



June 2009

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Bulletin

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

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Dear Friends,

Here it is the month of June. It's been sunny and warm, the flowers blooming, trees leafing out nicely and yet today it is gray and rainy and dreary. On a different plane, here we are with the economy beginning to recover, everyone from school children to industry talking about how to live and do business and protect the environment in which we live, and hope for ending the war in Iraq beginning to grow and yet today we read about how North Korea threatens to fire on our ships and strike at South Korea for the smallest gesture. We see good things happening here and there and yet everyday there are headlines of the worst kind.

I have often heard people debating whether the world is getting better or the world is getting worse. I would propose that while many things are changing and advancing, the basic issues of human life are no different now than they were thousands of years ago. Each and every individual is faced with the ongoing decision of what to do with their own life. We get blessed and we get blasted. We receive gifts and we suffer losses. We celebrate success and we struggle with disappointments. But through it all, each one of us, whether we realize it or not, is making decision after decision that forms our inner spirit in goodness and heavenly life, or not.

For most of us, there is little we can do to change the larger world. But for all of us, there is much we can do to change the world right around us. And while the larger world has its effect upon us, it is our immediate world which effects our 'reality.' And at that level we have such a profound influence over the nature of our own life. Our attitude: is it positive or negative? Hopeful or despairing? Cheerful and uplifting or bitter and depressing? Everyone has their troubles and different people struggle in different ways with different things. And yet we all have the task of being responsible for what we contribute to the unfolding situation in which we find ourselves. There is little we can do to change others, there is much we can do to change ourselves. And much of what goes into changing ourselves is what we give to be of blessing to others. Yes, it's a bit paradoxical. But so much of this world is.

Perhaps the most paradoxical thing of all, is how much it can benefit our lives here, if in fact we are living to better our lives in the next world. Even as we focus on our own lives bearing in mind that we need not, and should not, feel we are alone. The friends for whom we care, care for us as well. And caring for others, even those who don't seem to care for us in return, leaves us in a better place inwardly, even if not necessarily outwardly. And in spite of all of the human beings living and choosing to do

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things that are contrary to everything that God and heaven would wish for us all, God is still present and at work in the world. And if we ask, in our lives as well.

It may rain. But the flowers still bloom.

# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2009 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.

Blessings,

*Rev. Ken*

### Currently Serving Trustees

Patricia Swett, <i>Chair</i>	603-939-2262
Cindy Priest, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
Deneane Frost	935-3344
Scott Ferguson	925-3207
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

## Worship Schedule

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

- 6/7 *Music Sunday*  
A Service in music featuring instrumental and vocal music from the past year's worship services
- 6/14 *Children's Sunday Service*  
Honoring our Sunday School Classes and teachers

## Summer Schedule begins on June 21st

**Sunday School to Resume in Fall**  
**Family Worship 9:00 AM**

Rev. Ken and Laurie are away attending Convention and on vacation until August

- 6/21 **New Church Sunday**  
Service led by Greg Huang-Dale
- 6/28 **Summer Service**  
Led by Sally Gibson

## Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, June 15, 2009 at NOON.** Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2009 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

## *In the Hospital*

**Trudy Mulherin, Herb Eastman, Jo Cressy, Warren Cressy, and Claudia Graves** were in the hospital this past month. We wish them a quick recovery and return to good health.

## *Confirmation*

The following were confirmed into the Lord's New Church on April 5, 2009.



**Clifford Archer, Marie Archer, Cathy Wood, Tom Barrett, Loretta Schulte, and Diane Choquette.**

Please extend everyone a warm welcome into our church family!

## *Thank You*

We would like to recognize and thank the following people who helped on Church Clean-Up Day on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Donnette Barnes, Scott Ferguson, Jenny, Greg and Soleil Huang-Dale, Jean Cressy, Stew Frost, Rev. Ken Turley, and Debbie Dolley and her Sunday School class!!** We would also like to thank **Jonathan Oliver** for his donation of tools to the church and to **Scott Ferguson** for donating a lawnmower. Last, but certainly not least, thank you so much to **Nels Liljedahl** for pulling this all together so we can maintain the beauty of our church!!



