



November 2016

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Whew! We made it through another year of the Fryeburg Fair! May you feel much gratitude as you read these words – thank you for all of your help in making our church booth at the fair a success! And, I share a “Congratulations!” with one of our members and local librarian, Donnette Barnes, for winning a first price ribbon for her library display!

Our family loves visiting our local library. We recently checked out a children’s book called *Zen Shorts* by Jon J. Muth, and I wanted to share the following story from the book:

Two traveling monks reached a town where there was a young woman waiting to step out of her sedan chair. The rains had made deep puddles and she couldn’t step across without spoiling her silken robes. She stood there, looking very cross and impatient. She was scolding her attendants. They had nowhere to place the packages they held for her, so they couldn’t help her across the puddle.

The younger monk noticed the woman, said nothing, and walked by. The older monk quickly picked her up and put her on his back, transported her across the water, and put her down on the other side. She didn’t thank the older monk, she just shoved him out of the way and departed.

As they continued on their way, the young monk was brooding and preoccupied. After several hours, unable to hold his silence, he spoke out. “That woman back there was very selfish and rude, but you picked her up on your back and carried her! Then she didn’t even thank you! “I set the woman down hours ago,” the older monk replied. “Why are you still carrying her?”

Pretty powerful story, right! Does the story feel familiar? How often do we carry around something from a past experience that is not serving our spirit? And do we see that we can set it down? As I once saw written, “to be able to let go is to protect ourselves from the corrosive effects of staying stuck.”

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My mind wanders from this classic Zen story to the Bible; it is the story of the prophet Jonah that comes to my mind.

Probably the most well known part of his story is that Jonah finds himself trapped within a whale for three days when he tries to avoid doing God's work. What always surprised me the most is what happens after the whale episode. When Jonah reaches Nineveh and shares the message that God is going to overthrow the city because of their "evil ways," the people of Nineveh do have a change of heart! They want healing and restoration and everyone in the city shows repentance. Oddly enough, Jonah is not thrilled by this. Jonah doesn't want God to help them and he wants to see them punished for past behavior...he is angry at God's compassion. And like a character in our first story, he struggles with holding on to his resentment.

I can't help but think that our nation will have some letting go work to do after the election. No matter who next prepares for the presidency, so many of us will need to let go of resentments and election season bitterness...so that we find a way forward in connection, in kindness.

Whether it is politics or personal situations, if you too find yourself holding on to that which is heavy and burdensome, may you "Let go and let God,"

With blessings of peace this November,

Rev. Alison

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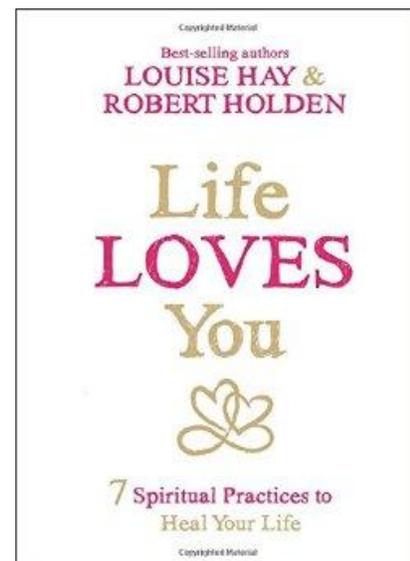
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In Our Prayers

We hold Burton and Renie Chaplin in prayer, and give thanks for continued healing. Healing prayers to Ashlee Chaine and Phyllis Charles and others on the mend. We hold in prayer those unable to attend church, including Sally Harnden and others. We hold in prayer those struggling with addiction. Healing prayers to those of you already affected by cold and flu season.

It's not too late to join our book group! – meeting Wednesdays!

Written by Louise Hay and Robert Holden,
Life Loves You is filled with inspiring stories and helpful meditations, prayers, and exercises to uncover the vast love that is available to you. Available on Amazon (use Smile.Amazon to support the church!)



