



November 2012

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

Family, lambs, elephants, children, the Fair, the big trees, love, a new baby sister, broccoli, the moon, the stars, my brother, beautiful fall trees, the doctor.

Can you guess what these things all have in common?

This is a partial array of what the FNC Sunday School children have added to our Gratitude Season display, some of those things that they are grateful for. What would you add to the list?

In this season of harvest and plenty, it is the perfect time to reflect on all that we are grateful for. While I am sure many of us make an effort to express gratitude daily we all can also at times get caught up in the challenges of life, to such a degree that we might lose sight, if only for a time, of the abundance of blessings in our lives. It can be helpful to enter into an intentional gratitude practice, especially if we recognize that we've fallen into a rut of the practice of complaining and dissatisfaction!

There really is something to the adage that we all have the ability to see the glass half empty or half full depending on the perspective we hold. If we are able to always look at the world with the perspective of a grateful heart, the world will be transformed around us.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." -Melody Beattie

The simple act of saying thank you, thank you for the small things and the big, is so much more than a polite gesture. It is an act that recognizes the way in which life flows through us, that life is a continual gift forever being given, by a loving God. When we do not stop to say thank you, when we start to take for granted the gifts in our life, when we believe we are somehow owed them, we stop the flow of blessing, and can easily get thrown off when challenges come our way.

And sadly, it seems that often those of us who to possess the most "blessings," can at times have the lowest sense of gratitude. The more we "have," the more can be taken away from us. While many people in the world have no electricity, we can lose ours for a day and be filled with anger and dissatisfaction. Once we get used to certain gifts we stop forgetting that they are gifts and start to believe that they are ours to keep! Nothing of this earth is ours to keep, but only ours to use, hopefully that we might bless one another.

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So blessings to you and yours this Gratitude Season. Consider taking some time each morning or each night to consider the many blessings in this life. Or better yet, throughout the day, as challenges arise, as you go through your days work and play, consider how every minute is a gift from God. And think about how you might be able to appreciate that moment to the fullest!

In thanksgiving to the Lord!

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Worship Schedule

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

November 4, 2012 ~ Gen. 9:1-17 "The rainbow"

November 11, 2012 ~ Gen. 15:1-21
"God's Covenant with Abraham"

November 18, 2012 ~ Gen. 22:1-18
"Sacrifice of Isaac"

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 ~ 7:00 pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at the
Fryeburg New Church. *Rev. Tim LeConey*
preaching. Dessert reception to follow.

November 25, 2012 ~ Gen. 28:10-22
"Jacob's Dream"

Thanksgiving Basket for Brownfield Food Pantry

Please bring in turkeys (fresh or frozen), and canned, boxed or other non-perishable items by *Wednesday, November 14th* and let's get that basket filled to the rim!!! It's an easy way to help a family in need and you'll feel great doing it.

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6, 2012 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

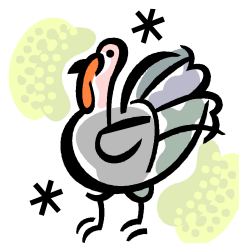
Cindy Priest, <i>Chair</i>	935-3360
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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
TBA	

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be on **Monday, November 19, 2012 at NOON**. Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2012 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

President Jean Cressy
Vice-President TBA
Secretary Sally Harnden
Treasurer Patty Swett
Chaplain Betty Baker



Christmas
Saturday,
Nov. 17th



Cupboard
9:00 a.m. till
12:00 noon

Remember to get your crafts and donation in for the annual **Christmas Cupboard** which will be on Saturday, November 17th!! Items for sale should be brought to the Church by, Friday, Nov. 16th at 9:00 a.m. We will be setting up on Friday so any helpers would be welcomed and appreciated. Baked items can also be brought in anytime on Friday, or Saturday morning no later 8:00 a.m.

Spiritual Direction Opportunity

Many of you know that I have recently begun training at the Haden Institute in the practice of Spiritual Direction, an ancient model of accompanying others in the process of discerning God's place in their lives. Someone might seek a spiritual director at a time of transition, a time of decision making, or at any time that there is a desire to better understand where God's call is in their life. While as a community we are always in a sense doing this work together, the decision to establish a regular routine of spiritual work with a director, is one of making space for something to unfold within that relationship, and setting aside specific time for God, usually an hour, once a month.

As a spiritual director in training, I am interested in beginning to work with several people in the community over the next year as a 'student.' While many spiritual directors will develop an independent practice and charge for their services, while I am in training there will be no monetary charge, but instead we will be learning together. If you are interested in entering this process and have the space to make a monthly commitment to this work please contact me. This invitation is open to not just members and friends at FNC but anyone in the larger community. There is a limit to the number of people I will be able to work with, so please get in touch soon.

Bow Making and Wreath Decorating



On Sunday, November 4th please join Renie Chaplin at 1:00pm for **bow making lessons** in preparation for wreath decorating on the following Sunday. **Wreath Decorating** will be on Sunday, November 11th after worship. It's a lot of fun and the fresh smell of pine will surely get you in the Christmas spirit!!!

Many Thanks!!

The Fair Committee would like to thank all of you who came to help make pies and stews for the Fryeburg Fair booth. Many hours were spent rolling, peeling, chopping, stirring, and baking. The delicious smells coming up from the kitchen were absolutely heavenly ☺ We would also like to thank everyone who worked shifts at the booth, cleaned, delivered items... The work is endless but so is the fun!



And to all of you who support the Fryeburg New Church by choosing our booth for your breakfast and coffee or burgers and chili, our appreciation to you cannot be measured.

You are Invited to Rev. Sage's Third Annual Christmas Party



Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

For those interested in ringing in the Christmas Season in song meet first at 5:00 pm at the parsonage to go caroling through the neighborhood before the party!

For the rest we will gather at 7:00 pm at the parsonage to share a potluck meal, Christmas treats and the fellowship of one another. Kids very welcome!

Ushers for November

Nov 4 Tom Barrett & Donnette Barnes
 Nov 11 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Nov 18 Jen & David Richardson
 Nov 25 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

Coffee Hour for November

Nov 4 Claire Kiesman
 Nov 11 Debbie Dolley
 Nov 18 Dawn Ferguson
 Nov 25 Sally & Dean Harnden



November flowers
 courtesy of
Edie Leach

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 21, 2012		
Date	Adults	Children
Sept 30	23	5
October 7	41	2
October 14	37	1
October 21	26	3



Reminder!!
 Turn clocks back
 before bed on
 Saturday, Nov. 3rd

<i>Fish and Game Supper</i>	
Nov 5, 2012	 6:30 p.m.

* ALL SUPPERS to be \$9.00 per person.

Calendar for November 2012

(held at our Church unless indicated)



1	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
3	Sat	Turn clocks back 1 hour tonight	
4	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Bow Making Lessons	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
5	Mon	Fish & Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
6	Tue	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
9	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
11	Sun	<i>Thanksgiving Basket Sunday</i> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Wreath Decorating	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
13	Tue	Worship Committee mtg	7:00 p.m.
14	Wed	Brownfield FP items due Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
15	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
16	Fri	Christmas Cupboard Setup Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	8:30 a.m. All day
17	Sat	Christmas Cupboard	9am-Noon
18	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
20	Tue	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service @ FNC with Rev. Tim LeConey	7:00 p.m.
21	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
22	Thu	Thanksgiving Day	
25	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.