



January 2006

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, we also begin a new era in the life of this church. This church is at a point in life that is one of the most enviable in any life: we don't really know where we are going from here! Let me explain.

The other day I was speaking to a young person set to graduate from High School and he seemed a little concerned by his future prospects because he wasn't certain at all what they were! And I reminded him that the times in life when we don't know what we are going to do, when it is all possibilities and few obligations, when options are wide open, well, these times are few and far between. This is a kind of freedom that is to be treasured and savored. For in too short a time, he will find himself with a career and a home and family and all of the responsibilities that come with these things. These are wonderful and blessed things that hold the key to much of life's happiness, but they also fill in the answers to almost all of those unanswered questions that lay before a

young person just entering life in the world.

I have also been talking to several sets of parents who are sharing my own experience of seeing "parenthood" coming to an end. Our children are growing up and heading out into the world. There are so many mixed emotions at this point in life. There is the joy of seeing your children grow and become young adults. And there are equal parts hope and fear as you wonder what awaits them, thinking of both the gifts and blessings and dangers and pitfalls that are possibilities. You want them to go out and find themselves and you want to hold them close. And when they do go, there is both a sense of accomplishment and a deep sense of loss. And yet the overwhelming sense is one of finality. It is done. And now there are so many unknowns, not just for them as young adults beginning to explore the world, but also for you as people whose job and joy as parents is over. Now there are more opportunities and unanswered

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questions then you have encountered in many years.

It seems to me that the Fryeburg New Church is at a point that is much like both of these situations. Like the young man finishing High School and set to begin a new life, in this church, one phase of life has been completed and we are ready to go forward. Past wounds have been healed and obligations fulfilled. During that time there have been some losses but there has also been much new growth. We are poised in a moment with a stable history, financial independence and a sense of over all well-being. Yet we stand at the doorway of the future and there are so many options open to us.

Here it is that this church is like the parents who are faced with choices they forgot they had. We can stay as we are; or we can change completely; or we can move toward anywhere on the spectrum between these polar opposites. The excitement and adventure of discovery is before us but also, as in all of life, as we are faced with options and opportunities there is the possibility of leaving behind things we love in order to discover things we may not yet know. And in any choice we make, in any direction we choose, there lies the presence and possibility of danger and failure and blessings and success.

It is at moments like this, whether we are young people just setting out on the first steps of the journey of life, or whether we are parents of grown children looking at a whole new set of open opportunities that have just opened up before us, or as a church that is healthy and stable outwardly and yet undergoing a subtle yet inevitable transformation inwardly, before we go anywhere or do anything, before we make the choices that will establish the

direction of our future, we must come to grips with what it is we value. We must identify what it is we find meaning in, what it is that fulfills what we desire and love and honor and revere. We must come to a place of acknowledgement and claim our purpose and goal in being. For it is only in knowing this that we have the criteria that form the basis for making the decisions that will determine what and who we become from this point on. What is more, it is only in knowing what we value and what our sense of purpose is that we can have any way of telling if we are succeeding or failing!

It is my hope for this church that, in the coming months, we as individuals and as a spiritual community will come to ask and at least in part, answers these questions. It is time for us to identify what star it is that we are going to follow and why. For our journey lies ahead, and where we go from here, and how we are to move forward, and where we are to finally end up are at present, questions that are unanswered and open ended filled with unlimited possibilities. It is a rare and exciting time in the life of this church, an opportunity that I hope we will embrace with enthusiasm, with commitment, with courage, with care, and above all, with faith and trust in the Lord.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

COMPUTER CORNER

Our church now has its own website!!!
Please visit www.FryeburgNewChurch.org

If you are looking to learn more about the denomination our church is part of, visit www.swedenborg.org

If you are interested in what the Sunday School Association is up to, or would like to explore some resources:
www.swedenborgianresources.org

Rev. Ken and Laurie have a new website: www.turleymusic.com If you haven't had a chance to hear Laurie's new CD it's a chance to check it out.

Fall Choir Announcements

- New Church Jazz Ensemble practices on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the parsonage. Anyone with basic ability on an instrument and interested in learning and playing Jazz and other contemporary music is welcome. Call Rev. Ken at 935-3413 or 935-4500 for more info.

