

# THE PEW REVIEW

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Second Baptist Church

Calais, ME 04619

## OUR YOUTH AT WORK

We began the New Year with our MOVIE night, originally scheduled for December 15th. If you remember that date we were laden with heavy snow. The UTH watched a great movie about football and faith. They enjoyed using our WHITE wall we had painted in the youth room. Steve McFadden used his speakers and projector for a "BIG" screen feel. Popcorn and hot chocolate were served during the show.

January 26th began with a "Faith Course," an obstacle course. This was followed by a discussion of *faith* led by Steve. Youth got a chance to have fun and experience how we need to *listen* to hear God's voice.

On February 9th our meeting started out with a video clip, "Loss of Words" followed by a discussion of *action versus words*. The youth enjoyed an indoor snowball fight. We ended the evening with a prayer and clean up.

Our UTH have taken on

some prayer commitments. They began in November by making a list of things they thought needed prayer. The volunteer to pray for one and make a commitment to pray each day. The following are just a few of the commitments they've made:

- Government
- Freedom 4/24
- Israel
- Typhoon Survivors
- Persecuted church
- Sick people

### UTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our youth have committed themselves to a special mission that they heard about while at STRIVE last fall. They are earning money to help women and children who are sexually exploited. Freedom 4/24 works with Christ-centered organizations that are committed to helping these women and children to *true freedom*. A woman can be free for 24 hours for just \$24. Our youth are sponsoring a bottle drive to

help raise money. They also want to be part of an upcoming race in Bangor to help raise awareness for these women and children.

Save your cans and bottles. Dates for picking up your cans and bottles will be announced. Sign-up for bottle pick-up is on "the table" in the fellowship hall. Members, you may also drop off you cans and bottles in

### OUR TRUSTEES

the Youth Room. Thank you.

(Debbie Little)

I just want to say "thank you" to our Board of Trustees.

I have attended a few of their meetings these past months and watched them work. And work they do! Brian Marshall chairs this group of 8. Lots of laughter at these meetings as Secretary Karen Thomas keeps everyone in line. She

## THINK ABOUT IT

- Anger is one letter short of danger.
- God loves us the way we are, but too much to leave use this way.
- Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.
- Know thyself.
- A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go.
- Christians are not perfect and innocent but guilty and forgiven.

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**BELIEVE—**

**MIRICALS**

**HAPPEN!**

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questions, she casually looks to Brian and asks, "did you check on this?" Whether the answer be yes or no, her reply will be snappy followed by laughter from the others.

This team works so well together I always leave with a feeling of reassurance; the building is in good hands.

Other members are Heidi Fitch, Sandy Woodward, Mike Francis, Leslie Lyons, Earl Hill, and Roy Curtis. Each one has their own specialty and capabilities.

Heidi is the painter along with Karen and Sandy. She also checks the building on a regular basis to know what is done or needs to be done.

Sandy is always willing to come in and work in the library, moving books and shelves, and keeping it neat. Don't ever say, "it's a man's job" because these ladies can keep up with the men on the board.

Earl is the engineer of the group. Always ready with new ideas to save money through fuel conservation. He is the mastermind behind the projector project. A new face in our church, but not afraid to step

up to the plate.

Mike is our concrete man. He did the lower entry last year along with Brian. He also keeps the snow shoveling away from the walkways and is our "cleaner-upper" after the concerts.

Next on the list is Les, doing his share on all projects. He is presently building raisers for the choir. He wants everyone to see the handsome men in the back row.

Roy is organizing, with some other church members, the restoration of the old church bell. He presented drawings to the board last month. Roy is always willing to help when or where needed.

That leaves Brian, our main man on call. He complains because I have him on spend dial (I really don't) but I do keep in contact about the many things that arise weekly here. Brian is a first-class carpenter and a good man to chair the board. There's not much he can't do; and is willing to do it.

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

I wrote the above because I felt you should know what this board does. I know each and everyone of you sitting in the pews would do the same if asked. I also know that you

contribute in ways that no one knows about. Many quietly go about doing things unseen. To each of you, thank you. Only God needs to know.

