

# Happy New Year

## Sunday

### January 5

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Group

### January 12

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Group

### January 19

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Group

### January 26

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Group

## Tuesday

### January 7

9:30 am Bible Study, Romans  
Fellowship,  
Refreshments.

### January 14

9:30 am Bible Study, Romans  
Fellowship,  
Refreshments.

### January 21

9:30 am Bible Study, Romans  
Fellowship,  
Refreshments.

### January 28

9:30 am Bible Study, Romans  
Fellowship,  
Refreshments.

## Thursday

### January 9

9:15 am Prayer Meeting

### January 16

9:15 am Prayer Meeting

### January 23

9:15 am Prayer Meeting

### January 30

9:15 am Prayer Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS

**January 9 • DANIELLE PHILLIPS**  
57 Pleasant St, Dexter, ME 04930

**January 11 • IRENE SINCLAIR**  
697 Dexter Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

**January 16 • RICHARD WATSON**  
P.O. Box 187, Harmony, ME 04942

**January 17 • RUTH GUSTIN**  
32 Nokomis Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

**January 19 • STEPHEN PHILLIPS**  
57 Pleasant St., Dexter, ME 04930

**January 28 • MEAGAN WHITTEN**  
57 Corinna Rd., St. Albans, ME 04971

**January 28 • CATIE GORDON**  
478 Loudon Rd, Plymouth, ME 04969

**January 30 • SHIRLEY PATTERSON**  
P.O. Box 263, Dexter, ME 04930

## Coming Events

**January 11:**  
**Mens' Breakfast,**  
**8:00 am**

**January 11:**  
**Deacons' Meeting**  
**9:00 am**



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA UPDATE

Over 500 people attended the three presentations of the Christmas cantata, EVERLASTING LIGHT, this year. It is always a big effort on many peoples' parts and we are so grateful to all who helped to make this a very special event. We were blessed with new singers and much enthusiasm from those who have been faithful singers for years. Praise the Lord, truly. And now it is time to look ahead to the Easter cantata! We will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Jan. 26. We have a special one already selected and look forward to another blessed cantata season. Twenty one years ago when we had the idea for singing, Pastor Jay suggested that we advertise in the Gazette for other churches in surrounding towns to join us. What a grand and brave idea that turned out to be! Singers join us from 11 neighboring communities creating a wonderful cantata family among us and each one brings friends and families. We could not do it all without the help and support from our own people at FBC. Sincere thanks to all!

### LIBRARY NEWS

New books are constantly contributed to our church library. What a great way to spend the long winter evenings with reading that feeds our souls and spirits.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 7 after a two week break. We will continue with our study of Romans throughout this year. Please feel free to join in at anytime and invite others to join this great time of fellowship and study.

### GRIEVING OUR LOSS

Late on Christmas night our Sister in Christ, Judy Swan, died suddenly at the Mayo Hospital. It was with heavy hearts that we tried to hear this news. We will miss her friendship, her helping hands and her gentle and quiet spirit from our church family. A lovely service was held for her on Tuesday, Dec. 30 with Pastor Andrew conducting a loving and compassionate tribute to her well-lived life. We will all hold Don in our prayers and be whatever he needs for support.

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*As a follow-up to the inspiration from our Christmas cantata, Everlasting Light, this following devotional hopefully generates some thought and action.*

### DO SOMETHING

This world needs you to make a difference. This good world has veered a long way from what God created it to be. God did something about it, and He called you to do something about it with Him.

Jesus, the Light of the world, calls you the light of the world too. You are a partner with Jesus in His mission on this earth. He wants everyone to see Him, and He wants you to help shed some light for them. Jesus wants people to know the way to Him. He wants you to offer to light the path. Jesus shines in brilliance. He wants you to shine His radiance upon your family, your friends, and on all those you will encounter today.

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12

Let's pray: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, let me reveal your life and light to others. Let me not be afraid.

Let me stand tall in the confidence of your good news so that those around me would be blessed. Amen.

### DIFFERENCE MAKER

Think of someone who is clouded by darkness today. Then take time right now to pray for them. And as you do, ask God to let you be a light in their life.

*Taken from January 4 daily reading in the devotional, MAKE A DIFFERENCE, by Ken Castor. (available through Amazon)*