Worship Services

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

The Life Of Jesus

- 1/1 After the Birth: The Dedication Communion Service**
Exodus 13: 2, 12; Luke 2:21-40
- 1/08 Fleeing To Egypt**
Dangers Within and Without
Jeremiah 31:13; Matthew 2:13-23
- 1/15 Twelve At The Temple**
A Life's Vision
Haggai 1:3-8; Luke 2:41-51
- 1/22 The Three Temptations**
Glorification Begins
Psalm 91:11-12; Luke 4:1-13
- 1/29 Swedenborg's Birthday**
A Fisher Of Men
Luke 5:1-11

December 2005 Sunday Service Attendance		December Sunday School Attendance	
Dec 4	38 adults, 4 children	Dec 4	23 children
Dec 11	36 adults, 1 child	Dec 11	20 children
Dec 18	45 adults, 3 children	Dec 18	24 children
Dec 25	24 adults, 5 children	Dec 25	No Sunday School

Maine Association Annual Meeting

At our recent meeting we voted to invite Rich Tafel to spend a day some time in March, leading us through a visioning process. It is our hope, that people from the Portland Church and Fryeburg Church as well as members at large, will attend and be involved in the process. This will be one step in what I hope will be an ongoing process throughout this spring season of renewing a sense of vision and purpose for our church here in Fryeburg, for our Association here in Maine, and for our denomination here in North America. Beginning in January, I will be asking you to think deeply and pray regularly concerning your church and what its purpose and contribution have been, are now, and might be in your life, in the life of your community and in the larger world. The Magi just didn't start walking hoping they would find Jesus. They had a vision informed by their study of scripture and guided by a vision and ultimately the divine star. We too must study and develop a vision and if we look for guidance we too may find and follow the divine light and come to experience a personal encounter with the Lord: a new birth and a new beginning.

Rev. Ken

Senior Employment Opportunity

If you are 55 years of age or over, if you are currently unemployed and/or make less than \$10,000 a year, and you would like to find some kind of meaningful work, please contact the church office and leave your name and number. We have an immediate job available. It is 10 - 20 hours a week and doesn't pay much, but it is a start. At the same time it will

hook you up with an employment agency that will find a job suited to your needs and abilities.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

How to Serve Your Church

We have recently found ourselves with an opening on the Board of Trustees. It is a job that requires a once a month evening meeting that usually runs too long. It requires dealing with difficult decisions on important matters that we rarely all agree on. It requires attention to matters that most of us would rather not think about. It requires being responsible for the church and to the church and so being willing to accept more criticism than compliments. And it is a job that must be done if the church is going to exist and serve the spiritual needs of its people. If you would like to serve your church and feel up to the challenge, please contact Rev. Ken or Stew Frost or Debbie Dolley.

About Our Monthly Newsletter

As many of you know, our Monthly Bulletin is one of the primary forms of communication within our church. It is also a way we keep in touch with past members and friends and sister churches around the country. It is one of our major efforts and one of our major expenses.

Please know that we want to keep providing the monthly Bulletin to all of those who wish to receive it and we want to keep providing it to those people and organizations who have an interest in what goes on in our church. So, in order to improve service and reduce costs, we would like everyone

who receives the Bulletin each month to consider the following options:

- 1.) Keep receiving your Monthly Bulletin in the mail at your current address.** (No action necessary, unless you want to call the church office and confirm or update your mailing address)
- 2.) Picking up your Monthly Bulletin at church on Sunday** and saving us the postage and you the wait for snail mail. (Please call the church office and let us know so we can take you off the monthly mailing list)
- 3.) Receiving the Monthly Bulletin as an attachment via email,** thus saving us postage, printing and time and you the wait for snail mail. (Please call the church office and leave your name and email address so we can add you to the email list)
- 4.) Reading and/or downloading the Monthly Bulletin from the church's website!** This newly constructed and regularly updated site is the result of a private donation of time and money and can now be visited at:

www.FryeburgNewChurch.org

(Please call the church office and let us know so we can take you off the monthly mailing list)

Any of these options are viable and any of them, except #1, will save the church expense and guarantee you receive it as early as possible. If you receive it via the web, you will receive it in perfect condition and be able to access and copy it as many times as you would like. So please give this some thought and let us know if any of these options work for you. So far over fifty people have signed up to receive their Bulletin via email. Thank you all!!!

