calais, Maine**

**February 2009**

## OUT WITH THE OLD; IN WITH THE NEW

This doesn't sound like the greatest headline in the world, but it does state a truth.

Sunday will be the last day Pastor Chris will fill our pulpit for a Sunday morning service. Yes, we are sad to see him go, but we also understand that God has called him to another church. One closer to both Jenny's and his families.

Pastor Chris's presence in our church for the past 3 1/2 years has been a blessing to each of us. Now it is time

for a change.

On Sunday, February 22, Pastor David Beal will be here as our interim pastor. He and his wife, Nancy, presently live in Spruce Head, Maine and looking forward to meeting us. They have five grown children.

I spoke with Nancy the other day and she is excited to get settled in new surroundings. For you ladies, she loves to cook and her door is always open for a "coffee break!"

So with upcoming changes in our church, our prayers are twofold. We pray that Pastor Chris, Jenny, Timmy, and Emily

find a true blessing in their new church; and we, also, pray that Pastor Dave and Nancy find us welcoming to their ministry and friendship.

May God's blessings be with both families as they follow God's call in their lives.



*Love can transform the most commonplace into beauty and splendor and sweetness and grace.*



*Love is the answer that everyone seeks. Love is the language that every heart speaks.*

Helen Steiner Rice

## HAVE A HEART FOR OUR MORTGAGE

Don't forget to turn in your mortgage envelopes on February 15th. Janet Lovely will have a beautifully decorated box ready to be used as our drop-in area.

As we know, all monies re-

ceived will be placed against our mortgage which now stands about \$150,000. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.



# THIS 'N THAT

Good to hear that Janine Hewey is home from the hospital and doing well.

Tom & Debbie Doherty have returned home from a Florida vacation. Glad to have you back.

Sympathy goes out to Ada Taber on the recent lose of her husband Gerry.

Issie Gibson & Judy Antonello have returned home from Carmel. They were house-sitting for Issie's son, Herbie. I bet they didn't do "one" bit of shopping.

Nice to see Elaine Trainor and Dale Newell have joined the "Praise & Worship" team.

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to see if you have Nursery or Greeter duties.

Does anyone have a dinette set they could lend to the parsonage? The last interim we had used a long table from here, but that doesn't make the most attractive room.

Don't forget the concert on February 14th. "Golden Harmony" will

be here.

The Sunday School classes made Valentines last week. They will mailed out on Thursday for all our college students, servicemen, and families away. It's always a treat to hear from your home church.

Brian Marshall and crew were on the roof last Sunday to remove about 4 feet of snow from the gullies there. Remember last year we had a huge leak. Thank you, guys, for taking care of that problem.

The Uth Group experienced a great New Year's Eve celebration. Steve McFadden and Brad Phillips organized a program of worship, games, and prizes. Now they think they will do another later in the spring.

If you have a few minutes on Thursday, the 19th, go to the parsonage and welcome Pastor Dave and Nancy.

How about this weather? Is everyone enjoying the snow and cold? And, what about your roofs, have they leaked yet? Mine has!

Not only are we sad to see Pastor Chris

and family leave, but also Father Frank Morin. Father Frank has been in the community for eleven years and loved and respected by all who knew him.

Heard John Benner is not feeling well. Get back soon, John.

Paul Dodge, our Area Minister, will be going to surgery soon to have his shoulder repaired. We are praying for you, Paul.

John Sherrard, Sandra' father-in-law, is in the hospital. John had a hip replacement done.

Welcome to Bruce & Sharon Bailey, our newest members.

Also, it's nice to see Michelle Lynds and Jennifer Swan, in the congregation.

If you have any ideas or articles to submit, just leave them in the office.

Brothers & Sisters will be back in action on the 17th of March.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 4	Bruce Howland	E	Feb. 19	Ethel Fitzpartick	T
Feb. 5	Melissa Huang	N	Feb. 26	Flo Russell	H
Feb. 6	Alena Marshall	J	Feb. 27	Norma Shattuck	E
Feb. 8	Jeff Francis	O			
Feb. 13	Kay Urquhart	Y			D
Feb. 14	George Stevens				A
Feb. 16	Denis Lovely				Y



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## MY PROFILE

**NAME:** Mary Elizabeth McAdams

**OCCUPATION:** High School Student

**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:** John 3:16

**HOBBY(s):** Karate, writing, 4-wheeling

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Meatloaf

**THE PERSON WHO HAS ENCOURAGED ME MOST IN MY CHRISTIAN WALK:** Pastor Chris, Unspoken

**PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW:** I have a skin syndrome. God made me extra special!!

**WHAT DO I ENJOY MOST AT 2ND BAPTIST?** The kind people and the family atmosphere.



Life isn't about waiting  
for the storm to pass.

It's about learning to  
dance in  
the rain.



## THE CHURCH MOUSE

Hi, Everyone!! I'm the one that's suppose to write a monthly column and let January slip right by. I hope I am forgiven....

So I assume you got through Christmas without any major calamities. The little nest behind the refrigerator was rather crowded for awhile. Most of the kids were there, but don't ask me to name them. After having 50, I sorta' lost track. But, that's OK because we had a great time and love was in the air.

So what's the latest gossip? Someone told me Pastor Chris was leaving, but I didn't believe it. I had to hear it with my own ears when he announced it from the pulpit. Well, I nearly fell off the pulpit when he said it. I was just sitting there listening to all the prayers and praises, and he drops that bomb right in the middle of everything. Now, P.C. I know I haven't been the perfect mouse around here, but ya didn't have to pack up and throw in the towel. If you talked it over with me, I would have told you that I would try to be better and not interrupt the services; like the time I cut off your tie. I would have told you that I would have only two or three of the kids here at a time. I'm sorry they chewed off your shoelaces. I would have tried harder to be better but you didn't give me a chance. But that's all water under the bridge. You have a wonderful new family to minister to and I know they will love you. So get outa' here before I cry.

Well, ladies, it's almost Valentine's Day. Have you thrown out a few hints to your loved one about what to get? I ask you this from experience. If you don't tell them directly, they'll forget. I never saw anyone that lost his memory so fast as my poor dead husband. He knew February meant a Valentine, he knew his whole 85 years he lived, but did he ever remember to buy me a rose or chocolates, or even a card? No, never, not even once. So I fixed him, every February I treated myself to a beautiful bouquet and chocolates. He even tried to eat my candy, but I slapped his hand and hid them away. So, gals, if you want a pretty box of chocolates, take that man by the hand and lead him to the counter. I do miss the old man, even though I make fun of him.

I run up through the choir about 2 weeks ago. I thought I heard a funny noise, but could figure out just what it was until I nearly stepped on the thing and lost my tail. One of our ladies has her own personal fan there to help fight the hot flashes. She didn't notice me, but it's a wonder I didn't wind myself around the thing. I took off in the opposite direction only to run into the big feet of Zachery Johnson. It's a good thing he didn't know it or we both would have had a big laugh right in the middle of the special music. Guess this is it, I am running out of writing room. See you next month., Maudie



# JUST FOR FUN

## WHEN THE CLERGY TAKE A SPILL

When the Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience. How do I learn from it?"

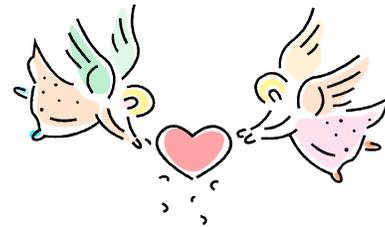
When the Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When the Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When the Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.



Angels have wings to left up your dreams.

## THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS

The first com- mandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