Worship Schedule

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

*This November, we will be turning our focus to
Gratitude!*



Special Thanksgiving Service
at FNC
Tuesday, November 22nd, 7pm



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 1, 2016 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

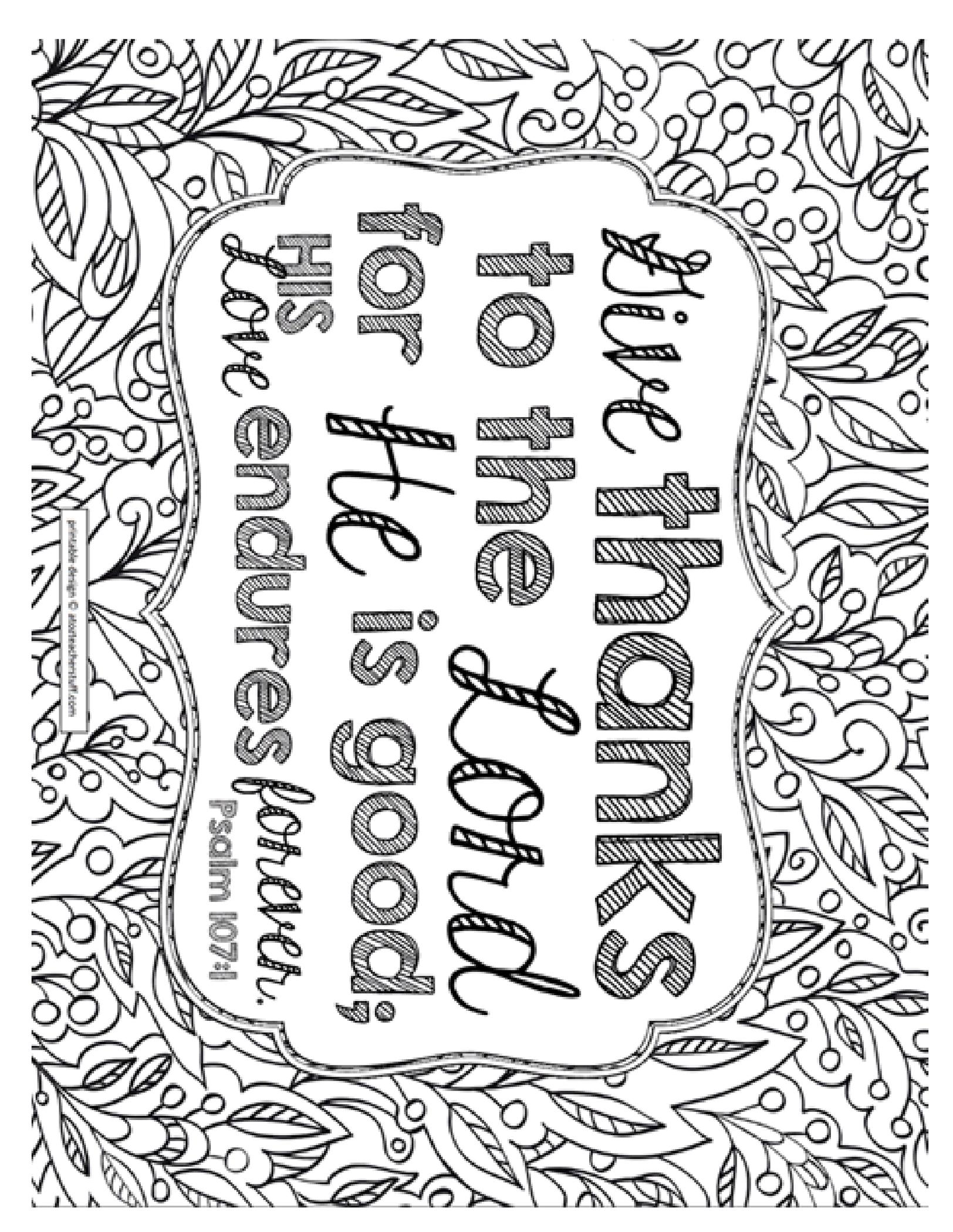
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Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance is TBA. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us.

2016 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

PresidentJean Cressy
Vice-President.....Claire Kiesman
SecretarySally Harnden
Treasurer.....Patty Swett
Chaplain.....TBA



Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is good;
His love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1



Thanksgiving Display

Collect treasures of nature to display near your worship center—perhaps placed around the Word—or as a centerpiece on your kitchen table.

Gather intriguing rocks, leaves, pinecones, flowers, etc., while walking outside. You could also go to the grocery store and select some interesting vegetables and fruits. If you have a shell or rock collection, you might want to include a few of these in your display as well.

Arrange all these things near the Word or some other special place in your home. You might want to make a special sign to go with the display, saying "Thank you, Lord" or "O Give Thanks unto the Lord" or "All Your works shall praise You, O Lord" (Psalm 145:10).

