



September 2014

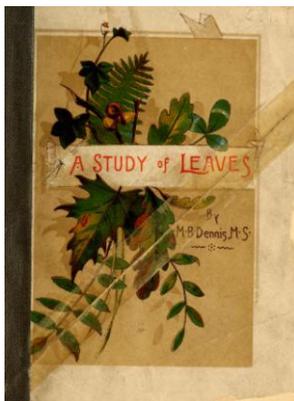
Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Happy September, dear readers! I hope you've had a wonderful summer!

As many of you know, we just recently finished up the Craft Fair and Yard Sale here at the church – and what a success! A big *Thank You* to everyone who helped, and a special *Thank You* to Jen Richardson for organizing the day. I noticed that I was one of many at the church who found something at the Yard Sale that couldn't be passed up. I had been perusing the book table and found a few nature books that must have been cleared out of the Fryeburg New Church Assembly library. The books have a small sticker inside that reads "Fryeburg Assembly Nature Club" – they've found a home in the parsonage.



One of them sits in front of me. The title is *A Study of Leaves* by M.B. Dennis, published in 1898. In the introduction it reads, "Every rock, tree, insect, bird

and mammal speaks to us when we meet it; yet, how generally we hurry by, without even so much as a nod of recognition!"

Unfortunately, all too often, I am one of those who hurry by, not realizing what nature is sharing with us. And at this particular moment, the leaves are in fact sharing some news. Have you noticed that some of the leaves are starting to *change* color? Fall is coming.

Hopefully I have this right, biology teachers! The way plants turn water and carbon dioxide into oxygen and sugar is called photosynthesis, and this process cannot occur without enough light (which happens in the autumn as daylight decreases); as daylight decreases, green chlorophyll (which helps the photosynthesis process work) disappears from the leaves in the autumn.

Now here is an interesting fact that many of you probably already know (but one I only recently learned) – many of the leaves (mainly the orange and yellow leaves we see in fall) were already orange and yellow to begin with! The green chlorophyll covered up their natural color. They aren't turning into another color so much as revealing their true color! Others are turning red, purple and brown. The leaves of autumn can be beautiful symbols of change, and some of that change is about revealing what is really within.

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What an apt symbol for the beginning our church year.

As some of you might have heard during our recent Worship services, our theme this year (summer 2014-summer 2015) is to be THE YEAR OF REGENERATION, the way of CHANGE. This will be the fourth year in a 7-year cycle of themes which were created with the hopeful intention of uniting the churches within our denomination.

This year, with Regeneration (spiritual growth) and Change as our theme, we will find ways of focusing on the following:

- seeing the spiritual life as intentional, relational, and requiring commitment
- gaining clarity about the journey of transformation and second birth
- being willing to do the work of repenting, reforming, and regenerating

Perhaps another way of framing that changing and growing process of “repenting, reforming and regenerating” would be this:

God’s design is that we “*arrange ourselves for receiving God and preparing ourselves as a vessel and a dwelling place where God can enter and live as if we were his own temple*” (True Christianity 105)

More commonly, we might think of this as the “emptying out” process, when we are open to being humbled and wanting only to do the Lord’s will. Emanuel Swedenborg writes that when we are in a state of emptying out, we are in a state of “progress towards union.” That is what I want to be - in progress towards being more consciously, deeply united to the Divine and the neighbor! And what a beautiful way to think of an autumn leaf, changed in color after its own lifetime of service and ultimate “emptying out” process which revealed the beautiful hue it was all along.

Blessings to you this fall as we begin another Church year together – let’s pray for the best kind of changes that we as individuals and as a church can make.

Rev. Alison and the Lane-Olsen family

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God

does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.” Romans 12:1-2(The Message)

Worship Schedule

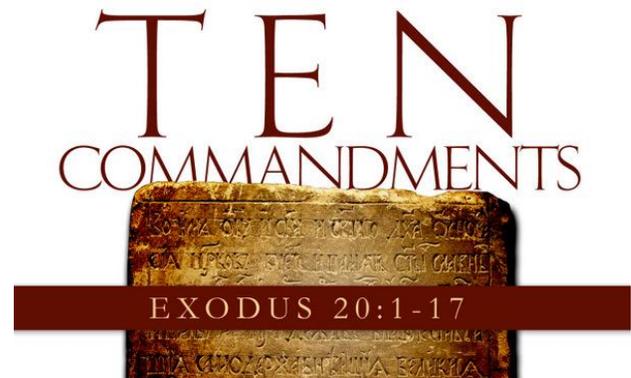
Sunday School 9:00 AM (details on this page)
Family Worship 10:00 AM (starting Sept. 7th)

Sept 7 –Family Breakfast & Sunday School Registration

A moment of change: Jesus turns water into wine, John 2

Beginning a new series on the Commandments:

Thou Shalt Not Miss This Series



Sept 14 - Commandments 1 & 2-

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol

Sept 21 3rd Commandment

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name

Sept 28 4th Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy

Fryeburg New Church
 Family Breakfast &
 Sunday School Registration

The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome back all last year's students and look forward to all new students 3 years old through high-school age. *Classes will start on Sunday, September 15th.*

We look forward to working with you and your children to build a solid Biblical knowledge and spiritual foundation for life here and hereafter.

