



# THE PEW REVIEW

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**Prayer:**

God of hope,  
thank you for giving  
us every reason to  
continue to have  
hope. Thank you for  
being with us through  
every crisis and  
every trial. Thank  
you for sending  
Jesus.  
Amen!



# Merry Christmas

Hope does not deny the circumstances of the present, and hope doesn't help us get out of our difficulties. Hope doesn't get us out, but it does get us through.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do but you will not get anywhere.



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Today we begin to prepare for the "coming" (thus the word "advent") of the Christ Child.

The first candle of the Advent wreath that is

lit on this Sunday stands for HOPE. In succeeding Sundays we shall learn more about PEACE, JOY, and LOVE.

What is hope? One definition says that "Hope

is the emotional state which promotes the belief in a positive outcome related to events and circumstances in one's life."

Hope is one of the graces that the apostle

**(Advent-HOPE) con't)**

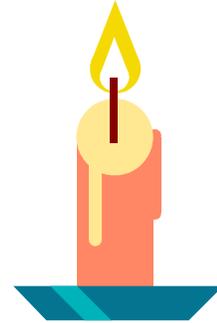
Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 13: "Now abides faith, hope, and love." Hope is so important for us to have. Can we ever truly live without hope? I'm not too sure. Without hope, we tend to give up. We withdraw into our little world, shutter the blinds and close our minds, our spirit withers and our joy evaporates.

Cheer up! Christ is coming. Christ will be born. God will be—and now is, of course—among us! We can therefore

have hope and hope gives us courage. In Job 11:18, it says, "You will have courage because you will have hope." This means that we don't have to fear the days ahead, but instead look forward to them with eagerness. We do not need to wallow in our doubts or worries, but stand firm and strong and stay rooted in God's sacred and holy word. Bear in mind that God is the Author of Hope.

Indeed, God knows what we

need and God will provide those things when the time is right. God knows what is best for us. Of that we can be sure. Of that we can hope.



## The Church Mouse (by Maudie)

"Maxi, help! Hurry up!"

"I'm coming, I coming. What is the matter? You sound like you're being killed."

"Put your toe on this knot so I can finish wrapping this gift. I don't have enough toes to do it by myself."

"What," a frustrated Maxi replied. "You were doing all that yelling just to get me to help with a bow?"

Maudie pouted her lips, "But is was important to me. I needed your help."

"Maudie, you know I will help you at any time for any thing, but don't scare the "tail off me" by your tone of voice and screaming. And, another thing, you didn't even say, please."

"I'm sorry, really I am, but this Christmas thing gets to me every

year. It's rush to do this and rush to do that. Cook, cook, cook. My mind is going 100 miles an hour."

"Now look here, dear friend, you're putting too much pressure on yourself. You're forgetting what this season means."

With a sad look in her eyes, Maudie hung her head, a little tear trickled down her nose. Sniff, sniff, "I'm so sorry. Oh, Maxi, my wrapping was my priority. I forgot

to celebrate Jesus."

How many of us forget to celebrate Jesus? How many of us overspend?

### REMEMBER

Jesus is the reason  
for the  
Season!



### LEXIPHILES

- If you are stuck with your debt...you can't budge it.
- A boiled egg is....hard to beat.
- A bicycle can't stand alone... it's two tired.
- When a clock is hungry...it goes back four seconds.
- A guy who fell into an uphol-

stery machine...was fully re-covered.

- He had a photographic memory...which was never developed.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be....exposed in the end.

## The Following Beautifully Wrapped Gifts Arrived This Month

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| Dec. 3  | Sonny Stewart<br>Kaileigh Deacon                         | Dec. 20 | Jeff Doten<br>Beth Doten        |
| Dec. 4  | Chris Gillespie  | Dec. 22 | Carole Smith<br>Paul Waycott    |
| Dec. 12 | Cindy Richendollar<br>Christian Fowler<br>Makayla Hodson | Dec. 25 | Linda Wentworth<br>Pastor Chris |
| Dec. 13 | Mary McLellan<br>Sandra Skillman                         | Dec. 28 | Nathan Marshall                 |
| Dec. 17 | Karen Thomas   | Dec. 29 | Josiah Burden                   |
| Dec. 18 | MayBelle Clark   | Dec. 31 | Krystal Murphy                  |
| Dec. 19 | Heidi Williams   |         |                                 |



*Happy Birthday to you.....*

## Engagement



Craig & Carol Marden of Dover-Foxcroft are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to Scot Vachon son of Fran & Dana Vachon of Albany NY. Shannon is the granddaughter of Jim & Sally Doten and Maurice & Marion Marden.

Shannon graduated from Foxcroft Academy and St. Joseph College in Standish with a BS degree in Marketing and Finance. She is currently employed at the Marriott Hotel in Portland as sale manager.

Scot graduated from The Albany Academy and St. Joseph College with a MS in Exercise Science and Sports Fitness. He is employed by the Biddeford School Department and also does personal fitness programs.

A June 29th wedding is planned at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida.

## THIS 'N THAT

Too many illness are happening within our church family. Pastor Bob Hinton has been a patient at EMMC with heart problems. He is now at home recuperating. Issie Gibson (at this writing) is still a patient at Calais Regional Hospital. Issie has had pneumonia and other infections. She is feeling better but no date has been set for her release. Kay Urquhart is at home recuperating from a cracked pelvic bone. She was in the hospital for a week after falling in the kitchen. Muriel Doten is still able to attend church but is having much pain throughout her body. She is trying a new medication that seems to be helping. Judy Antoniello has had a knee replacement and is presently doing rehab at Ross Manor in Bangor. Karen Hastings has also been in the hospital. Karen is feeling much better and back in the choir.

Plus, John Baker has been traveling to Togus for medical appointments. Jim Doten has had several tests checking on his gallbladder and liver. Irene Gallway has recovered from a bout of infection. Linda Wentworth is back after having a quadruple bypass. Gloria Gayton had to have another stint put in her heart and is now back in church. Pearl Tomah was in the hospital but is now feeling better. Last, no least, (as far as I know) Susan Weeks was a patient at Charlotte County Hospital and is now feeling better.

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