Rev. Ken and the Trustees

Brownfield Food Pantry

“As you have done to the least of these. . .”

I would begin this announcement by inviting you all to read Matthew 25:31-46. We are called to be of service to those less fortunate than ourselves. In fact, according to this passage, when we come before the King Of Heaven that is the only criteria by which we will be judged. The Brownfield Food Pantry, which serves over four hundred people and over a hundred families each month, is in serious need of help. These are families in need, it is not our place to judge them, but to try to be of service. To that end, I have volunteered our church to provide a team to work for the program for two days in the month of March. In preparation for that, I am looking for people who would be willing to volunteer in January. This is what we need:

1.) On Wednesday the 18th we need people who are relatively physically able to work anytime between 10 AM and 4 PM. Come for an hour, come for the whole time and do what you can while you learn the ropes.

2.) Then on Thursday the 19th we need people of any and all abilities to help with the distribution. On this day there are jobs of all kinds so people of all abilities will be given useful things to do that help the overall effort.

Both days we meet at the Brownfield Lion's Club on the right hand side of Rt. 5 just south of the store at the Junction of Rt 160. If you think you would be able to help please call me at 935-3413. Transportation is available.

Blessings, Rev. Ken

CHURCH REPORT

In the Hospital

Sally Harden was admitted to Maine Medical Center on December 28th, for elective surgery,

We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank You

Gloria Daniels, the church secretary, would like to thank the members for the lovely Christmas floral arrangement. This was greatly admired by all who visited her during the Christmas season.

Women's Alliance

Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

President:.....Jean Cressy
Vice-President: Sally

Harnden

Secretary: Claudia Graves
Treasurer: Patty Swett
Chaplain: Betty Baker

Our next meeting date is **January 16th** at **6:30 p.m.** when will have a Silent Auction to benefit the F.H.C.C. Beano prizes. Pat Swett and Edie Leach are on committee. Claudia Graves is on Coffee. All ladies are welcome!

MUSIC

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 11th. We will not meet in the first week of January.

Jazz Ensemble 5:30 p.m.
Youth choir: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Adult choir: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All practices will be held at the parsonage. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for music! Got a song or a service idea that you'd like to share? Let us know!
Call Laurie Turley at 935 - 4500

The Trustees

Chairman: Stew Frost
Vice-Chairman: Debbie Dolley
Secretary: Patty Swett
Treasurer: Stan Dolley
Trustee: Judy Hatch
Trustee: Susan Logan

The Trustees' next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for **January 3rd** at **6:00 p.m.** Please note that 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

Stew Frost	935-3344
Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Pat Swett	603-939-2262
Judy Hatch	935-2223
Susan Logan	603-694-3333
<i>Women's Alliance Representative</i>	
Cindy Priest	935-3360
<i>Treasurer</i> Stan Dolley	935-2887

CALENDAR FOR January 2006 (held at our Church unless indicated)		

1	Sun.	New Year's Day	
		Sunday School Communion FAMILY WORSHIP	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
3	Tues	Trustees Meeting	6:00 p.m.
4	Wed.	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church No Choir Rehearsals No Jazz Ensemble	5:00 p.m.
6	Fri.	 Epiphany	
7	Sat.	Fryeburg New Church Assembly Executive Committee Meeting Rev. Ken in Boston	
8	Sun.	Sunday School FAMILY WORSHIP Worship committee Meeting After Church	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
11	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church New Jazz Ensemble Youth Choir at the Parsonage Adult Choir at the Parsonage	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
15	Sun.	Sunday School FAMILY WORSHIP	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m..
16	Mon.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Women's Alliance Meeting Silent Auction.	6:30 p.m.
17	Tues	Water District Vote	
18	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church New Jazz Ensemble Youth Choir at the Parsonage Adult Choir at the Parsonage	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
19	Thu.	Rev. Ken at Hicks/FHCC Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions – Rte 113/5	1 – 5 p.m.
22	Sun.	Sunday School FAMILY WORSHIP	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