Family Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.
 Teachers' Introduction: 9:30 a.m.
 Family Worship 10:00 a.m.



FALL WILL SOON BE HERE. THE FRYEBURG FAIR WILL BE COMING "FAIR"LY SOON TOO! FALL FUN...YAY! OUR BOOTH WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM SEPT 27TH TO OCT 5TH. BOOTH CLEANING WILL BE SEPT 21ST AND PIE MAKING AT THE CHURCH WILL BE SEPT 23RD AND 24TH. THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS. CHECK OUT THE SIGN UP SHEET. FILL IT OUT WHERE YOU CAN AND GET BACK TO THE CHURCH ASAP. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

CO CHAIRS, CINDY PRIEST 935-3360 AND DONNETTE BARNES 935-2130

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014 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

Jon Crowe, <i>Chair</i>	925-1302
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Women's Alliance

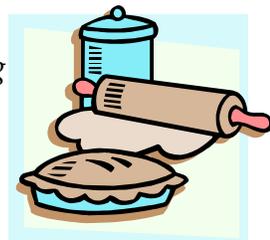
The next meeting of the **Women's Alliance** will be on Monday, September 15, 2014 at NOON. All ladies are welcome!!

2014 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

PIE MAKING!!

Come help make pies for the Fryeburg Fair. We will meet at the Church kitchen at 9 am on September 23 - 24th. It is a lot of fun! Don't miss it ☺



Community Giving Tree



The Community Giving Tree committee has already met for the first time for this year.

This is an ecumenical group that helps to provide gifts for needy

families in SAD 72. If you would like to help with this, please see Rev Alison or Sally Gibson for more information. There is a real process in soliciting money, getting names and obtaining family needs anonymously, preparing the tags, shopping for the gifts, wrapping the gifts and getting the gifts sorted and to the families. If you like to make phone calls, shop for gifts, or wrap gifts, or write thank you notes, you are needed! Seeing the trees in the church and community businesses and taking a tag helps, but that is only a small part. If you'd like to be a bigger "elf", please join us at our next meeting which date and time will be announced. Thank you ☺

Support Group forming

Dear friends, we are announcing the formation of a new Support Group that will meet once a month at the church (on the second Friday of the month), from 6-7 pm. This is a support group for those who are experiencing medical or other challenges, and would like to be able to share in a safe, non-judgmental, supportive space.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one...If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

Dinner Bell North

2014-2015 Season

The Dinner Bell North which meets at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Wednesdays during the school year will restart on Wednesday September 3. The dinner meal is served starting at 5:00PM and all are welcome to partake. This is a free (donations welcome) community dinner served weekly

Volunteers are always needed also. We are looking for cooks who are willing to cook once every six weeks or so. Cooks start at 2pm and would plan the meal, shop for groceries or provide shopping list by Tuesday, and cook and prepare meal between 2 and 5pm! Help is always welcome in the kitchen at that time too. Servers help serve the meal from 4:45-6pm and clean-up crew, cleans from 5:30 until finished. Help at anytime is welcome. We are also looking for a coordinator and someone willing to wash towels after Dinner Bell.

If you can help in any way or would like more information, please contact Sally Gibson at [\(207\) 935-3676](tel:(207)935-3676).

Thank you!

Fish and Game Supper



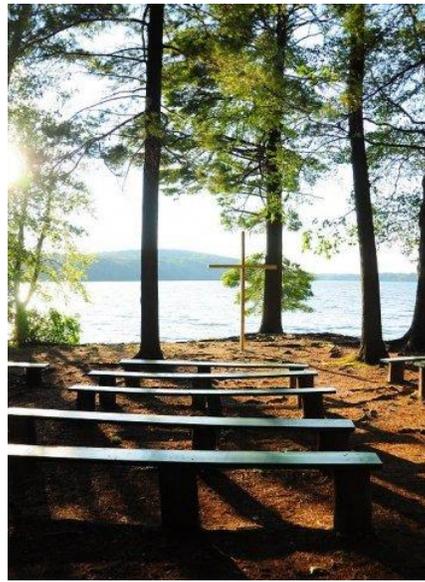
Sept 8, 6:30 2014 p.m.

