



June 2011

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

*A community united by faith in God and love to the neighbor*

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Dear Friends,

I was recently asked by a seminary friend of mine to knit a colorful rainbow scarf and hat set for her church to raffle off during the Lansing Michigan Pride Festival. Their congregation has a table at this yearly event and she was looking for a good fundraising possibility. Having seen my interest in knitting and crocheting first hand as my roommate during our three years of school she knew this would be something I'd be happy to take on. And I also probably owed her one as she was always a generous volunteer to ball and often untangle my yarn stash ☺ I set to work immediately.

After scouring knitting patterns and yarn shops to find just the right design and colors for this new project and after a few false starts with patterns that just "weren't quite right," I finally found the correct needle size, material and design and settled in to work. Whenever a free hour arrives in my schedule I excitedly open up my Debbie Urgess original bag purchased from the Christmas Cupboard where my project fits so well, and begin knitting. This calm and ease comes over me as the needles click together, a sense of purpose and also release, as in that moment there's nothing else I need accomplish, plan for, or decide, just knit.

I imagine other knitters or hand crafters may be able to relate to this sensation. I used to call it "Crochet Meditation," although of course you

can fit in any style of craft, crocheting was how I began. I learned in my first year of college from a friend in my dorm and I often joke that it was the most useful thing I learned in college. But when you sit down to create something, especially after all the decision making has been done of what tools, materials and design to use, the process becomes somewhat effortless, and it keeps my hands just busy enough to calm my mind and let it take a break.

I've known the joy of this sensation for some time and enjoyed hand crafts for just this reason. And there was something really different and special about this project. I have been more excited about working on this scarf than any project I've done for a very long time.

I've made baby sweaters for newborns, bags and hats for family Christmas presents. In my 20's I made afghans for just about everyone in my life. These were all fun to do. But what I have to say made this current project so different was simply that someone asked me to do it. I know that it's needed. I'm able to use my love of knitting to do something I know will be useful.

This definite knowledge that my efforts will be useful to others is really quite rare and special. Especially I'd say when it comes to knitting. When I make gifts for others I try to think hard about what they like, their style, or favorite colors but it's always hard to tell if what you

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spend those hours of time on will really be appreciated, or useful to the recipient of your efforts. And I know that I often miss the mark, that it's inevitable. I find the proof of that every time I visit a thrift store and see piles of these beautifully crafted and unique hand made items, for sale, for \$1.

In the journey of being useful in the world when we first discover our gifts and loves we can only "hope" that they might have a use for others. This applies to knitting and to all the ways we are inspired to work in the world and what a sweet gift when we are given the concrete knowledge that our love and the world's need match.

Celebrate those moments, and know that as you follow your loves, there will be more to come. And keep knitting!

Many blessings to you all,

*Rev. Sage*

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## ***Worship Schedule***

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**  
**Family Worship 10:00 AM**

***June 5th ~ Communion Sunday***

***June 12th ~ Children's Sunday***  
***All Church Picnic***

***Summer Schedule Begins -***  
***9 AM worship***

***June 19th ~ New Church Day Worship with a special recognition of Father's Day***

***June 26th ~ Music Sunday***

# *Church Report*

## *The Trustees*

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm.** The meetings are open to all, but you should contact the Chair prior to the meeting to get an item on the agenda. Also, please speak to any of the Trustees with your questions, concerns, compliments or complaints. We are here to serve you.

### **Currently Serving Trustees**

Patricia Swett, <i>Chair</i>	603-939-2262
Cindy Priest, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
Deneane Frost	935-3344
Scott Ferguson	925-3207
Jennifer Richardson	935-4509
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

## *Women's Alliance Luncheon*

Women's Alliance will hold their ***Annual Luncheon*** on **Monday, June 20, 2011 at NOON** at *Route 302 Restaurant* across from Key Bank. Menu choices are as follows:

Open-Faced Turkey sandwich  
Salad Plate  
Baked Fish

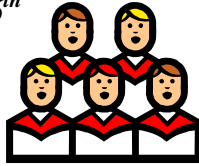
The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please make your reservation by June 16<sup>th</sup> by calling Sally Harnden at 935-2546.

