



April 2013

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

From the Minister ~

Ahhhh, Spring, new life and the promise of warm days ahead! It really is on its way, even as the snow piles remain, and the temperatures fluctuate. And as we begin the month of April we begin journeying together as a church community through Jesus' most famous Sermon on the Mount.

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest piece of teaching from Jesus in the New Testament, and it contains some of the most well known passages from the gospels, such as the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

The teachings of the Sermon on the Mount have been a key element of Christian ethics, and for centuries the sermon has acted as a fundamental recipe for the conduct of the followers of Jesus.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

"I say to you love your enemy, and pray for those who persecute you."

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume,"

"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own,"

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged."

"Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find;

knock and the door will be opened for you."

"Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction."

Now after reading these familiar teachings you may be saying to yourself, okay, I've got it, no need to go to church for the next seven weeks now that Rev. Sage has laid out the teachings, so simple so clear, I can do that.

Is that your response?

Perhaps what is more likely is that when you read these familiar teachings you say to yourself, "Yes, I understand, I know this is the way I wish to live my life, and yet.....why can't I seem to actually do it?" Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is simply stated, and yet deep and challenging to the status quo of our human condition. There are multiple levels to this profound sermon. Layers of

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meaning and call that we can study for a lifetime and still find more.

I invite you to study this sermon in depth with us at FNC from April 7th through May 26th. Think about reading it through at home on your own a few times. (Matthew chapters 5, 6 & 7) Join us for Sunday Worship and Thursday Noon Brown Bag Bible Study. If you find it at all worthwhile to come hear me give a sermon on a Sunday then it is likely listening to a sermon given by the Lord will bear much fruit! Even if you think you have "gotten it" keep your mind and heart open that more can and will be revealed. And most importantly the whole point of listening to a sermon is that our lives and actions might be transformed. Consider how not only our minds can be changed by these powerful teachings, but our walk in the world.

Many Blessings,
~ *Rev. Sage*

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Worship Schedule

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

April begins our series on The Sermon on the Mount

- April 7th 2013** ~ "The Blessings,"
Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-14
- April 14th, 2013** "The Fulfillment of the Law,"
Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 5:13-26
- April 21st, 2013** "Love Your Enemies,"
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Matthew 5:38-48
- April 28th, 2013** "How Shall We Pray?"
Psalms 51:1-17, Matthew 6:5-18

Confirmation Classes

If you are new to our community or are interested in becoming a member Rev. Sage will be offering Confirmation Classes this spring.

These classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about our church, its history and theology. If you are interested in participating please speak to Rev. Sage or contact her at

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Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2, 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
Jon Crowe, <i>Vice Chair</i>	925-1302
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Patricia Swett	603-939-2262

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be **Monday, June 17th, 2013** at 12 noon, whether the ladies will dine at the church or go out for lunch will be announced later. There will be no meetings in April or May. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us.

2013 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

Passages

Our beloved friend **Leonard Kiesman** passed away on Tuesday morning, March 5, 2013. A funeral service was held for him on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Fryeburg New Church. He will be missed by all, condolences to his friends and family.

The term **mite box** (also **alms box** or **poor box**) refers to a box that is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Contemporary mite boxes are usually made of cardboard and given out to church congregations during the [Lenten](#) season. The mite boxes are collected by the church and donations are given to the poor. Mite boxes are popular with children because they can fill them with small change and it teaches them the principle of giving to the poor. The Mite box giving promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount. The term *mite*, according to the dictionary, is defined as any of the following:

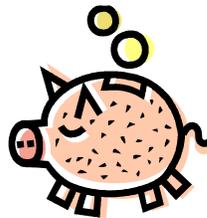
1. very small contribution or amount of money, such as a widow's mite.
 2. very small object, creature, or [particle](#).
 3. coin of very small value, especially an obsolete British coin worth half a [farthing](#).
- An alms box is a strong chest or box often fastened to the wall of a church to receive offerings for the poor.

The etymology of the word mite comes through [Middle English](#) and [Middle Dutch](#) from the [Middle Low German](#) *mīte*, a small [Flemish](#) coin or tiny animal. In [biblical](#) times a mite or [lepton](#) was a small coin of almost no worth.

