



## You Know It's Time To Clean When....

- ◇ The flowers on your bedsheets start taking root.
- ◇ You catch your kids tobogganing down the pile of dirty clothes.
- ◇ You've written more than three phone messages in the dust on your dresser.
- ◇ You can hand ornaments from the cobwebs draping from your ceiling.
- ◇ The dust balls under your bed have calcified and are large enough to use as bowling balls.
- ◇ There's been a No Vacancy sign on your roach motel for the past three months.



## This 'n That

Am I forgiven for being a week late with the newsletter? But as I think about it, since there was no church last week, I'm in the clear.....

Sorry to report that Verna MacKechnie fell and injured her leg. We miss seeing you in church, Verna, get well soon.

Sympathy goes out to the Moreside family on the loss of Cecil. He had been struggling for some time with cancer and had been in and out the hospitals in Boston, Bangor, and Calais. Cecil wanted to pass quietly with no "to do;" but his friends wouldn't hear of it. A huge remembrance gathering here on December 20 showed how many friends and family will miss him. Over 200 people signed the guest book. A true testament of the joy he shared with others. There will be a committal service at a later date.

Les Lyons has minor surgery to remove a spot from his "handsome" face. The biopsies were clear.

Billy Gibson was in the hospital recently with heart problems. He will be a patient at Eastern Maine Medical Center for a 3-day stay later this

month for tests. Feel better soon, Billy.

The large free-will offering jar was put out for one Sunday to help Stephanie Look with medical expenses. Stephanie is the daughter of Leo & Patty Look and was recently diagnosed with diabetes. Over \$500 was donated. Stephanie is a student at the Calais Middle School.

Daniel Stewart, grandson of Sonny & Rita, has been home over the holidays. He is serving in the US Army in South Dakota.

Issie Gibson is a great-grandmother again times 3. On Dec. 7, 8, and 9 (I think) three of her grandchildren presented her with 3 baby boys. How's that for a Christmas gift.

Winnie Demmons, the lady that never gives up, has been in the hospital again. But, true to form, she is back in church. She also enjoyed a great dinner with all her kids and grandkids and great grands and more than I can count. A large family with much love for this lady.

Sympathy is extended to Austin Ginn and his family. Austin's brother Joe passed away with a very brief battle with cancer. I saw a picture of Joe the other day and if Austin grew a beard I wouldn't be able to tell them again. Hugs to you, Austin and the family.

Mike Googin, one of our newest family members, has returned home after a bout with pneumonia. Mike just returned to the Calais area after living in Newport. I have known Mike for some time and was glad to see him back in town. Welcome to the 2nd Baptist Church, Mike.

The Burden kids have all had ear and eye infections and colds. All are back on the mend. So much work when three little ones are sick at the same time. Those beautiful faces looked so sad. Now Matt & Rachel just need time to catch up on some sleep.

Alan Smith had a pre-cancerous spot removed from his forehead. All his medical tests proved to be good. Count your blessings, Alan.

Get well soon, Sandra Sherrard. These "leaky" valves are nothing to fool with.....waiting to hear of a surgery date. Our prayers, love, and hugs are with you each step of the way.



Oh, baby, it's cold outside. Jan. 8, it was 15 below zero when I put my little tootsies on the floor. It's such a hard time of year for those without heat or housing. Pray that all goes well for our senior citizens and those less fortunate during this cold snap,....

Beth and I had a very quick trip to Bridgton on Jan. 1st. Our aunt had become seriously ill and was hospitalized. While there we made arrangements for her to be transferred to a nursing home. She is 95 years old and been living alone for the past 25 years. A strong lady with a marvelous talent for sewing and cooking. We came back home on Monday only to be met with detours in Augusta and Route 9. What is usually a 4 1/2 hour trip became 6. We thank God for safe travels and the long life He has granted our aunt.

**Christian Education**

A wonderful Christmas season from the Sunday School teachers and kids. A great pageant was presented. The kids knew their parts without reading and did a perfect job.

**Meetings**

Many cancelled because of weather, sickness, and holidays.

**SEEN ON A CHURCH SIGN....**

"Soul food served here!"

**The Pew Review**

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 **THE CHURCH MOUSE**

"Maudie, I think it's time to declutter. Let's do your next first and than mine."

This was my friend? Maxi speaking. Lot of nerve she has telling me to "declutter!" I am quite comfortable just the way I am! Now, again, I hear her coming.

"Maudie, are you mad a me. Look at you sitting there with you legs crossed across your chest. Sulking!"

"Why do you think "we" have to clean up the nests?"

Maxi looked around and gently moved a pile of newspaper to find a place to sit. "It's a new year; time to throw out the old and get on with the new. I wasn't trying to me mean but we're both the same, We hang on to unimportant things....old papers, old cards, old dishes. We're just the same, you and me."

Two days later....

"Guess what I'm doing? Got trash bags full and hired someone to carry them to the dumpster."

"Throwing out the new isn't such a bad old and keeping the idea after all."



**Contrary to popular belief, it wasn't the apple on the tree that got us kicked out of Eden....it was the pair on the ground!**

## THE REMAINING JANUARY PEOPLE

DATE	GREETERS	NURSERY	JUNIOR CHURCH
Jan. 18	Mike & Shelly	Kelly & James	Shannon Carr
Jan. 25	Bruce Pierce & Lynn Howard	Mike F & Jenn L	Mary McLellan
Feb. 1	Mark & Shannon	Lewis & Debbie	Kelly Hodson

## ARE YOU A TRUE BAPTIST?

If you are wondering, take the following test.....

1. The closest I get to dancing is trying to wriggle into my girdle before Easter Service. (women only on this one please)
2. I think Andy Williams is OK, but I wish he'd slow the tempo!
3. I believe pew cushions are for wimps.
4. For me, "wine" in the Bible is properly translated "Welch's 100% Grape Juice."
5. I think Beethoven was OK, but that Fanny Crosby—there's a real musical genius!
6. My creed: A sermon that ends before noon, ain't a real sermon!
7. I discard my swimming suit when it gets a hole in the knee.
8. My idea of a rock group? Mount Rushmore.

## WHAT ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS????

- Lose weight??
- Close the computer/facebook??
- Get fit??
- Manage stress??
- Help others??
- Take a trip??
- Eat Healthy??
- Save money??



