

DUNNEMANNotes



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BECAUSE THEY ASKED

After we last wrote to you in September, we headed for **Maine**. *En route* we sang at two churches in the **Albany** area, **West Hoosick (NY) Baptist Church** and **Sand Lake Baptist Church** in **Averil Park**. Don't let anyone tell you that small churches are not an important part of the Kingdom and that mega churches are the best. Small churches like these are wonderful.

In Maine, we parked our RV at the home of very generous friends and were able to drive their very economical Prius to many of our programs. How can you help God's Kingdom? Maybe loan someone a car.

The **First Baptist Church of Rumford, ME** hosted a weekend of "Deeper Life Meetings" at which Reg and I led congregational singing and presented our songs. We were greatly blessed by the teaching of **Rev. Reg Dunlop**. It was a fun coincidence to have two Reg D.'s at the same meeting.

Webbs Mills Free Baptist Church in **Casco, ME** welcomed us again. They are looking for a pastor, so keep them in prayer. We often joked that this year's Maine tour really should be "The Grace Tour" since we sang for **Grace Fellowship** in **Oxford**, **Grace Baptist Church** in

South Paris, and **Grace Bible Church** in **Sangerville**. During our fifteen days in Maine we sang for ten retirement and health communities. *Whew!* We encourage you to be generous with Christmas gifts to the residents of such homes. Call the Activities Directors and ask what you can give or do.

We took time to enjoy the autumn with friends, with lobster rolls from Red's Eats in **Wiscasset**, and pizza in **Auburn**. One day with friends, we took a four-hour canoe ride down the Androscoggin River. Though I lost my dignity by falling into the river while getting into the canoe, it was a great afternoon. We saw the glorious colors on leaves and in the riverbed stones. We also saw three bald eagles (one of which was an immature one), mergansers, and a peregrine falcon. Wow.

We are already scheduled to return to Maine next September. See you then!

Speaking of fall colors, back in February we were asked by friends from **Berne, Indiana** if we could arrange to be in **Stowe, Vermont** in the fall. Because they asked, we scheduled the Maine trip around that date. Two buses of **Indiana** folk toured New England to see the col-

ors. They met at the **Community Church of Stowe** for a hymn sing/concert with us; take a look at [facebook.com/TheDunnemans](https://www.facebook.com/TheDunnemans) for pictures of this fun event.

A sweet, quiet lady there introduced herself as **Rosemarie Trapp**, the first child of Marie and Baron Georg Johannes von Trapp, whose story was immortalized in *The Sound of Music*. *Wow!* As the "self-proclaimed rebel" of the family, she said she came to Christ in her 40's and is now a faithful member of the **Stowe Community Church**. The eighty Indiana friends, Rosemarie, the excellent acoustics of the pre-electricity sanctuary, and the Steinway piano all made it a wonderful evening in Vermont.

When we left Vermont, we traveled through the Albany area of New York and stopped to sing for the **Masonville Federated Church's** morning worship. The night before, we joined them in seeing the *God Is Not Dead* film. It was entertaining and very thought provoking.

In the movie, the student asked the professor, "Why do you hate God if you think He is not real?" Someone told me that the opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is apathy. If one doesn't love

Reg and Gretchen Dunneman's Singing Schedule

Schedule is current as of the date of publication, but is subject to change.

See our complete 2015-and-beyond schedule online at <http://www.thedunnemans.net>, email us at thedunnemans@juno.com, follow us at [facebook.com/TheDunnemans](https://www.facebook.com/TheDunnemans) and [youtube.com/TheDunnemans](https://www.youtube.com/TheDunnemans) or write us at **The Dunnemans, PO Box 155, Binghamton, NY 13905-0155 • phone: (607) 765-2627**

December 2014

Fri, Dec 19	2:00 PM	Stratford, ONT
Spruce Lodge		
Mon, Dec 22	7:00 PM	St. Jacobs, ONT
Valley View Apartments		
Sun, Dec 28	10:30 AM	Dunnville, ONT
First Baptist Church		
Mon, Dec 29	2:00 PM	Stratford, ONT
Hillside Manor		
Mon, Dec 29	7:00 PM	Mitchell, ONT
Ritz Villas		

