



July/August 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we will be well into the intensity of the week that is known simply as "Convention." On Sunday the 29th, ministers and their families, as well as officers and others involved in Pre-Convention activities will be settling into their temporary homes away from home. The site for this year's Convention is Bridgewater State University. The ministers will jump into COM Meetings (Council Of Ministers) which are three to four hour sessions three times a day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning if needed. This is the once a year meeting of all the ministers and students at which we discuss and formulate policy, share in worship, participate in learning workshops and do business, much of which will end up on the floor of Convention at the business sessions later in the week.

Wednesday evening lay people and other church officers will arrive and Convention proper will open with a banner procession and celebration service by the host group, the Massachusetts Association this year, followed by an address by the President of Convention, Chris Laitner. Laurie and I, with the help of a number of others will be providing music.

Thursday morning begins with a beautiful and moving Memorial Communion Service prepared and presented this year by Rev. Susannah Currie. The rest of the day will be taken up with Business Sessions and Mini-Courses and in the evening our seminary, the Swedenborgian House of Studies will have their business meeting followed by the graduation ceremony.

Friday morning the youth group NCYL, will present the opening worship followed by more business

meetings. That afternoon and evening are left as free time for socializing, or field trips and will feature a Bar-B-Q and town fire works.

Saturday morning begins with the Main Communion Worship Service and the Convention Preacher, Rev. Sarah Buteux. This service will take place in the Bridgewater church and will include music by the Convention Choir, the a capella singing group Missing Rachel and a creative use of power-point presentations. That evening everyone will be bussed into Boston, for the Ordination Worship service taking place at our church in Cambridge. Judith Vandergrift and Catherine Lauber will be ordained into our ministry.

The next morning, brings Convention to a close with a worship service led by Chris Laitner and Rev. Andy Stinson.

I am hoping this brief and superficial description will inspire some of you to make the journey to attend at least some of this yearly gathering of the tribes. It truly is a wonderful and uplifting experience to spend time with so many other New Church people.

HOWEVER, if that is too far, fear not! There is another opportunity to spend time with New Church folks from around the country and that takes place just a mile down the road at the annual family camp and lecture series known as the Fryeburg New Church Assembly! You are welcome to come to the morning lectures, or stop in for an afternoon swim, or register as campers and stay for the whole two weeks! In any event I strongly urge and welcome you to at least make a visit and find out what goes on down there each and every summer. The Assembly was started by the minister and lay people of this church back in the early 1800's and it is still going strong. It is a great place to bring the kids, or to enjoy a

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brief mini-vacation for an afternoon. There is something for everybody.

Laurie and I will be on vacation during July, and then back in August for Assembly and preparations for the up-coming church year which begins September 7th. Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Worship Schedule

Family Worship 9:00 AM

The Turleys are at Convention and then on vacation in July. Guest worship leaders are listed below, and Greg Huang-Dale will be leading the music.

Convention

6/29 Sally Gibson

7/6 Rev. Denis Dunn, Pastor of the Brownfield Community Church

Vacation

7/13 Sally Gibson

7/20 Rev. Denis Dunn

7/27 Stew Frost

Assembly

8/3 Rev. Judith Vandergrift, Ordained at this year's Convention, attending Assembly

8/10 *Communion Sunday*,
Rev. Ken Turley
Assembly Choir will present music

8/17 Rev. Ken Turley

8/24 Rev. Andy Stinson

8/31 "Labor Day Weekend" Rev. Ken Turley

9/7 *Sunday School Family Breakfast and the beginning of the New Church year!*

While Rev. Ken is away this summer, Rev. Tim LeConey from the First Congregational Church will be on call if you have need of any pastoral services.

You may reach him at:

Monday – Friday during the day: 935-3227

In case of emergency : 935-1035

E-mail: tleconey@fairpoint.net

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:45 pm**. There will be no Board of Trustees meetings during July and August. 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, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
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Stan Dolley, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2887
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

REMINDER: The Church office will be closed July 1-28 and will reopen on Tuesday, July 29th.

Women's Alliance

There will be no **Women's Alliance** meetings during July and August. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm**. Sally Harnden will be in charge of coffee. We meet on the third Monday of the month.

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

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

Passages

Marguerite "Margie" Heath Osgood entered the spiritual world on June 1, 2008. A funeral service was held on June 7, 2008, at the Fryeburg New Church, followed by interment at Pine Grove Cemetery. She is survived by her children, Debbie Urgese, Paula Sirna, and Timothy Osgood, their spouses, and 9 grandchildren.

Baptism

Jackson Earl McBernie, son of Joan (Cressy) and Brian McBernie, was Baptized into the Lord's New Church on June 1, 2008.



In The Hospital

Betty Baker was in the hospital for back surgery and is recovering at home, **Gordon Leach** was admitted into Maine Medical Center and is recovering from a fall, **Claudia Graves** is recovering from surgery, and **Nancy Leach** was also in the hospital.

We wish them all a quick return to good health.

*****The Concert Supper at the Fryeburg New Church will be on Tuesday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m.*****

Estey Pipe Organ 100th Anniversary Concert

On June 15th the Fryeburg New Church hosted over 70 people to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the installation of the church's Estey Pipe Organ. A concert was presented by Ray Cornils, the municipal organist for the city of Portland and it was truly wonderful. He presented information about and played pieces from all eras of music. His skill and love of music and the organ were obvious to all. Following a brief intermission and refreshments provided by the Women's Alliance, Rev. Ken shared some historical information about the organ and the Estey company. People from all over the Mt. Washington Valley attended and all left uplifted by the music and the sense of shared history.