## *Online Courses from SHS*

**Making Sense of It All**  
**: Swedenborg's True Christianity**  
with Rev. Dr. Inese Radzins  
June 8 – July 26, 2009

What is Swedenborgian theology? If you have long wished you had a succinct answer to that question, or if you are exploring Swedenborg for the first time, this online class will give you a clear and systematic understanding of his thought, using his book *True Christianity* as a resource. The class will be divided into two sections. The first, called "Who is God?" will deal with the following topics: Creator, Redeemer, Holy Spirit and the Word. The second section, entitled "Who are we?" will discuss faith, charity, free will, reformation and regeneration. The goal of the course will be to provide you with a theological overview that can enhance your spiritual lives.

**Relationship as a Sacred Path**  
with Rev. Kim Hinrichs  
June 8 – July 26, 2009

This online course will explore the ways in which living in relationship with others—partners, children, parents, friends, colleagues and congregations—can be embraced as spiritual practice. Starting with Jesus' teachings on love, we will consider the monastic Rule of St. Benedict and selected writings of medieval mysticism before moving on to a few representative contemporary writers on psychology, spirituality, and family systems theory. Our journey will be grounded in Swedenborgian theology that considers the relational aspects of the divine-human creation. Personal reflection from the students will be welcomed and encouraged. The goal of this contemplative journey will be to integrate head and heart, and theology with lived experience. Offered in partnership with the Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership.

To find out more about these two courses, and to register, please go to [www.shs.psr.edu](http://www.shs.psr.edu)

*185<sup>th</sup> Session of  
the General Convention of  
the New Jerusalem  
June 24-28, 2009*

Convention 2009 is approaching fast and will be held in Seattle, Washington on the campus of The University of Washington on June 24-28, 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.swedenborg.org> or use the online registration form at <http://www.swedenborg.org/2009ConventionRegistration.pdf>

Paper recipients of the newsletter may use the enclosed registration form.

*Summer Concert Supper*

This year's summer concert supper held at the Fryeburg New Church will be on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Music performance by Mac McHale and His Radio Gang will be at 7:00 pm at Bradley Part. The entire concert schedule will appear in next month's newsletter.

*Mowers Needed!!*

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn at the church. This only takes about fifteen minutes to do from start to finish. 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 willing to help out.



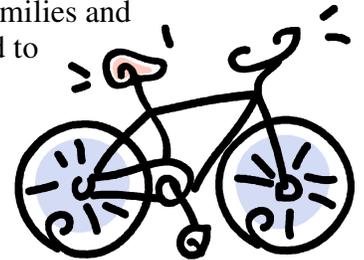
*Children's Sunday*



Please be sure to join us on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> for Children's Sunday as our children and their teachers are recognized for a year of spiritual growth, learning, and of course, fun!!

*Maine Bike Rally*

The Maine Bike Rally comes to Fryeburg again! The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is excited to return to Fryeburg again July 10-12 where Fryeburg Academy will be the host of this annual event. Local families and cyclists are encouraged to participate. They can join rides for free, but must still register on site. We are looking for local volunteers.



Here are just some of the ways you could be involved: help set up on Friday, post signs, help at registration tables, lead a local ride, be a camp ground monitor, be a greeter, be a night watchman.

For more information, go to the BCM website [www.BikeMaine.org](http://www.BikeMaine.org) or call Sally Gibson @ 935-3676.

Hope to see many of you at this exciting event.

*Happy Father's Day*

Wishing a blessed and happy Father's Day to all Dads!!





### Welcomers for June

June 7 Debbie Urgese  
 June 14 Debbie Dolley  
 June 21 OPEN  
 June 28 OPEN

### Ushers for May

June 7 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
 June 14 OPEN  
 June 21 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry  
 June 28 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

### Coffee Hour for May

June 7 Loretta & Diana Schulte  
 June 14 Debbie Urgese  
 June 21 Renie Chaplin  
 June 28 Brenda Bradley

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MAY 3 THRU MAY 24, 2009		
Date	Adults	Children
May 3	41	2
May 10	42	4
May 17	45	3
May 24	60	4

Calendar for June 2009 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
Tue	2	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:45 p.m.
Wed	3	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	7	<b>Music Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	10	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	14	<b>Children's Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Mon	15	<b>Women's Alliance (bring a bag lunch)</b>	12 noon
Wed	17	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fri	19	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
Sun	21	<b>Father's Day Summer Worship Schedule Begins</b> Adult Choir Family Worship <b>Convention Begins in Seattle, Washington</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Wed	24	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	28	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday Food Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.



*June flowers  
courtesy of  
Sally Gibson*