



# THE PEW REVIEW



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## SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved...I adjusted my tie.

I got there and sat...In a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer...As I closed my eyes.

I saw the shoe of the man next to me...Touching my own.I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side...I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'

It bothered me, his shoe touching mine,,But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: 'Our Father'...I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride.

They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'

'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.

The shoe man said.....A quiet 'Amen.'

Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?

"Well, this certainly isn't it.' I thought, glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer ended....And the songs of praise began.

The shoe man was certainly loud...Sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters...His hands were raised high.

The Lord could surely hear....The shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering...And what I threw in was steep.

I watched as the shoe man reached...Into his pockets so deep.

I saw what was pulled out....What the shoe man put in.

Then I heard a soft "clink" ...As the silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me.....To tears, and that's no lie.

It was the same for the shoe man....For tears fell from his eyes.

At the end of the service....As the custom here.

We must greet new visitors...And show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow....And wanted to meet the shoe man.

So after the closing prayer...I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark.....And his hair was truly a mess.

But I thanked him for coming....For being our guest..

He said, 'My name's Charlie....I'm glad to meet you my friend.'

There were tears in his eyes...But he had a large, wide grin.



Let me explain, 'he said.....Wiping tears from his eyes.

'I've been coming here for months.....And you're the first to say, "Hi."

'I know that my appearance.....Is not like all the rest.

'But I really do try.....To always look my best.'

'I always clean and polish my shoe.....'Before my very long walk.

'But by the time I get here.....'They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'

My heart filled with pain....And I swallowed to hide my tears.

As he continued to apologize....For daring to sit so near.

He said, "When I get here.....I know I must look a sight.

'But I thought if I could touch you....'Then maybe our souls might unite.'

I was silent for a moment.....knowing whatever was said

Would pale in comparison....I spoke from my heart, not my head.

'Oh, you've touched,' I said.....'And taught me, in part;

'That the best of any man.....Is what's found in his heart.'

The rest, I thought....This shoe man will never know.

Just how thankful I really am.....That his dirty old shoe touched my soul

Remember this story and take comfort in knowing that someone out there cares about you.....and always will.

## This 'n That

We were all saddened to lose our dear friend Phyllis Murphy. Phyllis died unexpectedly on August 29th at her home. Rest well, Phyllis...we miss you.

Stella Kneeland recently had knee surgery in Bangor and is recuperating at Ross Manor.

Another one on the sick list is Tom Doherty. Tom was taken to Calais Regional Hospital on Sunday morning, Sept. 19, with heart problems. He made a quick recovery, and is back to work. Take it easy, Tom, and follow the doctor's orders.

Pastor Matt, Rachel and Josiah are enjoying a two week vacation in Pennsylvania with Rachel's family. Hurry back, we miss you.

Beth Doten got her furniture loaded, her clothes packed and moved to Dover-Foxcroft this past week. Now Jim and I are really "empty-nesters" with all the kids and grandkids living away. And, speaking of "our family:" Jeff & Stacey are in Kansas City. Stacey had to be there for work, so Jeff thought he should tag right along.

Kathy Francis provided a beautiful meal for the East Area Association meeting at Baptist Youth Camp on Saturday, the 18th. Spaghetti, salad, and homemade bread...yummy. Everyone was invited to make their favorite dessert and have it judged by the association. How can simply elegant desserts be judged....they were all delicious. Thank you, Kathy, for all your hard work.

Nice to see another new family in church. Welcome to John and Jen Lander and family. Jen is the daughter of Pam and Nick DelMonaco. They recently moved here from Bangor. Welcome to 2BC!

Bruce & Sharon Bailey will be traveling to Florida soon. They are looking for property there. Personally, I hope they can't find a thing and have to stay here. They are great friends and no one

Life is like a game of hide-n-seek:  
We are all either hiding from God or seeking Him.

hurt you...it's just soft and fluffy.

Sorry to hear that Bud and Irene had to have "Brownie" put to sleep. Brownie was very special to both of them. Pets soon become a part of your family. It's hard to say "good-bye."

