



# THE PEW REVIEW

## A MINISTRY FOR THE CHURCH

Mrs. Thomas was not physically able to attend church anymore. In her late 80's, her physical problems kept her pretty much home-bound. However, she was not deterred. She was determined to continue to be active in the life of her church. She thought and prayed about her limitations and asked God to show her a way that she could still be useful to him and the Body of Christ.

God answered her prayers. She became a telephone volunteer.

Whenever something special was to take place in her local congregation, she called the members and reminded them of the service or activity. When someone was ill, or when death visited the community, she manned the phone, in-

forming the members of the circumstances that had taken place and what the next steps would be for the individual, family or church.

Now some may think that her job was not a big one.

Maybe so. Not big, but very important both to her and to the life of the church. Through this ministry, she and the community of faith kept in touch with each other. She

wasn't able to be as active as she once had been, but she still ministered in the best way she could.

Being a telephone caller isn't for everyone, but ministry is.

Your ministry may simply be a smile on your face and a caring attitude. It might be more than that. Whatever your "ministry" is, no matter how large or small it may be, it is important and can brighten someone's day.

### THOUGHT

Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.

### THE LOVE OF GOD

As high as the highest, shining star.,  
 As deep as the blue of the sea;  
 As wide as the silent realms of space,  
 As broad as the heaven, too —  
 So high—so deep—so wide—so broad,  
 Is the wonderful love of God.

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### PRAYER

Lord, my body is not like it once was — but use me anyway. I am not as young as I used to be — but use me anyway. I'm not able to do all the things that I used to, nor am I able to do all the things I want to do — but use me anyway. Let my light so shine that others may see You.

Amen

## COMMITTEE NEWS

**Christian Ed**—Are working on a new format for VBS this summer. The nursery class is getting larger and busier. The staff suggested that three teachers might be the answer. The committee will work on this.

**Trustees**—are planning to plant flowers and do some landscaping around the building.

**Diaconate**— Are working on plans for Pastor Matt's installation service which will be held on June 13 at 3pm. A pot luck will follow the dinner the service.



Work is also being done to revise the constitution.

**Executive Board**—Approved to

advance the money for a trip to see the Boston Red Sox. The Youthwork leaders will be here on May 30th and the students will arrive on June 13th. Zachary Johnson will mow the church lawn.

**Brothers & Sisters for Missions**—raised \$175 from the sale of cards. This will be used to send a child to BYC this summer.

### WE MISS YOU

Karen Hastings and Joe Moses where are you????



### THIS 'N THAT

Wonder what we can find for news this week.

Don't forget to come to the Hymn Sing tonight at 6pm. Hear talent from the East Area Association.

The new directories are out. If you find mistakes, let me know. I will change them on the master sheet for the next printing...which I hope isn't too soon.

Be sure to put June 13 on your calendar. We're going to have a big "shin-dig" here for Pastor Matt. He will be officially installed as our pastor. There will be a pot luck supper after the service. So don't forget to cook your favorite dish for everyone to try. Guess I might have men-

tion this before but that's because I want to be sure you're here for the special event.

I overhead Emily and Lara practicing their duet the other night. Now if you want to hear two young ladies sing, they're the two to ask. They did a great job during rehearsal.

Have you heard...Laura Currie will not be moving to Connecticut. She and hubby have decided to stay and now have a home in Milltown (Calais suburb) so she will still be here with us.

Issie Gibson has been on the road lately...Billy & Arlene took her to Searsport to hear Kevin Spencer; and then, Sandra Sherrard took her to St. John a few days later to see him again. Can you be a "groupie" at the age of 81?

### Kudos to:

Alissa al-here here ery.



Lovely for ways being to do nursery. Thank you,

Alissa. A job well done.

Zachary Johnson for mowing the lawn each week. Thank you, Zach, that's a lot of hard work.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Austin Ginn
June 2	Issie Gibson
June 8	Nola Hough
June 13	Abe Holmes
June 29	Marjorie Morrison



## THE CHURCH MOUSE

"Look at the time, Maxi. And I don't have a thing completed for the news letter."

"Now stop your fretting, I will help you."

"That should be interesting, you never have learned to use a computer."

"Maudie, do you want help or not, I can go home and leave you here to stew about your newsletter. That's all I ever hear from you: newsletter, newsletter, newsletter."

"Well, if you're going to be nasty about it, go home!"

"No, I'll stay to help. After all what are friends for? First thing—you know the Wickachee restaurant? We'll I heard Marlene Bryant was part owner."

"Maxi, is that all you know is the gossip around town?"

"You wanted something to write, didn't you? I'm giving you some. Now be quiet and just keep typing."

"All right."

"And, Alan Smith got upset because he wanted first refusal. I can just see him now making chicken parmesan for Carole. I bet it wouldn't be her favorite dish for long."

"Billy Gibson has the best steak sandwiches in town or so I've heard."

"Maxi, this is just is just a lot of talk you've overheard with you coffee ladies."

"Now look here, Maudie, do you want to do a newsletter or not,? I can stop talking at anytime.."

"No, keep talking. I need something to fill this page."

"Let's see. Oh, Rachel has had a haircut and it looks so cute. Well, it should—she's cute to begin with. Hmm, I wonder how Pastor Matt likes it. Men have such strange ideas about women."

"And this thing about Issie and Kevin Spencer. Why that woman would go half way around the world just to hear him sing. Personally, I think she's too old to be acting so "teenish." But, then again, who knows what's she's thinking."

"And, another thing, if Sally Doten tells me one more time about her granddaughter, Ashley getting that Rec. Dept. job in Belfast, I am going to scream. There are other people with grandchildren, too."

"I have just one last thing to tell you. Little Keegan Trainor goes into the church each Friday with his Mom. The first place he stops is to talk with Pastor Matt. No one can complain about that; he is such a cutie."

"Maxi, I think that was probably the

nicest thing you said all afternoon. I was beginning to think that all you knew was just a lot of junk, but that was a nice thing to say about a little boy."

"Maudie, I just tell it like it is. You know me- take me as I am or leave me alone."

"Stop that talk, Maxi, you really are a good person and I'm glad you're my friend."



A husband walked into the house completely out of breath. "What happened, honey." asked his concerned wife.

"It's a great new idea I have, " he gasped. "I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved 50 cents."

"Well, that certainly wasn't very bright," replied his wife, "Why didn't you run home behind a taxi and save three dollars?"



### The Little Chap That Follows Me

A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes,  
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries;  
Like me, he says, he's going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every work of mine  
The base in me he must not see,  
The little chap that follows me.  
I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's fun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be  
The little chap who follows me!