

# THE PEW REVIEW

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE HATFIELDS & MCCOYS

When Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection, they receive the Holy Spirit, whom empowers them to go out into the world to proclaim the gospel and to become “peacemakers.”

Making peace. That’s tough. It might involve forgiving someone who has “trespassed against us.” It’s easier to seek revenge, turn our backs, stop speaking, divorce, declare war or simply shut out those who have either hurt or wronged us.

The Hatfields and the McCoys have been feuding for generations. Yet in 2003, the descendants of both of these clans came together in Pikeville, Kentucky, to sign a symbolic “peace treaty,” and to officially bury their differences. Their gathering made headlines because of who they were and what they did. From childhood these descendants had lis-

tened to and learned the stories of the famous feud. They could’ve carried the bloodletting into the next generation, but



they chose not to. Instead of seeking revenge, they sought an “official peace.” They recognized that what their families had done in the past was foolish and that lives had been lost because of it.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that peacemakers are blessed and are called children of God. Much like he did with the first disciples, he gives us strength through the Holy Spirit to help bring about peace. The Scripture doesn’t say that being a peacemaker is easy. In fact, peacemakers are often persecuted for trying to bring about harmony and rec-

onciliation. But still they persist in their work. In a world that is quick to pull the trigger, more peacemakers are needed.

That said, perhaps you’re a “Hatfield” needing to forgive a “McCoy” or vice versa. Or, perhaps you have neighbors down the hall or across the street who can’t seem to forgive and forget. Perhaps you might have a loving, peacemaking word for them today.

*Prayer: Father, take the old, hateful thoughts that we harbor against one another out of our hearts and heal us with your love and mercy. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Amen*

Thought: I don’t hate my enemies. After all, I made ‘em.”

(Red Skelton)

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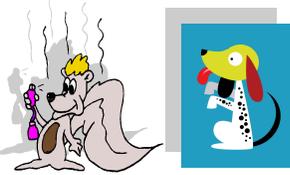
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### A Point of Interest

*Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, “Where have I gone wrong?” Then a voice says to me, “This is going to take more than one night.”*





For those of you new to the church and this newsletter, I will explain the Church Mouse. The column is written by Maudie, our local resident in the church. She talks with her neighbor Maxie and sometimes complains about anything in general. Maudie is a nice mouse, but sometimes she just gets upset over certain situations. She enjoys writing about her experiences and hopes that you enjoy reading them.

### The Church Mouse (by Maudie)

“Maxi, can you believe it. I go away for a few days and what happens...the dog and local skunk decide to check one another out. And, I don’t have to tell you who lost.”

“Goodness, Maxi, what are you talking about?” I saw your dog yesterday and she looked fine.”

“Well, looking fine and smelling fine are two different things. I’m telling you there’s nothing worse than a dog that smells like a skunk.”

“I’ve been right here for the past week and didn’t know anything happened. I even saw your husband and he

never mentioned it.”

“You mean you didn’t even hear me yelling when I walked in through the door? The very minute I hit the threshold of the nest, I knew something was wrong. That place reeked of skunk. And what does Mo do; just looks at me and smiles.”

“Guess the dog got too close,” he says. “I was up all night bathing her. I even put some of your smelly stuff on her, but it didn’t help much.”

“Maxi, I could have shot the dog and him, too. It’s a good thing I wasn’t here, I would

have been long gone in a short time.”

“Maudie, now don’t go making a mountain out of a mole hill. Mo couldn’t help it if the dog was curious. It’s not his fault.”

“Well, you may be right, but things like this only happen when I’m away. And, now looking back at it, I’m glad I was a few miles away. Let’s forget the situation and have some coffee. It’s smells better than the dog!”

**What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself.**

*While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously has a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-written printed sign:  
“Energy-efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and grass.*

#### CHURCH SIGNS

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Don’t wait for six strong men to take you to church.

This church is prayer-conditioned.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MAY PEOPLE:

- May 5 Stacey Doten  
Sebastian Francis
- May 8 Ben Pagels
- May 9 Barbara Sullivan
- May 10 Keegan Trainor

- May 12 Todd Pagels
- May 22 Joy Lyons  
Mary Margaret Brown
- May 25 Jordan McAdams
- May 27 Mike Francis
- May 29 Linda Banisszeski
- May 31 Brad McFadden



The sound of laughter  
is  
God’s hand upon  
a  
Troubled world.

#### THIS ‘N THAT

If you missed Maundy Thursday service, you missed a blessing. Pastor Matt presented a beautiful service after a pot luck supper. We are truly blessed by this young man and his family.

Nice to hear that Stella Kneeland is home again. Stella just can’t seem to

stay away from hospitals lately. Please be careful, Stella, and stay home for awhile.

Nola Hough recently underwent shoulder surgery. Get well soon, Nola. You are missed.