## WORRY

Why should I worry ?

Why should I fear?

I put my trust in Jesus;

He is always near.

Every person has a problem;

It is just part of life.

And how we do react

May cause stress or strife.

Worry gets you no place,

Instead, resort to prayer.

Trust Jesus for the answer,

We are in His care.



## This 'n That

Hey, Bruce & Sharon Bailey. Haven't heard much from you this winter. Hope you're both well.

Sorry to report that Paul Johnson has been a bit "under the weather" this winter. Miss seeing you, Paul.

Sorry to see you go, Lara Marshall. Praying your new California surroundings and the new job are just what you

wanted. Good Luck.

Abbey Green, granddaughter of Mary McLellan, has been here visiting during school vacation. Hope Gram didn't spoil her too 😊 much.

Another family soon to be missing in our congregation is the Pasciuti's. Joe has accepted a position in California. Good luck to you. We will miss you.

The Burden household has been full of visitors. The families have been admiring Baby Lydia. Visitors from out of town have been: Mom and Dad Burden from New Sweden; Brother Josh and family from Houlton. and Gram & Gramp Spurrier along with Auntie Grace from Pennsylvania. Great times and precious memories.

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We extend our sympathies to Austin Ginn and family on the loss of his brother Walter.

Think of you Sara Cameron. Sara has suffered a stroke this winter while staying with her granddaughter Samantha.

Get well wishes going out to Katy Potter. Katy will undergo heart surgery sometime this month. Our prayers are floating down to Virginia just for you.

Congratulations to Ron and Heidi Williams. Daughter Katie presented them with granddaughter #2. Natalie now has a baby sister, Fiona.

Did anyone happen to notice Muriel Doten sporting a black and blue face?

Muriel fell in her kitchen and hit her head against the dishwasher, leaving a slight dent. The dent was not on her face, it was in the dishwasher. She never called anyone for help; she got up on her own. Oh, Muriel what are we going to do with you.?

Paul Waycott, husband of Sharon, is on the sick list. At this writing, he is a patient at Calais Regional Hospital. Think of you, Paul, get well soon.

February 2 we were blessed by the attendance of the Cub Scouts. This was Scout Sunday and Joe Moses introduced the boys to us. Thanks, Joe. It's nice having such a well-behaved group

come for a visit. Bring them back anytime.

Cecil Moreside hasn't been feeling well. He has been undergoing medical testing. Praying that everything turns out A-OK.

Kathleen Stevens recently enjoyed a few days in Bangor with sister, Anne. I am sure not one store was missed on this adventure.



A special birthday greeting goes to Norma Shattuck. She turned 91 on February 27.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORMA.

Celebrating APRIL showers are:

April 1 Nancy Beal

4 Stella Kneeland

5 Ruth Lyons

6 Sandra Sherrard

Patsy Hill

7 Trudy Gillespie

8 Casey Donovan

Karen Davis

15 John Benner

April 16 Lara Marshall

17 Jim Doten

Al Coffey

22 Bruce Bailey

Gertrude Johnson

29 Dana Johnson

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QUESTION:

Please let me know.....

Is it better to have the birthdays listed a month ahead OR should I do them the same month the letter is published.

FEED BACK PLEASE.....



LIVEN UP YOU IDLE HOURS

- Tell you children over dinner: "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."
- Sing along at the opera
- Order a Diet Water whenever you to out to eat, with a serious face.
- Skip down the street rather than walk and see how many looks you get.

- At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars...watch 'em slow down.
- When the money comes out of the ATM, scream "I won, I won."
- When leaving the zoo, start running towards the car yelling, Run for your lives! They're loose!



## OUR KIDS MAKE US PROUD



Stephanie Brackett, a student at Calais Middle School recently helped the Girls Traveling

Team to victory. The team won the Eastern Maine Traveling Team Championship at Orono YMCA. Steph is the daughter of Leo and Patty Look. Congrats, Steph, we are proud of you.



