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Calais, ME 04619

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2014**

As we begin another year with resolutions we never keep, I thought the words of St. Francis would be appropriate. Please take them into your heart and act upon them in 2014.

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:

“Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

“Where there is injury, pardon;

“Where there is doubt, faith;

“Where there is despair, hope;

“Where there is darkness, light;

“And where there is sadness, joy.

“Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled

as to console;

“To be understood, as to understand;

“To be loved, as to love;

“For it is in giving that we receive,

“It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

“And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Amen

ICE STORM 2013

For those of you not living in the Washington County area, here a few pictures after the storm. The storm caused power outages throughout Washington and Hancock Counties. Some homes remained without power for 7 days.



This pine tree on the River Walkway in Calais is heavily laden with ice and snow.



A close-up of the iced covered twigs hanging from a fragile sapling.



The Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Baring took some the brunt of Mother Nature's fury.

“Dear God, my prayer for 2014 is a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don’t mix these up like you did last year.”

Anger is one letter short of danger.



Pictured above are: John Demmons, Gloria Phillips, Rachel Burden, and Matt Burden. The quartet is better known to us as, “Simple Shepherds.” Just before Christmas they recorded their first CD with nine songs. If you would like to receive this CD, please contact the church at 207-454-2579 on Thursdays or Fridays. The cost is only \$10 and all proceeds go to the Baptist Youth Camp. We will be happy to send you a copy postage free.



THE CHURCH MOUSE (By Maudie)



“Maxie!”

“Maudie!”

“Maxie, where are you? I can’t see or hear you,” yells Maudie as she scratches her head in bewilderment. Getting more worried, she tries again but still no answer.

Where could Maxie be? Surely she wasn’t outside in the cold and snow. “Maxie,” Maudie shouts again. This time in a distance there’s a response.

“I’m here, Maudie. Over near the door. I’m stuck, help me.”

Maudie rushes to the sound of her friend’s stressful cry. And, there she was—stuck, just as she said.

“Oh, Maudie, I’m so glad to see you. One of the guys came in to shovel and I ran out to see what was happening. He closed the door before I could back up and here I am.”

Poor Maxie, with tears in her eyes was desperately trying to pull her tail free from the closed door.

“How long have you

been here?” asked her friend.

“Oh, about 4 hours. I tried calling to you but you couldn’t hear me.”

“I went out to get you a surprise pizza for lunch. When I got back and looked for you, you weren’t in your nest. I couldn’t imagine what happened. Thank goodness you’re safe and sound. Well, except for that slightly bent and twisted tail, anyway.”

“I thought you’d never hear me, Maudie. I prayed that someone would come before my tail froze off. God answered my prayers.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING TODAY

Directly after morning worship, we will be holding a brief business meeting to approve of the spending of funds for 3 items.

1. Approve the installation of ceiling fans in the sanctuary and moving the projector.
2. Approve \$500 for BYC for general expenses there.
3. Approve of \$1600 for the purchase of a new washer and dryer for the parsonage.

This will take only a few minutes to go over and vote. Please stay and support the necessary financial spending of

MISSION TRIP TO THE D.R. HAPPENING SOON

The South Gorham Baptist Church is again preparing for their annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The trip will take place April 5-12. Are you interested? If so, please see Pastor Matt for details.—ASAP.

This is a great experience and a chance to see how those less fortunate live. Everyone that has done this mission work comes home completely amazed seeing how God loves these people. It definitely is a life-changing event. Check with Josh Carr, Pastor Matt, or Brian Marshall to hear of their experiences while there.

To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—2013

On December 14th, our church was blessed through a Christmas Concert. The concert was done by the talent we have here in our own congregation. Under the organizational skills of Tammy Ginn, this musical event was perfect. We heard new Christmas songs and new talent. Anyone could participate, and they did. So much hard work and rehearsals paid off. A perfect evening of music. Thank you, Tammy, for your time and efforts. And to all those who sang or played a musical



The Praise and Worship Singers: L-R: Lara Marshall, Emily Ginn, Tammy Ginn, Kathy Francis, Pam Price, Sharon Waycott, Ruby Johnson, and Zach Johnson

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

I am thankful for laughter except when the milk comes out my nose.

A laugh is a smile that bursts.

SMILE—sunshine is good for your teeth.

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.



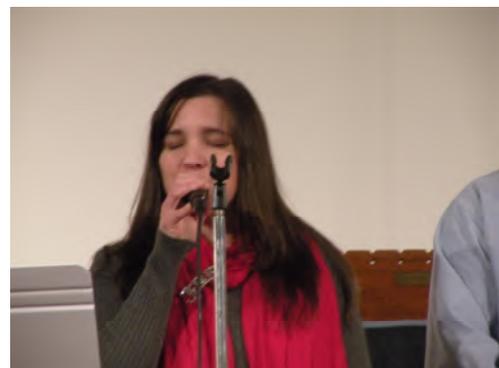
Cousins Mary McLellan and Sandra Sherrard sing for us.



A flute duet by Cassidy Carr and Emily Doten.



The Trainor Duo—Emily and her mom, Elaine share their voices.



“Mary, Did You Know?” sung by Gloria Phillips.

DON'T FORGET

We have a baby girl arriving here on January 21st. She is still looking for a name.