January 2015

Thurs, Jan 1	2:00 PM	St. Catherines, ONT
Henley House		
Fri, Jan 2	2:00 PM	St. Catherines, ONT
Tufford Manor		
Sat, Jan 3	1:00 PM/2:30 PM	Vineland, ONT
United Mennonite Home		
Sun, Jan 4	11:00 AM	Scio, NY
Knight's Creek Evangelical Methodist Church		
Mon, Jan 5	2:15 PM	Hornell, NY
McAuley Manor		
Tues, Jan 6	2:00 PM	Hornell, NY
Hornell Gardens		
Wed, Jan 7	3:00 PM	Bath, NY
Steuben County Health Facility		
Thurs, Jan 8	2:45 PM	Bath, NY
Taylor Health Center		
Fri, Jan 9	9:45 AM	Bath, NY
Family Life Ministries		
Sun, Jan 11	4:00 PM	Gainesville, GA
Lanier Village Estates		
Tues, Jan 13	5:30 PM	Williston, FL
Williston Crossing RV Resort		
Thurs, Jan 15	3:00 PM	Lakeland, FL
Valencia Hills		
Fri, Jan 16	2:00 PM	Orlando, FL
Commons at Lutheran Towers		
Sun, Jan 18	10:30 AM	Bradenton, FL
Cortez Road Baptist Church		
Sun, Jan 18	7:00 PM	Bradenton, FL
Golf Lakes Park		
Tues, Jan 20	2:30 PM	St. Petersburg, FL
Westminster Palms		
Tues, Jan 20	6:15 PM	Bradenton, FL
Westminster Manor		
Sat, Jan 24	7:00 PM	Arcadia, FL
Sunny Breeze Christian Fellowship		
Sun, Jan 25	10:30 AM	Bradenton, FL
Good Shepherd Church Of The Brethren		
Sun, Jan 25	6:00 PM	Bradenton, FL
Village On The Green		
Thurs, Jan 29	2:00 PM	Lakeland, FL
Florida Presbyterian Home		
Thurs, Jan 29	6:00 PM	Winter Haven, FL
Spring Haven		
Fri, Jan 30	10:00 AM	Winter Haven, FL
New Horizons		
Sat, Jan 31	7:00 PM	Davenport, FL
Polo Park		

February 2015

Sun, Feb 1	10:30 AM	Lake Suzy, FL
Grace Presbyterian Church		
Sun, Feb 1	4:00 PM	Punta Gorda, FL
First Presbyterian Church		
Sun, Feb 8	9:45 AM	Ellenton, FL
Ellenton United Methodist Church		
Sun, Feb 8	3:00 PM	Punta Gorda, FL
Friendship United Methodist Church		
Mon, Feb 9	2:00 PM	Port Charlotte, FL
Harbor Healthcare Center		
Wed, Feb 11	2:30 PM	Port Charlotte, FL
Village Place H&R		
Fri, Feb 13	10:00 AM	Lakeland, FL
First Presbyterian Church		
Fri, Feb 13	4:00 PM	Ellenton, FL
Ellenton United Methodist Church		
Sun, Feb 15	9:00 AM	St. Catherine, FL
St. Catherine United Methodist Church		
Sun, Feb 15	6:00 PM	Zephyrhills, FL
Cornerstone Baptist Church		
Mon, Feb 16	3:30 PM	Ocala, FL
Marion Woods		
Sun, Feb 22	6:30 PM	Alamo, TX
Alamo RV Park		
Thurs, Feb 26	10:30 AM	San Antonio, TX
Park Lane West		

March 2015

Sun, Mar 1	6:30 PM	McAllen, TX
Citrus Valley RV Park		
Mon, Mar 30	1:30 PM	Rock Hill, SC
Morningside		
Tues, Mar 31	10:30 AM/2:00 PM	Rock Hill, SC
Westminster Towers		

April 2015

Sun, Apr 5	9:00 AM/10:30 AM	Milford Center, NY
Milford Center Community Bible Church		
Sun, Apr 12	6:00 PM	Binghamton, NY
20TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING CONCERT		
Wed, Apr 15	11:30 AM	Owego, NY
Christian Women's Club at Treadway Inn		
Thurs, Apr 16	12:00 PM	Ransomville, NY
Ransomville Baptist Church		
Sun, Apr 19-Tues, Apr 21		Shinglehouse, PA
Bell Run Union Church Missions Conference		

May 2015

Thurs, May 14	10:30 AM	Oakville, ONT
Harvest Bible Chapel		
Thurs, May 21	12:00 PM	Hamilton, ONT
Bethel Gospel Tabernacle		
Sun, May 31	10:30 AM	Hollidaysburg, PA
Frankstown Park Missionary Church		

June 2015

Sun, June 14	10:00 AM	Nappanee, IN
First Mennonite Church		

God, then one doesn't care one way or the other. Hate, however, is a very strong emotion and is felt by someone who believes in God, but who is angry at Him for some reason. How do you feel about God?

After Masonville we made a bee-line for **Ohio** so we could sing for the Monday night meeting of seniors at the **Dayton Avenue Baptist Church** in **Xenia**. They invited us over a year ago and we were glad we finally made it.

God, our booking agent, had us sing at the **Calvary Chapel** in **Massillon**, Ohio while their pastor was away. He also had us sing at the **Faith Baptist Church** in **Streetsboro** on a Sunday when that Pastor was not able to lead evening worship. "*God shall provide all your needs*" (Phil. 4:19) even applies to pulpit supply.

