

The Pew Review

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BELIEVE all things are possible

Oh, For Eyes to See

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I will marry you."

One day someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, "Now that you can see the world,

will you marry me?" The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying, "Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine."

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Life is a gift.

Today before you say an unkind word—think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food—think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about

your spouse—think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life—think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive—think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job—think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down—put a smile on your face and think: **you're alive and still around.**



Pictured to the left show our most recent baptisms. Left to right are:

Mike Clark, Gloria Gayton, and Brad McFadden. Mike was baptized at Baptist Youth Camp on July 14. Gloria and Brad chose to be done at the church on July 15.

If you feel you would like to go through the waters of baptism or join the church, please see Pastor Matt.

Often we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"



THIS 'N THAT

Sandra Sherrard is doing well after her second surgery. She had her left lung removed because of cancer. Prayers and good wishes are coming your way, Sandra.

Having some great weather, but the gardens need a day of rain.

Do any of you remember Harle Winslow? He graduated from Calais Memorial High School back in the late 40's. He was my neighbor in Baring when I was a kid. He recently underwent open heart surgery in Las Vegas. He is the brother of Nadine Stanhope.

Sonny & Rita Stewart have been enjoying time with their family. All the grandchildren were with them for a cook-out. A great time....

Thank you to all those that signed up and prepared food for the Marshall funeral. I am sure Brian & sister DeeDee were pleased with your contributions. I, too, am thankful for you that brought food and those that helped in the kitchen. Thank you, one and all.

Judy Antoniello was in Bangor recently for a medical appointment. All went well.

Steven & Kathy were here to visit with the family again. It's nice that Matt and sister Jessica live in the same town. Makes spending time with each a little easier.

Congrats to Mike Clark, Gloria Gayton, and Brad McFadden on their recent baptisms.

Thank you, Pastor Al Coffey, for making Bangor hospital visits when your Calais parishioners are ill.

A belated congratulations to Andy Frost on his recent marriage. I wish I knew the name of his bride but unfortunately I don't. Andy is the son of Jim & Lori and the grandson of MayBelle.

Gary & Carole Thornton have been visiting here from Texas. It is great seeing

old friends.

Bill Gibson was very fortunate when he decided to "flip" his lawn mower onto himself. God was watching over him as Jennifer Saunders Donovan happened to be passing by and saved him from serious injuries.

Alex Doten had the misfortune to sprain his ankle. Al missed a few days of work, but is now back to his regular activities....including several miles on the treadmill daily. You go, Al!

Austin Ginn recently took part in the motorcycle rally. He rode to Columbia Falls and visited the Veterans' Memorial there. A great experience!

Thank you to those who worked so hard making the Rally in the Valley a big success. The traveling Vietnam Wall was very impressive. A round of applause to all.

Thank you, Sandra Woodward, for providing a new office chair. I really appreciate it, Sandy.

Also, thank you Carole Smith, for filling in for me on Sunday, July 8. And, for coming in each Friday to fold the bulletins and going to lunch. Yummy!!!

So nice to have Bruce and Evelyn Howland back with us, if even for a

TRUSTEES

The Trustees recently voted on the following items:

Paving the parsonage driveway.

Restructing the church roof...no more leaks please.

Remodeling the lower entrance to prevent ice & snow build-up on the walkways. This work will make it easier for those with disabilities to enter the church more safely.

Doing some interior work at the par-

sonage. Love you two.

Mary McAdams escaped serious injuries in a recent automobile accident. God held her safely through the crash.

Bruce and Sharon Bailey have been holding weekly yard sales. They are trying to sell their house plus many years of accumulated "stuff." Better check, they might have the perfect thing for you.

Judy Antoniello had the misfortune to fall in her garage. A quick phone call to the Gibson family, and rescue was on the way. Not serious injury, but a bruised pride.



SHOUT OUTS TO:

- 1) Marion Price for her kind comments about the newsletter.
- 2) Muriel Doten for raising \$135 through card sales for Brothers & Sisters for Missions
- 3) Sharon Waycott for always being here when I ask her.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.



sonage.

Money for these projects was given by the Marjorie Morrison Estate.

God answers prayers. AWESOME!!

Friendship is the gold thread that ties hearts together.

Happy 40th Anniversary - Leslie & Cathy

Just in case you "don't" read the bulletin board, the following are greeters in August.

- 5 Leslie & Cathy
- 12 Beth & Kathy Goodine
- 19 Roy & Rosie
- 26 Barry & Linda

Now check the board for September



Don't forget to start working on your Christmas Shoe Boxes. This year we are aiming for 100, but will take more.

This is one of our "funest" projects throughout the year. If each person gives one (kids included) we will go over our goal. A list of suggested items is posted on the wall at the RED CHRISTMAS TABLE.



Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Give me a copy, it can be printed and enjoyed by others. Here's mine:

RICE KRISPIES SANDWICH

- 4 cups rice krispies
 - 1 cup butterscotch chips
 - 1/2 cup peanut butter—melt together and pour over cereal. Mix well. Place half in a 9x9 pan, press well. Place in fridge.
 - 1 cup dark chocolate chips
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - 1 tablespoon powdered sugar - melt together.
- Pour over cooled cereal. Now put remaining cereal over the chocolate. Keep in fridge for 4-5 hours; after that no need to be refrigerated. KIDS LOVE THESE

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." (Dr. Seuss)

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, " Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

MY PASTOR

MY PASTOR SHAPES HIS SERMONS FROM A TO FINAL Z.

IN CLEAR AND FORTH-RIGHT LANGUAGE, AND AIMS THEM STRAIGHT AT ME.

AND WHEN HE GETS TO PREACHING, I LOOK AROUND TO SEE

IF THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER DESERVING MORE THAN ME.

BUT EVERY SOUL LOOKS SAINTLY, THEIR HEARTS TO HEAVEN TURN.

WHILE I CAN SIT AND SQUIRM.

YOU KNOW, I OFTEN WONDER IF I SHOULD MISS A DAY

WOULD HE, WITHOUT HIS TARGET, HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.

THE CHURCH MOUSE (BY MAUDIE)

Lordy, Lordy, I've been so busy, I almost forgot to write my column. Would anyone really mind if I didn't do this? Would it make any difference in your life if you didn't read my thoughts and problems? Probably not; so I will write it anyway just to aggravate you. Just kidding!!!! I love each and every one of you. You are the ones I can turn to when I need help or just a hug; you are the ones that give me support when I need it; sometimes you bring tears to my eyes but most of the time you put a smile on my face.

This church is my home; a home filled with love and kindness. So as I sit here behind the fridge in my cozy nest, I just want you to know it is a joy to do this project. I hope Maxi and I put smiles on your faces. We appreciate all the treats you leave after a concert or supper. And, we understand that you are busy and sometimes forget that we "patrol" the kitchen, but for the things you do, we are forever grateful. Please share you goodness outside these walls and let others know you care.

Ok, enough of this sentimental stuff, have a great week. Smile at everyone, they will wonder what you're up to.