Children's Sunday Awards

We celebrated Children's Sunday on June 8th, marking the end of Sunday School until the Fall. Students in the first grade or above who had not received their Bibles received one that day; pins were given to students attending Sunday School for their first year; and recognition certificates were awarded for attendance. Class Awards were presented by the Sunday School teachers and Christian Citizenship Awards were given. The Linnie Sargent Harden Award was presented to **Faith Stevens** this year. The Rebecca Walker Award (presented to the Primary Student with best attendance) was awarded to **Seth Ferguson**.



Fryeburg New Church Assembly

August 2nd – 17th, 2008



Summer is here which means Assembly will begin in just a few short weeks! Registration

is on a first-come, first-served basis with consideration given to the best use of available space, family size, physical needs, and length of stay, so please get your registration forms in right away if you haven't already done so.

For more information, please pick up a brochure and registration form from the information table at the church entrance, or visit the Assembly website at www.fryeburg.org. You may also contact Nancy Little at littlenancyf@yahoo.com or (413) 247-0046 with questions about registration or housing.

Volunteers Needed!!

SECOND REQUEST:

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn at the church. This only takes about twenty minutes to do from start to finish. The people powered mower is located outside the church and since it does not make any noise, it can be used at any time according to your schedule. The lawn needs mowing approximately once a week, so if a few people are available, it does not require a huge commitment. Having volunteers do the mowing helps save the church lots of money! Please call Nels at 935-3741 if you are interested in helping out.



Bible Tapes



We now have the Bible available on audio cassette tapes. Please see Rev. Ken if you are interested in borrowing these tapes.

Summer Online Courses

God With Us: A Swedenborgian Understanding of the Divine, with Rev. Lee Woofenden.

July 14 – September 1, 2008

Who is God? Why do people have so many different beliefs about God? And how can we develop our own personal relationship with God? These are just a few of the many deep questions we will explore as we approach the sacredness of our Creator. We will begin with a survey of many widespread beliefs about God, including non-belief. Then we will focus on the Swedenborgian Christian view of God as transcendent Creator, as God With Us in the person of Jesus Christ, and as the active, healing presence of the Holy Spirit in our world, in our communities, and in our own hearts, minds, and lives.

and

The Transformative Journey: From Breakdown to Breakthrough, with Rev. Hunter Roberts.

July 14 – September 1, 2008

God breaks through our circumstances, choices, and desires, beckoning us all to spiritual renewal. In examining your life's journey, you will discover how God has been walking with you, through the breaking and mending of your heart, to lead you to a life of regeneration and use. In this deeply personal class, you will experience a variety of techniques for personal reflection, along with readings from Scripture, ancient mythology, Swedenborg, Dole, and others.

Tuition: \$100. **Discount to first five students who register: \$50!** Scholarship assistance is available. This course is not for academic credit.

For more information and to register, go to www.shs.psr.edu

Summer Calendar 2008 (held at our Church unless indicated)		
July 2008		
2	Wed	Convention 2008 @ Bridgewater, Mass. 7/2-7/6
4	Fri	Independence Day 
6	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
8	Tue	Concerts in Bradley Park: Denny Breau Duo (country) 7:00 p.m.
13	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
15	Tue	Concert Supper @FNC Concerts in Bradley Park: Bridgton Community Band 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
22	Tue	Concerts in Bradley Park: Rick Buzzell & Fred Rogers (soft rock) 7:00 p.m.
27	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
29	Tue	Concerts in Bradley Park: Simon Crawford & Kevin Dolan (celtic) 7:00 p.m.
August 2008		
2	Sat	FNCA Begins 8/2-8/17
3	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
10	Sun	Communion Sunday Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
17	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
24	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
31	Sun	Adult Choir 8:15 a.m. Family Worship 9:00 a.m.
September 2008		
7	Sun	<i>Family Breakfast and Sunday School Registration</i> 9:00 a.m.

There will be no Dinner Bell North during the months of July and August.

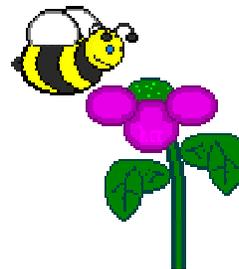
Summer Schedule – No Welcomers

Ushers for July/August

July 6 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 13 Stanley & Debbie Dolley
 20 James Harrington & Jean Cressy
 27 Herb Eastman & Dean Harnden
 Aug 3 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 10 Kevin & Bonnie James
 17 Judy Hatch & James Harrington
 24 Cliff & Marie Archer
 31 Herb Eastman & Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for July/August

July 6 Donnette Barnes
 13 Sally and Dean Harnden
 20 Jean Cressy
 27 Debbie and Stan Dolley
 Aug 3 Renie Chaplin
 10 Mary Dysinger
 17 Jean Cressy
 24 Debbie Urgese
 31 Susan Logan



July flowers courtesy of
Patty Swett

August flowers courtesy of
Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JUNE 1 –22, 2008

Date	Adults	Children
June 1	50	2
June 8	46	20
June 15	34	2
June 22	37	4