Rolling Ridge

Retreat and Conference Center

660 Great Pond Rd, N.
Andover, MA

www.rollingridge.org



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

in attending a regional gathering of East Coast Swedenborgians for an
East Coast Retreat *for members and friends of the*
Maine,
Massachusetts, New York, Middle Atlantic and Southeast Associations.

October 17-19, 2014

Friday Dinner to Sunday Breakfast

Cost: \$50 per person (subsidized by the Massachusetts New Church Union)

'Biblical Graffiti: Revealing the Ancient Symbols of the Book of

Revelation' *presented by Rev. Catherine Lauber*

An experiential study of the correspondences found in the Book of Revelation using art, journaling, individual activities and small group discussion to connect with a personal meaning from the images and the scripture passages.

Friday 7-9pm: Informal Fellowship Gathering and Games

Saturday 10am – 12pm & 2-4pm: Retreat Sessions

Saturday 5-6pm: Association Meetings

Saturday night: Sharing Time. We will view some 'Swedenborg minute' videos and if you have something

you'd like to offer, please contact Rev. Susannah Currie at pastor@bridgewaternewchurch.org

Let's share what's meaningful to us about living our theology!

Sunday 9 am: Devotional Service

To request registration materials, please go to:

<http://eepurl.com/VQTez>

Fryeburg Fair Sign-Up Sheet

This year, as in the past, we need help in many areas....pie making....veggie peeling and cutting at the Church mornings during the fair...cooking at the Church during the fair...Morning pick ups and delivery of goods to the fair booth....and of course, working in the BOOTH!! (A pass will be provided, if needed, to work at the fair booth).

There are four shifts per day at the fair booth:

- Shift #1 -- 6:30 am to 11:00 am
 #2 -- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
 #3 -- 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 #4 -- 6:30 pm till Close (9 or 10 pm)

Please sign up for any and all you are able to!!

Name and phone # _____

- I can make pies at the Church 9:00 am (lots of jobs...peeling..mixing..rolling!!)
 Tues. Sept 23rd _____
 Wed. Sept 24th _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 21st @ 12:00 pm.
- I can help peel and cut veggies at the Church during the fair:
 What day(s)? _____
- I can help cook (stews, beans, chili, and/or pies) at the Church during the fair:
 What day(s)? _____
- I can do morning pick ups and deliveries during the fair:
 What day(s)? _____

- I can work at the booth during the fair:

 What day(s)? and Shift(s) *****Pass Needed ? _____

- Sat. Sept 27th _____
- Sun. Sept 28th _____
- Mon. Sept 29th _____
- Tues. Sept 30th _____
- Wed. Oct 1st _____
- Thurs. Oct 2nd _____
- Fri. Oct 3rd _____
- Sat. Oct 4th _____
- Sun. Oct 5th _____
- I will be able to help with a monetary donation \$ _____

Please return this promptly to: FNC Fair Committee, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg ME 04037

*** THANK YOU ***

Welcomers for September

Sept 7 *open*
 Sept 14 Debbie Dolley
 Sept 21 Martha Richardson
 Sept 28 *open*

Ushers for September

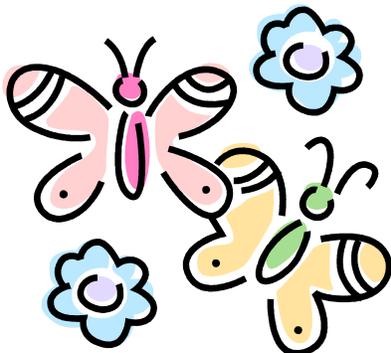
Sept 7 Tom Barrett & Donnette Barnes
 Sept 14 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Sept 21 Jen & David Richardson
 Sept 28 Dean Harnden & Jean Cressy

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 7 Family Breakfast
 Sept 14 Dawn Ferguson
 Sept 21 Jane Williams
 Sept 28 Fair

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JULY 6 – AUGUST 31, 2014		
Date	Adults	Children
July 6	24	4
July 13	30	2
July 20	36	16
July 27	19	2
August 3	47	7
August 10	70	10
August 17	30	5
August 24	33	6
August 31	--	--

September Flowers
 Courtesy of
 Alison Lane-Olsen



Calendar for September 2014

(held at our Church unless indicated)



1	Mon	Labor Day	
2	Tue	MSAD 72 Back to School ☺ Trustees Meeting	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
4	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
7	Sun	Sunday School Reg. & Family Breakfast Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
8	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
10	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
12	Fri	Support Group	6:00 p.m.
14	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Begins Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
15	Mon	Women's Alliance	12 noon
17	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Worship Committee Mtg	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
21	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Clean-up	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
23	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
24	Wed	Pie Making Dinner Bell North @SEAS	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
28	Sun	Fryeburg Fair begins Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

*Don't forget to get your annual report in to the FNC Office by October 10th so it can be included in the Church report.
Thank you!



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