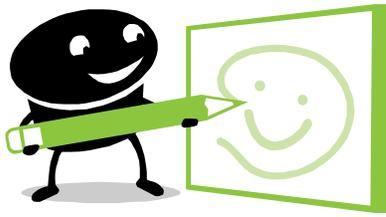


A bronze [Widow's Mite](#) or [Lepton](#), minted by Alexander Jannaeus, King of [Judaea](#), 103–76 B.C. obverse: anchor upside-down in circle, reverse: star of eight rays

From Wikipedia – the Free Encyclopedia



Mite Box money is due in April, please give to Patty Swett.



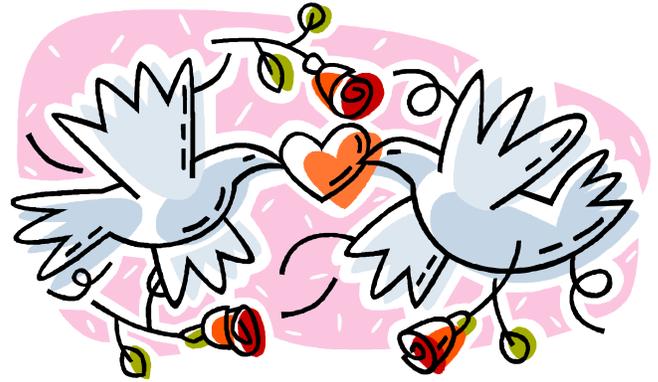
Youth Group Update

Everyone is so busy that It has been hard for Youth Group to find good times to meet but we have an exciting event coming up. Youth Group is for all youth in grades 6 and up and we'd love to have you join us. Our next meeting is at 4 pm on Saturday, April 6th at the Fryeburg New Church. We will sleep overnight and stay until after the potluck luncheon (after worship) on Sunday, April 7th. Bring your PJs, pillow, sleeping bag, nice clothes for church and sleeping pad. If you would like to contribute something to the worship service, a reading, music, etc., please let me or Rev. Sage know ahead. At our sleepover we'll have our traditional spaghetti dinner, play games, discuss our theme, "Finding God in Pop Culture" and maybe have time for a movie. Of course, midnight mac and cheese is an essential element to all sleepovers now. Looking forward to seeing you all there. It's been too long!

We had a nice Christmas party on December 23rd after the Christmas Pageant. Some of the teens attended the Pageant and then hung out after until it was time for youth group. We played ping pong and went out for pizza. Then we celebrated our first annual very cheesy Christmas! We ate cheesy food and swapped cheesy gifts. I think Liz won the cheesiest gift as she took a pillow off of her basement sofa and wrapped it for her gift! It was a fun youth group party and we also had an interesting discussion about the differences between the historically true Christmas story and today's popular culture Christmas story.

If you want to receive information about youth group happenings you can search for and request to join our Facebook group (Fryeburg New Church Youth Group) and/or send an email to Kurt at kfekete@hotmail.com. We hope see you at one of our gatherings soon!

~Kurt



Help us shower the bride-to-be with Love!

Come celebrate Sage Currie

At a bridal shower on Sunday, April 7

The "Open House" will be between Noon and 2PM

At the Fryeburg New Church

Please bring a favorite story to share about the bride or groom, or advice on what makes for a successful marriage.

Gift cards from Lowes or money are recommended gifts for the big move to Alaska.

If you are interested in helping with refreshments please call the Church Office at 207/935-3413.

Fish and Game Supper

Apr 1st, 2013  6:30 p.m.

Cindy Priest, Kitchen Chairperson
Claire Kiesman, Dining Room Chairperson

All suppers are now \$9.00 each



Welcomers for April

Apr 7 *open*
 Apr 14 *open*
 Apr 21 Martha Richardson
 Apr 28 *open*

****PLEASE use the sign up sheets in the back of church to volunteer to serve as a Welcomer or Lay Reader. Thank you****



Ushers for April

Apr 7 Tom Barrett & Donette Barnes
 Apr 14 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Apr 21 David & Jen Richardson
 Apr 28 Jean Cressy & Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for April

Apr 7 Jane Williams
 Apr 14 Jean Cressy
 Apr 21 Mary Dysinger
 Apr 28 Jodie Hesslein

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 31, 2013		
Date	Adults	Children
February 24	14	1
March 3	47	7
March 10	--	--
March 17	35	6
March 24	46	8
March 31	--	--

Calendar for April 2013 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
2	Tue	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
4	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
6	Sat	Youth Group Sleepover	4:00 p.m.
7	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Rev. Sage's Wedding Shower	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 noon
10	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
11	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
14	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
17	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
18	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
19	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
21	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
24	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
25	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
28	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.
30	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.