On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, Makayla Hodson wowed the Singspiration crowd by singing, "Jesus Loves the Little Children." A

great job, Makayla. Did you know you're the youngest to sing at a Singspiration Service. Hope you come back and sing again.

I can't finish this article without saying: "CONGRATUALTIONS TO THE CALAIS HIGH SCHOOL LADY BLUE DEVILS.... EASTERN MAINE CHAMPS"

By the time you read this, I hope they have the Gold Ball representing the State Champions.

GOOD LUCK LADY BLUE



### THOSE DARN BULLETIN TYPOS:

1. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
2. Eight new choir robes are currently need due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
3. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility,
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
5. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
6. Pot-Luck supper Sunday at 5pm. Prayers and medication to follow.
7. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please sue the back door.

**JUST A REMINDER:** The 5th Sunday After Church Pot-Luck is on March 30. Also at this time we will be celebrating the upcoming wedding of John Demmons & Tina Wormell. A "CRAZY UNWRAPPED GIFT SHOWER" will be held at this time. Bring in an everyday household item...paper products, soap, razors, etc. Leave items unwrapped with a card attached. There will be a basket provided for the gifts. THANK YOU.



LOVE GIVES

Fran is six. On Saturday afternoon, she could be playing with her friend Monica. Instead, Fran is working and working and working on a birthday card for her grandma. I don't have to tell you, do I? Fran loves her grandma very much.

Twila is struggling to stay awake at work. She was up all night with her infant son. He has sniffles and a fever. He couldn't settle down. So Twila stayed up, rocking, pacing, comforting. I don't have to tell you, do I? Twila loves her son very much.

You can't hide love. You can't keep it a secret. Love gives, even when it would be easier to walk away. God knows, it would have been easier!

You see, not long after the Creation, God's creatures made the world he so loves a very unlovely place. Our rebellion continues still today. We ignore our Father, living as we please. We resent his claims on our loyalty and obedience. We trash the planet he gave to be our home. We nurse grudges and hone words into weapons that wound.

here on earth in the wee hours of that very first Christmas morning.

The infant Jesus grew up—kept on giving. He gave sight to the blind, bread to the hungry, good news to the poor in spirit, and forgiveness to all, even his enemies.

Even then, God's giving didn't stop. Instead, it climaxed on Calvary's cross where Christ gave himself into ghastly death—for you. Christ hung on your cross. Can you imagine a love that gives like that?

Even now, God loves. God gives. There's no thermometer, no yardstick to gauge that kind of love. There's no tape measure long enough to wrap around it. But in Jesus, God gives his love to you. It's personal. It's true. It's yours. Believe it!

*Lord, you love and you give—  
beyond any measure!*

THE CHURCH MOUSE.....

Sorry about missing last month, but sometimes it just gets to hectic and, believe it or not, I can't cope. Now I know I'm a senior "saint" but I think I should be able to do everything just like before. Before what? Before I was 50 would be nice. I could handle anything sent my way—cook for 40, move furniture, dig a flower bed; you give it to me, I could and/or would do it.

Well, all you youngsters out there, things change. As you draw nearer to the big 65 and Medicare you think; yes, I am ready to retire; yes, I need this time to relax; yes, I will do what I want, no time clock to punch. It just doesn't work that way.

You see your mind tells you one thing, your body tells you something else. It's like they're in a continuous argument with one another. For example, I want to change the furniture around in this messy nest. I got up early this morning and ready to tear into it. My mind tells me, "you can do it," and after moving the first chair, my body asks, "are you nuts?"

Maybe I am nuts, maybe I want to do too much, maybe I don't know when to quit, But as long as I can crawl around this nest, visit my friends, and have family here I tented. I think it's better for me to be a little crazy because then I don't realize just am.....until I try to move that darn chair.



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THINGS  
TO  
PONDER

- 1) Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- 2) If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- 3) Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- 4) Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- 5) The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- 6) There are two kinds of pedestrians.....the quick and the dead.
- 7) If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?