*2011 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:*

*President .....Jean Cressy*  
*Vice-President.....Carol Andrews*  
*Secretary .....Sally Harnden*  
*Treasurer.....Patty Swett*  
*Chaplain.....Betty Baker*

## Music Sunday

Please join us on **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. for *Music Sunday* as we celebrate the Lord through music and song. You are already familiar with the beautiful voices and musical talent of our choir... *Music Sunday* is surely something you won't want to miss!



## Children's Sunday



Please be sure to join us on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** for *Children's Sunday* as our children and their teachers are recognized for a year of spiritual growth, learning, and of course, fun!!

## Undeliverable Newsletters

Please remember to update your mailing address and/or e-mail address with the church office, especially if you've gotten a new e-mail address. Each month we get back several "undeliverable" addresses so remember to keep your church records current too! Also, if you are currently receiving the Monthly Newsletter via US Postal Service and would like to "go paperless", please e-mail the church office at [office@fryeburgnewchurch.org](mailto:office@fryeburgnewchurch.org) and we'll put you on the e-mail list ☺ Thank you!

## Convention 2011

This is a reminder that **Convention 2011** is less than a month away beginning on June 29th in Cincinnati Ohio. Anyone wishing to travel to Convention and is in need of financial assistance, please contact one of the Trustees for more information.

Registration forms and teen release forms can be found on the front table at church, or please visit <http://www.swedenborg.org/AnnualConvention.aspx>

## All Church Family Picnic! June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 am



To celebrate the completion of our Sunday School year and the shift to our 9 am Summer Worship schedule, we will be holding an All Church Family Picnic

after worship on Children's Sunday June 12th at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly! Please bring a lunch for you and your family and prepare to have fun. We'll enjoy the day with face painting, games for children and adults, music and fresh watermelon!

Bring your friends and family and enjoy time to connect with long time church friends and meet new ones!

## Fryeburg New Church Assembly

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>h</sup>, 2011



Summer is almost here which means Assembly will begin in just a

few short weeks! *Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis* with consideration given to the best use of available space, family size, physical needs, and length of stay.

For more information, please pick up a registration form from the information table at the church entrance, or visit the Assembly website at [www.fryeburg.org](http://www.fryeburg.org). You may also contact Nancy Little at [litlenancyf@yahoo.com](mailto:litlenancyf@yahoo.com) or (413) 247-0046 with questions about registration or housing.

# Happy Father's Day



Wishing a blessed and happy Father's Day to all Dads!!

## Welcomers for June

- 6/5 Sally Gibson
- 6/12 Debbie Urgese
- 6/19 Martha Richardson
- 6/26 Scott Ferguson

## Ushers for June

- 6/5 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
- 6/12 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
- 6/19 Jen & David Richardson
- 6/26 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson


## Coffee Hour for June

- 6/5 Jodie Hesslein
- 6/12 Debbie Urgese
- 6/19 Sally Gibson
- 6/26 Martha Richardson

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MAY 1 - 23, 2011		
Date	Adults	Children
May 1	41	2
May 8	47	1
May 15	42	11
May 22	45	3



June flowers  
courtesy of  
Sally Gibson

Calendar for June 2011 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
5	Sun	<b>Communion Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
7	Tue	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
8	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
12	Sun	<b>Children's Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship <b>All Church Picnic @ Assembly</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
15	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
17	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council <b>Maine Retired Teacher's Luncheon</b>	All day 12 noon
19	Sun	<b>New Church Day Father's Day</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
20	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance Luncheon @302 Restaurant</b>	12 noon
22	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
26	Sun	<b>Music Sunday Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
29	Wed	<b>Convention begins in Cincinnati, Ohio</b> Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.