Put your suggestion into the blue vase on "the table." If your name is chosen, you will receive a "beautiful" prize. Be sure to sign your suggestion.



WERE YOU WITHOUT your usual "comfort things" during our recent storms? No power, no phone, no television, snowed under; remember to thank your local police, public works, electrical company, linemen, plowmen, and roof rakers for their long hours working to make you safe. **THEY**

LET GO....
AND
LET GOD!



THIS 'N THAT

Well, we did manage to get the Christmas Eve Cantata worked into the Advent schedule. After two consecutive weeks of no church because of ice and snow, it did look doubtful for awhile. Over 125 showed up to hear our choir present a beautiful musical story about the birth of our savior. As we have come to expect, Kathy Francis did a great job of pulling this event together. (She always does!) Thank you, Kathy. 😊

Speaking of Kathy, the Francis family enjoyed skiing in Mars Hill over our holiday break from school. A Christmas gift to Kathy's daughter Katy and her family. Hitting the slopes were Kathy & Mike Francis, Wayne & Katy Potter and their twins Paul and Ryleigh. A great time for everyone.

Pastor Matt, Rachel and the boys enjoyed two days with his family in the New Sweden area. I have viewed some pictures of the event, courtesy of his sister Jessica, and from the story they tell, our beloved pastor has a great time. In one he was wearing some sort of a blue paper hat complete with teeth. Not sure what it was; you will have to ask him.

Issie Gibson had son Mark and wife Shirley visiting over Christmas.

Billy & Arlene Gibson traveled to Delaware to visit with son Bill and

Katie and their families. Great family time was enjoyed by all.

Eric Muise, son of Steve & Lynn, has returned home from Japan. He was serving in the military there for several months. It was nice to meet him in church over the holidays.

Keep Jeff & Patty Gagner in prayer as they have not been feeling well.

Praise for quick thinking on the part of Doug and Mary McLellan. They were using their generator during our power outage when the exhaust tubing broke away. It filled the house with carbon monoxide. Also there at the time was granddaughter Casey. All three were at the emergency room for several hours for oxygen to clear their lungs. God was there.....! And thank you to the Calais Fire Department for monitoring the situation.

Dennis Gillespie had a mishap with his saw and nearly severed a finger. He is fine but a scary situation.

Adrian Munro, BYC Director, filled the pulpit on Dec. 1. In his usual fun-loving way, many of our parishioners were surprised to have Life Savers thrown to them. Adrian starts many services this way at BYC. The kids were delighted, the "more senior" group was startled. A great service by a

A belated Happy Birthday to Betty Nix. Betty turned 90 this month. She is a former member of this church and now living in North Carolina.

Bill & Barb Gibson have left for Florida to finish out the winter there. Bill takes part in the Seafarers Mission while there. This year he left with bags of small toiletry items donated by our church family. Thank you, Bill for doing this service.

Keep several of our family members in prayer: Jean Doten Pike, Flo Russell, June Miner, John Papke, Jeri-Mae Moreshead, Jim Doten, Shirley Ray Gibson, and Helene Leavitt. I apologize for any I have forgotten.

Thank you to Mike Francis, Ron Williams, and Brian Marshall for taking care of all the snow.

Thank you to V.L. Tammero Oil and Earl Hill for working on the heat adjustments in this building. And, again, to V.L. for repairing the pastor's furnace after 10p.m. last Saturday night.

Even through this snow, ice, and cold we have many blessings. Think of those less fortunate.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS AND WISHES

THESE ARE OUR FEBRUARY SWEETHEARTS

- Feb. 1 Joe McAdams
- 2 Joyce Matthews
- 4 Bruce Howland
- 5 Melissa Huang
- 6 Alena Marshall
- 8 Jeff Francis
- 13 Kay Urquhart
- 14 George
- Stevens
- 16 Dennis Lovely
- Andrea Holmes
- 17 Pastor David Beal
- 19 Ethel Fitzpatrick
- 20 Amanda Fowler
- 26 Flo Russell
- Mary McAdams
- Jeremy McAdam
- 27 Norma Shattuck



Baking Tip
Do you use a cake mix? Instead of following the directions on the box, do the following for a richer and more substantial cake:

- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 cup water
- 2 eggs

I do mine this way and it is so much better. Try it.

My New Year's Wish for You

12 Months of:
Happiness

52 Weeks of:
Fun

365 Days of:
Success

8760 Hours of:
Good Health

52600 minutes of:
Good Luck

and

3153600 seconds of:
Joy

EVOLUTION

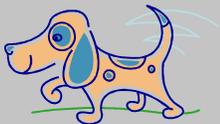
One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the monkey was reading two books –the Bible, and Darwin's "*The Origin of Species*." In surprise he asked the monkey, "Why are you reading both these books?"

"Well," replied the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my brother's keeper's"



For Dog Lovers

Today I will be thankful for all the paw prints on my floor and the slobbery kisses on my face, and the hair on my clothes. For there will come a day when there is far too much room in our bed and these days will be profoundly missed.



BREAKING NEWS!

I have just been informed that John Demmons asked Tina to marry him, and she said:

"YES!"

Congratulations to the happy couple!

First thing every morning before you arise say out loud, "I believe!" (Norman Vincent Peale)