Sorry to hear that Chris

Tetreault will be moving back to Massachusetts, but she wants to be closer to her family. Can’t blame a lady for that!

Thank you, Carole Smith, for the lilies that were placed for Easter services.

We are waiting for the Quigley’s to return to Calais!!!!!!

## THIS 'N THAT

Pastor Matt did beautiful services over Holy Week. If you missed any of them, you missed a blessing.

Evelyn Howland was life-flighted to EMMC on Friday. She and Bruce have just returned from a visit with their daughter in New Hampshire.

Jim & Sally have had a great time with family being around. Dale was there for a week while he filled in at the Calais Fire/Rescue; Alex was around for a couple of days visiting both sets of grandparents; and Beth came home for Easter. She had a chance to visit many friends while here. The house is empty without them.

Poor Lesie Gibson is sick with bronchitis. Get well soon, Lesie, the church might collapse without you! :-)

Gary & Kay Urquhart's

Every day we are called to small things with great love.

(Mother Teresa)

daughters have been home helping with the traveling back and forth from Brewer. Kay had to return for 4 more treatments. Debbie and Diane have been a great support for their parents. A true family filled with love.

John Wentworth had a heart procedure on the 28th. Get well soon, John.

Karen Hastings & Sally enjoyed a shopping spree to Bangor. Karen had never shopped the Bangor Malls. This was a good training experience for her. A great trip filled with laughter..

So proud of our grandsons. Alex is working at Thrift Way,



Kathy Francis, thank you from your church family for heading up the Easter Breakfast. And to all of you assistants, you are appreciated.

Patrick is employed at a local golf club, and Dale has been hired by the Bangor Fire Department.

John Baker is recuperating at home after knee surgery. Get well soon!!!

There is way too much sickness going around. So many friends have been or are sick. Come on, Sunshine, get out and get rid of this "stuff"

Nice to have Tommy Ginn home over Easter break. Travel safe, Tommy.



### MOTHERS' DAY

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Mommy, I love you

For all that you do

I'll kiss you and hug you

'Cause you love me, too.

You feed me and need me

To teach you to play.

So smile 'cause I love you

On this Mother's Day.

### Roses in Heaven

If Roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will not go away.

Dedicated to all who have lost  
their mothers.



Josiah says,



"I am going to have a baby brother! Ha-ha, no pink here."



**BIG SHOUT OUT TO  
MIKE FRANCIS...HE IS  
CANCER FREE. SEE  
WHAT PRAYERS AND  
FAITH CAN DO...**

**Motherhood is a tough 24 hour job, no pay, no day off, sometimes it is unappreciated, but yet resignation is impossible. A mother is a woman created by God to bring you joy, happiness and caring into His world. I am so glad God has created a woman to be a mother, even though motherhood is a full time job, a mother's work is never done.**

# MAY PEOPLE

MAY	NURSERY	JUNIOR CHURCH	GREETERS
1	Lewis & Debbie	Janet Lovely	Steve & Pauline McFadden
8	Karen & Nathan	Elaine Trainor	Brian Marshall & Jim Doten
15	Emily G & Katie C	Sandra Woodward	Mike & Kelly Hodson
22	Elaine T & Kianna	Steve McFadden	Kathleen Stevens & Karen Marshall
29	Irene M. & Isaac	Shannon Carr	Bud Barnard & Alan Smith

## The Bible

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the objects and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.

"Mom, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in his voice, he answered, "I think it's his underwear!"



## A MOTHER'S LETTER

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. I am writing this slowly because I know that you can't read fast. You won't know the house when you come home—we've moved.

About your father—he has got a lovely new job. He has 500 men under him. He cuts grass at the cemetery. Your sister Mary had a baby this morning. I haven't found out yet whether it is a boy or a girl so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

I went to the doctor's on Thursday and your father came with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

Your uncle Patrick drowned last week in a vat of Irish whisky at the Dublin brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They cremated him and it took three days to put the fire out.

It only rained twice this week, first for three days then for four days. We had a letter from the undertaker. He said if the last payment on your grandmother's plot wasn't paid in seven days, up she comes.

Your loving mother.

P.S. I was going to send you \$5 but I have already sealed the envelope.

## NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

An excerpt from a church bulletin:

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."

- 1) Beds will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- 2) We will have blankets for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it's too cold.
- 3) We will have hearing aids for those who say, "The preacher talks too softly; and cotton wool for those who say he preaches too loudly."
- 4) We will have score cards for those who wish to list hypocrites present.
- 5) Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays.
- 6) There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.
- 7) One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God's nature.
- 8) Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church

## T-SHIRT SLOGANS

- 1) Mop & Glow—the floor wax used by the Three Mile Island cleanup crew.
- 2) Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere.
- 3) Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- 4) My wild oats have turned into shredded wheat.