Sample sign for display:

**All Your works shall
praise You, O Lord.
(Psalm 145:10)**

SHARING and GIVING THANKS

The **Brownfield Food Pantry** will be trying to give each family a frozen turkey or chicken in November at their food distribution on Thursday November 17. If you are able, please donate one and put it in the church freezer. The Gibsons will be sure that they are delivered to the food pantry. Any other non-perishables will be accepted for the food pantry any month. Thank you for helping those who live with food insecurity every day.

Thank you. Dinner Bell will NOT be serving on Thanksgiving eve.

Or if you prefer to give a monetary donation:
TEN dollars will help buy
TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING BOXES for
the **Sweden Food Pantry**.

Checks may be made out to The Sweden Food Pantry/Sweden Community Church and mailed to: Sweden Community Church
137 Bridgton Road, Sweden ME 04040

Let's get those Thanksgiving Baskets
filled to the brim!

Thank You

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.



Community Giving Tree

The Community Giving Tree is coming! This community wide project will put out trees with tags the first week in November. ALL presents will be due back the end of November. Please plan to take a few tags off the tree at church, shop for the present, wrap it, and bring it back. Help make a brighter Christmas season for a needy child in our community. Thank you for your help.

Wreath Decorating



On Sunday, **November 6th** please join us for **Wreath Decorating** after worship. It's a lot of fun and the fresh smell of pine will surely get you in the Christmas spirit!!!

Christmas Cupboard



Remember to get your crafts and donation in for the annual *Christmas Cupboard* which will be on **Saturday, November 12!!** Items for sale should be brought to the Church by, **Friday, Nov. 11th** 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.

Welcomers for October

Nov 6 *open*
 Nov 13 Debbie Dolley
 Nov 20 Martha Richardson
 Nov 27 *open*

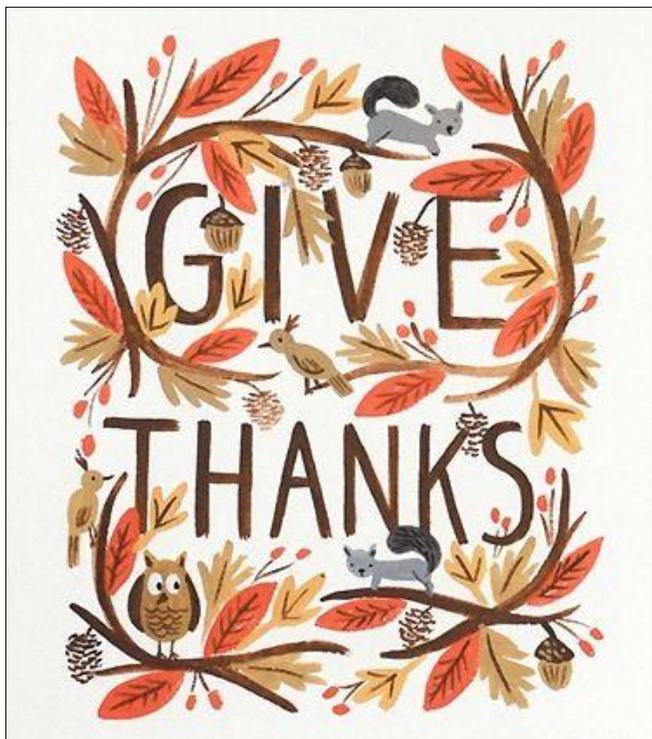
Ushers for November

Nov 6 *open*
 Nov 13 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Nov 20 Jen & David Richardson
 Nov 27 Dean Harnden & Jean Cressy

Coffee Hour for November

Nov 6 Dede Frost
 Nov 13 Sue Santos
 Nov 20 Mary Dysinger
 Nov 27 Jen Richardson

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2-OCTOBER 23, 2016		
Date	Adults	Children
October 2	--	--
October 9	--	--
October 16	26	7
October 23	28	7



Calendar for November 2016 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Tue	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
2	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS <i>Life Loves You</i> bookgroup	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
6	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Wreath Decorating	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
7	Mon	Fish & Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
9	Wed	<i>Life Loves You</i> bookgroup	7:00 p.m.
11	Fri	Christmas Cupboard Setup	8:30 a.m.
12	Sat	Christmas Cupboard	9am-Noon
13	Sun	<i>Thanksgiving Basket Sunday</i> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship SS Teacher's Meeting	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
15	Tue	Worship Committee mtg	7:00 p.m.
16	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS <i>Life Loves You</i> bookgroup	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
22	Tue	Thanksgiving Service (tentative)	7:00 p.m.
24	Thu	Thanksgiving Day	
27	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
30	Wed	<i>Life Loves You</i> bookgroup	7:00 p.m.





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