



April 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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Dear Friends,

The special thing about firsts is that they only happen once. We will celebrate our first Easter morning together this first Sunday of April. I am delighted to watch the first purple crocuses pop up in front of the parsonage. And I am so curious what my new home is to become as the trees begin to fill in with leaves and this precious town becomes clothed with springtime. I have a suspicion that my first spring in Fryeburg will be full of surprises and I look forward to watching the transformation of this incredible spot in the world for the first time!

This is the season of new life, and as a church we will celebrate the resurrection throughout the month of April. We will explore together the ramifications of eternal life.

How does knowing that life continues forever effect how we shall live right now?

As we come out of the hibernation of winter and begin to look towards the adventures and plans of summer the call for us will be to stay present to the now of spring. Can we be present to the new buds? The rainy days and the breaks of sunshine? The fluctuating warmth and cold?

While serving our sister church in Wilmington, DE, I came to a much deeper appreciation of springtime. In the Mid-Atlantic spring lasts about 2 days. The climate shifts from winter to summer in a flash of light and if you aren't paying close attention you miss it. I am excited to be back in Maine where spring has a little more time to unfold. Some see this as a negative, mocking spring in Maine as mud-season, but I will choose this year to see the slow unfolding as a blessing. What a gift to be able to watch the earth come alive.

And perhaps we to will be enlivened? Maybe not quickly, or over night, but over time?

May our joy and new life unfold over this, our first, spring season together.

Many blessings my friends!

*Rev. Sage*

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## Worship Schedule

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

4/4 "Easter Sunday! Day of Resurrection!"  
Luke 24:1-12

4/11 "Doubt and faith"  
John 20:19-31

4/18 "The call of the risen Christ"  
John 21:1-19

4/25 "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not  
want"  
Psalm 23

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## Membership Class

Beginning Sunday April 18th Rev. Sage will be offering a four week membership class on Sundays after worship from 11:30-12:30. This course will cover the foundational beliefs of the New Church, its history and time to consider its future! All are welcome to attend, whether you are wishing to join, or still exploring and interested in learning more about the foundations of the church. Those who complete the course and wish to join will then be invited to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Please contact Rev. Sage if you would like to attend.

<i>Fish and Game Supper</i>		
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup> ,		6:30
2010		p.m.
<i>Jean Cressy, Chair</i>		

## Church Report

### The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 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

Patricia Swett, <i>Chair</i>	603-939-2262
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Sally Harnden	935-2546

### Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **TUESDAY, April 20, 2010 at NOON**. Please bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!! **Please bring Mite Box money to this meeting.**

2010 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

### In the Hospital

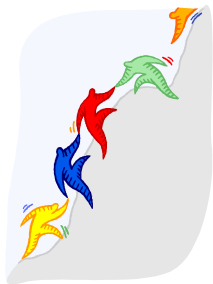
**Dede Frost** was in the hospital but is now recovering at home. We wish her a quick return to good health.

## *Adult Sunday School*

*Adult Sunday School* is starting up again this spring under the generous and loving leadership of church member Tom Barrett. Tom will be leading a reading group on Emanuel Swedenborg's work Heaven & Hell, one of Swedenborg's greatest and most accessible works. Please join Tom in exploring New Church teachings of life after death in this informal and supportive setting.

## *Youth Group*

**Our next gathering is an exciting sleepover movie night!**

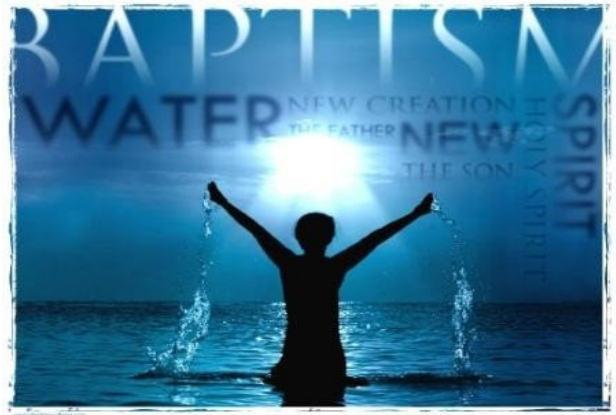


We will meet at **4 pm on Saturday, April 10th** at the Fryeburg New Church and stay until 11 am (after worship) on Sunday, April 11th. Bring your PJs, pillow, sleeping bag, nice clothes for church and sleeping pad.

We'll eat a delicious dinner, view video and discuss our theme, "Holy YouTube!", talk about future meeting and outings and visit Rev. Sage in the parsonage to watch movies! As in the past, I am happy to bring teens (up to 4) from Portland to Fryeburg.

If any teens from Portland would like to go to this youth group, please email me to let me know. Portland teens can arrange to meet me at the Burger King in the Hannaford plaza at 3:00 pm. Feel free to bring friends! (Please let me know so I can send them a registration form).

See you there!  
Kurt



## *Baptism Sunday*

It is of special historical significance that on one Sunday in 1945, Rev. William Rice baptized 37 babies at the Fryeburg New Church! Inspired by this lovely event, captured in picture in Q Jerusalem: The History of of the New Church in Fryeburg written by Ola-Mae Wheaton and Margaret Briggs, Rev. Sage has begun plans for a Baptism Sunday sometime this Spring/Summer.

Several members and friends of the church have already mentioned to Rev. Sage that either they themselves, or their children, just never got around to being baptized. This is the time!

The sacrament of Baptism in the New Church can be performed at any age. In the waters of baptism, a child or adult's life is dedicated to God, and the sacrament signifies the intention of living the spiritual life, to be born anew in the spirit. In the New Church we baptize persons into the Universal Christian Church, not into a particular community. This way, after baptism, persons may then follow their spiritual path where it may lead and come into fellowship with the church community that they then choose.

Please speak with Rev. Sage if you or someone you know would like to participate in Baptism Sunday!



<b>Calendar for April 2010</b> (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Thu	<b>Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck Dinner @ Brownfield Church</b>	6:00 p.m.
2	Fri	<b>Good Friday</b>	
4	Sun	<b>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ Fryeburg Harbor Church</b> Adult Choir <b>Easter Breakfast and Family Worship</b>	6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
5	Mon	<b>Fish &amp; Game Supper</b>	6:30 p.m.
6	Tue	<b>Trustees' Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
10	Sat	<b>Youth Group Sleepover</b>	4:00 p.m.
11	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Sunday School Meeting</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
14	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
15	Thu	Rev. Sage @ Brownfield Food Pantry	1-5 p.m.
18	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
20	Tue	<b>Women's Alliance mtg</b>	12 noon
21	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
25	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
28	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS <b>Worship Committee mtg</b>	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

### Welcomers for April

- Apr 4 Debbie Dolley
- Apr 11 Scott Ferguson
- Apr 18 Martha Richardson
- Apr 25 Sally Gibson

### Ushers for April

- Apr 4 Billy Holt, Donnette Barnes, Dean Harnden, and Stanley Dolley
- Apr 11 Jean Cressy & OPEN
- Apr 18 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley
- Apr 25 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

### Coffee Hour for April

- Apr 4 EASTER BREAKFAST
- Apr 11 Mary Dysinger
- Apr 18 Debbie Dolley
- Apr 25 Jean Cressy

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE</b> <b>FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 28, 2010</b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>



April flowers  
courtesy of  
*Edie Leach*