We were busy during the week-days singing at seventeen communities in Ohio. **Florence**, in **Sebring**, Ohio wanted to hear us again. When her pastor said we would not fit into the church's calendar, she asked a pastor she didn't know, of a church she didn't attend, if he would host us. That's how we ended up at **Community Bible Church** in **Beloit**, OH. We enjoyed the morning worship and **Pastor Rod's** preaching.

The church is a multi-generational family which enjoys blended music. The teen boys have developed a tradition of sitting in the front row and young boys can hardly wait to grow into the privilege. PTL! We are happy to say that we had multi-generations at our evening concert too. Our music feeds all ages and it saddens us when leadership assumes we will not reach certain groups of people. God's word reaches any age if given a chance.

This same Florence wanted her church to know about us and wanted us to have some fun, so she asked us to the **Sebring Friends Church's** *Operation Christmas Child*

packing party. We packed over 200 boxes that night in a church member's two-car garage. We would pack a box with items from the assembly line tables, then give it to ladies in middle of the room who double checked and labeled it. Then we'd nibble as we passed by the food table, complete the circle, and get another box to pack. It was a great night!

There are many ways to participate in *Operation Christmas Child*. We know people who shop and fill a box one at a time as a "quality time outing" with each of their grandchildren.

Harriet in **Maris Grove, PA** heard us sing several years ago at the **Sandy Cove Bible Conference** in North East, Maryland. She asked if we would come to sing for her women's Bible study; we said yes. At our first worship concert in 1993 for a small country church in **Spencer, NY**, the pastor encouraged us to always be available to small churches. We have kept our promise to **Rev. Burton Huth**, and are always happy to accept invitations from small groups, so we scheduled a Thursday night concert at Maris Grove, between Philadelphia, PA and Wilmington, DE. When Harriet let the whole community know, we had an audience of almost one hundred people!

Harriet also arranged for us to present a hymn-sing/concert in her **Bethlehem United Methodist Church** in **Thornton, PA** on Saturday night and present offertory music there Sunday morning. Bethlehem UMC has a mission statement which everyone has memorized and states at the beginning of every service: "*We are an authentic Christian community which is radically loving, outwardly focused and grace giving. We are to seek the lost, restore the broken, and make the wounded whole.*" Do you know your church's mission statement?

Pastor encouraged us to be more involved in the spirit of

Christmas rather than the spending of Christmas. At Bethlehem UMC, I also was privileged to meet Music Director **Christie Kelly**, a fellow graduate of Eastern University. She and I even had the same voice teacher, Mr. David Maness. She is a credit to Christ, to Eastern and to Mr. Maness.

Since our sixteen-year-old RV has 630,000 miles on it, each mile of travel is a miracle! But the throttle cable broke in Maine, in Ohio, and again near **Pittsburgh**, leaving us dependent on road side repairs. Since we could no longer trust the coach to get us to Ohio, Indiana and **Michigan**, we had to cancel a weeks' worth of concerts and head for our most-trusted mechanics near **Buffalo, NY**.

We took our car out of winter storage and drove it to Reg's hometown of **Stratford, Ontario**. That week Reg had a severe cold and stayed inside his brother's house. Had we sung our schedule, he might have infected people in three states. *Yuck*. The second week in Stratford, he felt much better and was able to enjoy family and friends. Son **Tyler** and his girlfriend **Lauren** from Ithaca, NY joined us for a Thanksgiving feast of duck.

Back in the States, we sang the first Sunday in Advent at the **Millcreek Nazarene Church** in **Erie, PA**, then gave a Tuesday concert for a seniors lunch at **Grace Church** in Erie. On the second Sunday of Advent we sang for the **First Baptist Church** of **Sidney, NY**, a multi-generational, blended-music church. The following Tuesday, we sang for the Christmas dinner of the Rosary Societies of two Roman Catholic Churches in **Tunkhannock, PA**.

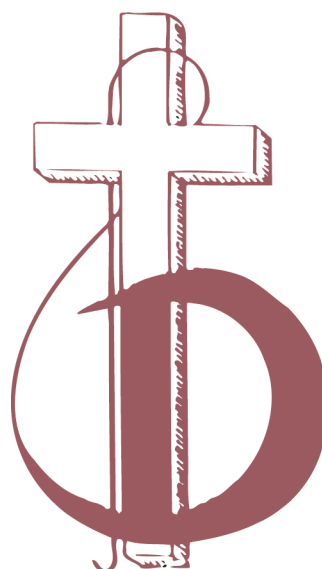
We will be in Ontario for Christmas, spend January and February in **Florida**, and March in **Texas**. Keep up to date on our schedule by visiting our web site at **TheDunnemans.net** or by 'liking' our Facebook page!

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