



February 2013

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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## ***My Dear Fryeburg New Church Family,***

It is with a grateful, joyful and sad heart that I write this monthly greeting to you as it has come time to inform you of some wonderful news on my life journey that will unfortunately be bringing my ministry here in Fryeburg to an end this year.

This past Fall, while attending a Spiritual Direction training in Niagara Falls Ontario, I met and fell in love with a wonderful man.

Rev. Ted Cole is a priest in the Episcopal Church and we both feel very strongly that the Lord is calling us to walk ahead together in life, with what we pray will be the blessing of children and shared ministry.

Ted is currently serving as Associate Rector of St. Mary's, a large Episcopal parish in Anchorage, Alaska. While there have been many different scenarios that we have entertained to move forward, it has become clear for us both that Anchorage will be the best place for us to begin our lives together.

There are still unknowns about what my ministry will look like in Anchorage, but we feel confident that the Lord will make a way for me to continue to serve, very likely in a role at St. Mary's where there is a position in family ministry that I hope to be called to fill.

While I am so joyful that God has blessed me with a partner in life it is with a very heavy heart that I think about leaving the Fryeburg New Church. My time here has been so joyful. I have fallen in love with everything about serving as your pastor! I pray that you all will be able to share in the joy I feel regarding this new door that the Lord has opened for me even in the midst of the sadness of parting. Ted will be visiting Fryeburg March 1st through the 5th and attending worship March 3rd so he will have a chance to experience our community and you will have a chance to meet him.

We plan to be married this summer at a small ceremony in Rhode Island where my family all reside and then make the long journey to Anchorage! I wanted to share this information in as timely a way as possible so that FNC will have the space to do a good thorough search for your next pastor. I feel certain there will be very good candidates, as I have not been quiet with my colleagues about how happy I have been here and what a wonderful opportunity this is!

I have been blessed beyond imagining

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during my time here and will always feel a connection to this special place and to all of you no matter where the call will take me in the future. Thank you for welcoming me here with so much love. May love surround this parting as well and may we worship with joy these last months together.

In love and gratitude,

*Rev. Sage*

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## *Worship Schedule*

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

**February 3, 2013** *Rev. Sage away, Lay Led Worship*

**The Path of Integrity ~**

**Week 1 Listen to your Dreams**

Genesis 37:1-11, Psalm 126:1-3

**February 10, 2013 ~ Communion Sunday**

**The Path of Integrity ~**

**Week 2: Drop the Distractions**

Genesis 39, Luke 10:38-42

**February 17, 2013 ~**

**The Path of Integrity ~**

**Week 3: Positive Experiences**

Genesis 41:15-40, Luke 18:18-29

**February 27, 2013 ~**

**The Path of Integrity ~**

**Week 4: Ask for Help**

Genesis 42:1-28, Matthew 7:7-11

## **The Path of Integrity** **A New Church Journey Program based on the story of Joseph and his brothers.** Beginning February 3rd, 2013

From the New Church Journey Program Website:

*"At times, we all find ourselves wandering off the path of integrity. We know this because we feel stuck, or have a hard time hearing our inner voice. We may obsess about outward things like the shape of our bodies, or the items we possess. We may laugh when we mean to cry, say yes when we mean no, refuse to look at our mistakes, or give "love" with lots of strings attached. So how do we step back on track? How do we become empowered, joyful and clear of purpose? Explore the Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers, and discover the meaning it has for you on your own journey. The story of Joseph reminds us that even when our dreams have been thrown in a pit, that those dreams can be revived, and can show us the way to our own path of integrity."*

Beginning February 3rd, our Fryeburg New Church will be beginning a seven week spiritual growth campaign following the biblical story of Joseph, called the Path of Integrity. Joseph's story is one of the most action packed of the Old Testament. And somehow through the action that is most often against him, death threats, being left for dead in a pit, sold into slavery, tempted by a married woman, falsely accused and imprisoned, Joseph does not lose his integrity and continues to be lifted up by God

Our stories today, are often no less dramatic, with their own twists and turns that can sometimes spin us off course. This series will be an opportunity to examine where we are on the journey and to see that no matter where we find ourselves, abandoned in a pit, or appointed to rule over Egypt, we are okay, and God is working behind the scenes to see us through

This series will take us through Lent and up to Palm Sunday and Easter. It will walk us through the dark cold winter months, the perfect time to go inward and allow God to work on our hearts.

