



January 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

All of the typical thoughts about the New Year, both profound and cliché are running through my mind. In my own life, as our children prepare to leave the nest, we are looking at major life changes in our home. Change is always a very challenging thing. It requires you to trust and let go, it requires you to look deeply at what is of real value and what is just familiar. It requires you to get in touch with your own goals for your life, both the short term ones, and the long term, ultimately important ones as well. For change will always involve choices and as Swedenborg has said, every action has consequences to eternity. That can be a rather intimidating thought, but it can also be a reassuring thought as well. In any case, it is a reminder that what we decide is of ultimate importance to us, and what we decide to do with the days that we have here on earth are important choices and deserves our serious and well-thought out consideration.

As we cross the border from 2007 into 2008, I invite us all to take some time to contemplate the state of our lives, our friends and family, and our relationship to the Lord. While in reality it is no different from any other day or week, the change of the New Year is still an opportunity to make changes or to confirm and reconnect with what we hold of value. As we enter into a another New Year, let us do so with our minds open to continued learning, and our hearts open and committed to who and what we love above all else. And let our lives be a testament to our commitment to live in the light and love of God and in caring, compassionate service to our neighbors, our community and to the strangers we meet along the way. I hope your Christmas has been both joyous and reverent, and I hope and pray that the New Year will be one of many blessings.

May you be blessed with the peace of God,

Rev. Ken

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Winter Schedule

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

"The Beginning"

- 1/06 "A Time In Egypt"
Matthew 2:13-23
- 1/13 "My Father's Business"
Luke 2:41-52
- 1/20 "The Dove Descending"
John 1:32-36
- 1/27 "Gathering the Disciples"
John 1:37-51
- 2/3 "The First Miracle"
John 12:1-11



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:45 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
Cindy Priest	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
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Sally Harnden	935-2546
<i>Treasurer:</i> Stan Dolley	935-2887

From the Treasurer



Anyone wishing to receive a copy of their contributions for the year 2007 for tax purposes, please contact Stanley Dolley at (207) 935-2887.

In the Hospital

Carrie Cressy, was in the hospital for an appendectomy and is resting comfortably at home. **Muriel Barboza** was also in the hospital is recovering at home.

We wish them both a quick recovery.

Passages

Betty Mendler, mother of Bobbie Muse, joined the spiritual world on December 15, 2007 at Maine Medical Center. A memorial service is planned for the spring in Rochester, NH.

Our deepest condolences are with her family.

Choir

Adult choir will meet on Thursday evening, January 10th at 7:00pm at the parsonage, 22 Elm Street, to begin music for the winter months. For the remainder of January, we will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:15 am at the Church.



Youth Choir will not meet during the month of January....stay tuned for future Children's Choir announcements.

We will be getting together again later in the winter to work on Easter songs.

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. and will hold a Silent Auction to benefit the Fryeburg Health Care Center Activities Program.** Claudia Graves will be in charge of coffee. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church.

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

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

Gift Idea

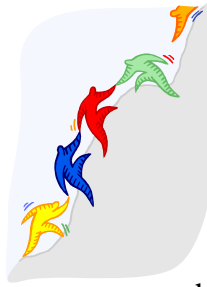
Our limited edition, colored, 11"x14" matted print would make a beautiful and meaningful gift for that special person in your life. Please visit our web site for more information and the mail order form:

<http://www.fryeburgnewchurch.org/orderform.html>

All proceeds from the sale of these prints go into our Capital Fund which makes many worthwhile projects possible. This truly is a gift that keeps on giving!



Youth Group



Our youth group holiday dinner party scheduled for December 23rd will be moved to Epiphany Sunday, January 6th from 4:00-6:30pm at the Fryeburg New Church. We will still hold our gift swap, so please bring a gift to share (under \$10, perfect opportunity to re-gift ;-). As usual, I am happy to bring teens from Portland to Fryeburg. Teens from Portland should plan to meet me at the North Windham Hannaford at 3:00 pm. Enjoy your Christmas and New Year's holiday celebrations. Kurt

Gathering Leaves

You are invited to a weekend of spiritual enlightenment in a caring environment surrounded by six acres of lawns and beautiful trees in the heart of the English countryside.



The third New Church women's gathering is being held at Purley Chase, the newly refurbished British Conference spiritual retreat centre July 11-14, 2008.

The weekend will include worship, workshops, plenary sessions, group sharing and social time. Also included is a day trip to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon.

Please pick up a brochure, schedule of events, and booking form at the front information table.

Welcomers for January

Jan 6 Debbie Dolley
 Jan 13 Debbie Urgese
 Jan 20 Martha Richardson
 Jan 27 Sally Harnden

Ushers for January

Jan 6 Billy Holt & Jody Hesslein
 Jan 13 Kevin & Bonnie James
 Jan 20 Donnette Barnes & Jean Cressy
 Jan 27 Herb Eastman & Claudia Graves


Coffee Hour for January

Jan 6 Jean Cressy
 Jan 13 Brenda Brackley
 Jan 20 Jean Cressy
 Jan 27 Cindy Priest

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE		
DECEMBER 2 THRU DECEMBER 23, 2007		
Date	Adults	Children
December 2	45	3
December 9	47	4
December 16	Snowstorm	
December 23	85	24



*January flowers will be done by
 Jean Cressy*

Calendar for January 2008 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Tue	New Year's Day	
2	Wed	No Dinner Bell this week	
6	Sun	Epiphany Sunday School Family Worship Youth Group Christmas Party	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
8	Tue	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:45 p.m.
9	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
10	Thu	Adult Choir @ parsonage	7:00 p.m.
13	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
16	Wed	Rev. Ken @FHCC Dinner Bell North @ EAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
18	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	8:00 a.m.
20	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
21	Mon	Women's Alliance Meeting and Silent Auction	6:30 p.m.
23	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
27	Sun	Swedenborg Birthday Celebration Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