25	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church New Jazz Ensemble Youth Choir at the Parsonage Adult Choir at the Parsonage	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
29	Sun.	Emanuel Swedenborg's Birthday	
29	Sun	Sunday School Birthday Bank FAMILY WORSHIP	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

CHILD CARE

Each Sunday, during Worship Service, Child Care for children up to 8 years old is provided in the downstairs room; for children 8 to 11 in the room off the Library.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

- 1 Herb Eastman and Gail Holt
- 8 Chuck Priest and Lawrence Perry
- 15 Kelley Hodgman-Burns and Billy Holt
- 22 Stew and Dede Frost
- 29 Claudia Graves and Iva Hatch

WELCOMERS FOR JANUARY

- 1 Debbie Urgese
- 8 Martha Richardson
- 15 Debbie Dolley
- 22 Karen Ela
- 29 Sally Gibson

COFFEE HOUR FOR JANUARY

- 1 Debbie Dolley
- 8 Dede Frost
- 15 Claudia Graves
- 22 Susan Logan
- 29 Gail Holt

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

Flowers for January will be done by Jean Cressey

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.

-Henry Ward Beecher

Fryeburg New Church Committees

Board of Trustees

Chairman	Stew Frost	935-3344
Vice-Chairman	Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Secretary	Pat Swett	603-939-2262
Trustee	Judy Hatch	935-2223
Trustee	Susan Logan	603-694-3743
Women's Alliance Rep.	Cindy Priest	935-3360
Treasurer	Stan Dolley	935-2887

Women's Alliance

President	Jean Cressey	935-2759
Vice-President	Sally Harnden	935-2546
Secretary	Claudia Graves	935-3728
Treasurer	Pat Swett	603-939-2262
Chaplin	Betty Baker	935-3220

Worship Committee

Minister	Rev. Ken Turley	935-3413
Music Director	Laurie Turley	935-4500
Debbie Dolley	935-2887	
Karen Ela	935-3619	
Ella Cressy	935-3336	
Bill and Gail Holt	697-3661	
Sally Gibson	935-3676	
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741	
Ushering Chairperson	Bill & Gail Holt	697-3661
Welcoming Chairperson	Debbie Urgese	935-2881
Coffee Hour Chairperson	Jean Cressey	935-2759
Flowers and Displays	Renie Chaplin	935-2128
Books and Pamphlets	Jacqui S. Light	935-2822
Candles	Sally Gibson	935-3676
Communion	Donnette Barnes	935-2130
	Mary Dysinger	935-2389

Sunday School Committee

Sunday School Teachers	Rev. Ken and Teachers	
	Sally Harnden	935-2546
	Lee Dyer	935-4477
	Debbie Dolley	935-2887
	Martha Richardson	935-2501
	Stew Frost	935-3344
Substitute Teacher	Donnette Barnes	935-2130

Childcare

Supervisor	Dawn Ferguson	935-3207
	Rebecca Baillargeon	935-2350
	Liz Eastman	
	Logan Leach	935-2786

Fryeburg New Church Committees

Youth Group

Kurt Fekete	892-4390
Jane Fullerton	935-7788

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Renie Chaplin	935-2128
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Finance Committee

Dan Dyer	935-4477
Stanley Dolley	935-2887
Jacqui Skinner Light	935-2822

Buildings and Grounds

Chuck Priest - Buildings	935-3360
Herb Eastman	603-694-3189
Nels Liljedahl - Grounds	935-3741

Fryeburg Fair Booth Committee

Cindy Priest	Co-Chair	935-3360
Stanley Dolley	Co-Chair	935-2887
Renie Chaplin		935-2128
Rev. Ken Turley		935-4500
Billie & Gail Holt		697-3661

Community Giving Tree Reps

Rev. Ken	935-4500
Patty Swett	(603)939-2262
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Nominating Committee

Stew Frost	935-3344
Judy Hatch	935-2223
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741