You can get involved simply by coming to Sunday worship, but the experience can be deepened by signing up for daily email reflections, or getting involved in a small group. Sign up for both at FNC.

# Church Report

## The Fryeburg New Church Photo Directory ~ updates

### The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 12, 2013 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
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
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Judy Hatch	935-2223
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Patricia Swett	603-939-2262

### Women's Alliance

The next Women's Alliance meeting will be on **Monday, March 8, 2013** at NOON (there is no meeting in February). Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2013 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

### In The Hospital

Jane and Roger Williams were both in the hospital recently, prayers for their return to good health.

For over a year now a directory has been in the works so members and friends of the church can stay better connected to each other in between Sundays. Photos are needed of everyone so we can get this published and distributed by spring 2013. You are welcome to email a picture directly to Rev. Sage at [sageserene@gmail.com](mailto:sageserene@gmail.com) or to the church office at [office@fryeburgnewchurch.org](mailto:office@fryeburgnewchurch.org). Also, let us know if you DO NOT want your photo included so we aren't waiting for it. If you are not interested in being listed in the directory you can cross your name off the DRAFT (in the church office) or let Rev. Sage know directly. If you are a member of the church who is no longer able to come to worship but interested in being included in the directory please email Rev. Sage a picture along with Name, Phone, Address, Email, Birthday (year is optional), Special Anniversary, and any special roles you may have played in church life that you'd like listed.

### Notice of Special Church Meeting

At their January 8, 2013 meeting, the Trustees voted to hold a Special Church Meeting on Sunday February 10, 2013 at 11:15 am. The meeting will be held in the Church basement following the coffee hour.

**The purpose of the meeting will be to address the following Warrant Articles:**

- Article 1: To elect a moderator.**
- Article 2: To determine what actions will be taken to amend the 2013 budget to address an increase in the Minister's health insurance costs.**
- Article 3: To address any other business which may properly come before the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

N. Scott Ferguson, O.D.  
Secretary, Fryeburg New Church Board of Trustees



### Welcomers for February

Feb 3 *open*  
 Feb 10 *open*  
 Feb 17 Martha Richardson  
 Feb 24 *open*

### Ushers for February

Feb 3 Tom Barrett & Donnette Barnes  
 Feb 10 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
 Feb 17 David & Jen Richardson  
 Feb 24 Jean Cressy & Dean Harnden

### Coffee Hour for February

Feb 3 Dede Frost  
 Feb 10 Leone Dyer  
 Feb 17 Sally & Dean Harnden  
 Feb 24 Jean Cressey

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JANUARY 6-27, 2012		
Date	Adults	Children
January 6	40	2
January 13	42	1
January 20	36	6
January 27	--	--



February flowers  
*Sally Harnden*

Calendar for February 2013 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Path of Integrity: Week 1</b> <b>Youth Group</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00 12:00-3:00pm
6	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
7	Thu	<b>Brown bag Bible study</b> <b>Path of Integrity: Week 1</b>	12 noon 6:30-8:00pm
10	Sun	<b>Communion Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Path of Integrity: Week 2</b> <b>Special Church Meeting</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00. 11:15 a.m.
11	Mon	<b>Dream Group</b>	8:30 a.m.
12	Tue	<b>Trustees' Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
13	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
14	Thu	<b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>Brown bag Bible study</b> <b>Path of Integrity: Week 2</b>	♥♥♥♥ 12 noon 6:30-8:00pm
15	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
17	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Path of Integrity: Week 3</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00
20	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
21	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> <b>Path of Integrity: Week 3</b>	12 noon 6:30-8:00pm
24	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Path of Integrity: Week 4</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30-1:00
25	Mon	<b>Dream Group</b>	8:30 a.m.
27	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
28	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> <b>Path of Integrity: Week 4</b>	12 noon 6:30-8:00pm