

FBC January Newsletter

Birthdays

JANUARY 8

- **JESSIE GONZALES**
13 King St,
Dexter, ME 04930

JANUARY 9

- **DEANGELO BETTIS**
22 Hill Side Apt. 22,
Dexter, ME 04930

JANUARY 16

- **MILDRED BERMUDEZ**
68 Main St.,
Dexter, ME 04930

JANUARY 17

- **RUTH GUSTIN**
32 Nokomis Rd.,
Corinna, ME 04928

JANUARY 20

- **RYAN LEIGHTON**
655 Bear Hill Rd.,
Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

JANUARY 28

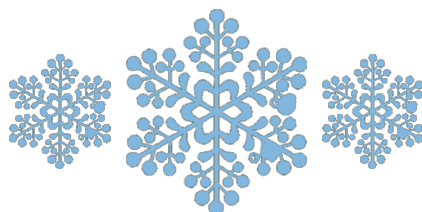
- **MEAGAN WHITTEN**
391 St. Albans Rd.,
Palmyra, ME 04965

JANUARY 30

- **SHIRLEY PATTERSON**
218 Fern Rd.,
Dexter, ME 04930

JANUARY GREETERS

- 7 Pat Johnston &
Jane Robinson
- 14 Lindy Gokas
- 21 Stephanie Dakin &
Tina Frost
- 28 Kevin Bailey



WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS & TIMES

- Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
- Childrens' Sunday School
Class, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Youth Sunday School,
downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Adult Sunday School,
Defending Your Faith,
Fellowship Hall: 9:15 AM
- Sunday Youth Group,
Youth Room:
6:15 PM till 8:00 PM
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting,
Fellowship Cafe: 7:00 AM



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 6th, 8:00 am

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, January 20th, 8:30 am

Greetings as the new year of 2024 arrives, ready or not!

We at fbc Dexter.com have a busy year ahead of us, thanks to our young pastor, Andrew! Between him and Pastor Jay and a church full of enthusiastic worshippers, we are determined to live well the days ahead. In spite of the present world conditions, let us find courage in the words from I Peter 1:3-4... Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you.

CANTATA NEWS

Although the weather was not our best friend, on Dec. 9 and 10 our church was filled with people from near and far! This year's piece, MORNING STAR, Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Jesus, was worshipful and enjoyed. Many thanks to all who make this Christmas event happen. We will soon start on the Easter cantata as the early date of Easter this year is March 31. We will plan, as always, to sing it on Palm Sunday, March 24.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Thanks to Melissa Bragan, our church reached out in a wonderful way to the community this year. She had a list of children's needs from the town, prepared cards from which we could select gifts to buy. The response was terrific and we were able to send boxes of meaningful gifts and bring blessings in many directions. Sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Thanks go to Don Swan for hosting a fun Christmas party at his home for the Tuesday Bible study. With the power outages, he was elected to invite us in to celebrate! Beginning in January we will begin our study in the book of Nehemiah. We meet around 9 AM, enjoy fellowship and treats and start the study at 9:30. All are welcome. Make plans to join us!

LIBRARY NEWS

With some long winter days ahead, why not look over our generous supply of wonderful books both in the cafe area and in the media room. Reading is a great way to spend the evenings well. We have some excellent Christian novels and many very worthwhile books to enrich your spiritual life. Ask Shirley Grant if you would like a good suggestion for your area of interest.

YOUTH COSTA RICA TRIP

The dates for this mission trip are established for August 2-13. Much money must be raised in the meantime and MANY THANKS to all of you for your generosity and willing spirits to help! The fundraisers so far have brought in generous amounts and the support has been amazing. At this point Pastor Andrew says more people are welcome to join in on the trip! He says we would like to be sending 15 people from this church. Pray about it! Thus far \$3306.55 has been given and raised! Laura Gordon, group leader, reports the following events are planned:

- **Saturday, January 27, 4:30-6:30: a Costa Rican dinner**, Pinto Gallo, will be served at the Fellowship Hall
- **Saturday, February 10, 5:30 PM: The Sight and Sound Production of Ruth** will be shown in the sanctuary on the large screen. This event will feature a Valentine's theme. The movie, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, which was shown in December was a huge success. Refreshments will be sold as well.

If you are thinking about joining the group or want more information, please contact Laura Gordon at: laurabgord@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENT THIS YEAR

- **Group Work Camp...** scheduled for June 24-28. Pastor Andrew is accepting applications for projects you might need done. Over 200 youth from all over the country will be arriving to help with this great community project.