Now put on your sun glasses and take a look at the newly painted and decorated ladies' rest-room. Sometime during the past two weeks, the painting fairy visited the church, spread her wings and painted the room. I think it looks great...and I want to say thank you to the "painting fairy." She did such a good job and the labor was free! Whata' good fairy! This might be a perfect time for other fairies to step forward and do the men's room, or classrooms, or whatever. All that is needed is permission from the Trustees.

Do you attend the sing-spirations the last Sunday of each month held during the evening service? You need to be there...we have some very talented singers in our midst and they do a great job. It is an en-

joyable evening.

From all I've heard, Issie, is on the road again. This time it's off to Greene, Maine to surprise Chet & Barbara Garrison and to hear—yup, you guessed it—to hear Kevin Spencer sing. This lady is a one-woman, #1, fan. I could add more on this subject, but think anything else should remain unsaid. (especially if I value my life)

Wish Kay Urquhart well as she travels back and forth to Brewer for medical reasons.

I wonder how many pies were thrown at Pastor Matt on Rally Day? Thanks, Christian Ed...for a great effort and a great time. It was a lot of hard work and you did "good!"

SIX PROBLEMS OF THE CHURCH

1. The unbended knee.
2. The unread book.
3. The unattended church.
4. The unpaid tithes.
5. The unrealized Cross of Christ.
6. The unconcern for lost souls.

BROTHERS & SISTERS

At the regular meeting held on September 14, the group voted to have Rus Willette as their missionary project this year. Rus and his wife Jen at working with the program "Navigators." They are working hard to set up chapel services at USM and SMCC. Some of the interested students are meeting at Rus & Jen's home to begin their experience of walking with God daily and spreading the NEWS on campus..

OCTOBER BIRTH-DAYS

- October 1 Brad Demmons
- 6 Kathleen Stevens
- 7 Arlene Gibson
- 12 Ginny Bubak
- 13 Sharon Waycott
- 14 Tammy Ginn
- Pastor Matt
- 15 Marlene Bryant
- 19 Mike Hodson
- 22 Sally Doten
- 23 Dale Newell



I'm sorry for those I missed last month...

Belated wishes to: Diane Richendollar, Kianna Pike, and James Hodson. Did I miss anyone else????

MUSIC COMMITTEE



Issie and her committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who provide refreshments for the concerts. The lunches are a time of fellowship and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who take time to make sandwiches, desserts, etc. You are loved and cherished.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look at your underwear. Grampa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four to six."



Oh, to be a kid again!!!



## FOR SALE

Oak bookcase

4 adjustable shelves

60 inches high

48 inches wide

Asking \$60



No extra charge for the dust!

See me ...(that would be Sally)

REMEMBER—Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.



## OCTOBER NURSERY CARE

- 3 Jody Deacon & Casey Donovan
- 10 Ruby Johnson & Kianna Pike
- 17 Rachel Burden & Emily Ginn
- 24 Janet Lovely & Josh Carr
- 31 Heidi Fitch & Brooke Smith



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Boxes need to be here at the church on November

16. Each box must include \$7 to cover postage & handling. Please put a check in each individual box.

It is so much easier when they are counted if a check is in each one. Would you like to volunteer to deliver the boxes to the designated drop off point? This year is Orrington. (maybe)

To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are.

## OCTOBER GREETERS

- 3 Trudy & Heidi
- 10 Jim & Sally
- 17 Jeremy & Wendy
- 24 Mike Francis/Joe McAdams
- 31 Steve & Pauline

Personal Request—If you use or borrow anything from the church office, please return it or let me know. Some items are my personal property, some the church's. Some things have been broken; some not returned. Example: I have bought 6 pairs of scissors this year, and can't find any. Thank you.

## SUPPER FOR FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Each year the churches in Calais take turns hosting the workers of the Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical Food Pantry. This year this duty falls to the 2nd Baptist Church. On October 14th, we will host this group of volunteers. The pantry will supply the meat (chicken) and we are to prepare it and the other items needed for the meal. All items are listed on the sign-up table. Workers to set-up, tear-down, and kitchen helpers are needed. If you are willing to help in any way, please be sure to sign-up. Thank you.



A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "Show and Tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin. I'm Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Nathan. I'm Baptist and this is a casserole."