



June 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe it's already June! We made it through the snow, the spring, and now we are moving into the fullness of summer together! Hallelujah!

It is a spiritual reality that our experience of the world is largely dependent on our spiritual state. The adage "Time flies when you are having fun!" is based in a very real spiritual truth. The stream of providence seems to flow quickly in our more joyful moments, and can sometimes seem to drag along, or even get damned up when we are struggling, in doubt, in fear or in frustration. The stream has been flowing furiously, since I arrived in Fryeburg, so many new people to meet and enjoy, taking in the beauty of my new "home," the mountains, the singing, the whoopie pies! There is so much abundance I sometimes have to pinch myself!

And there is only more to come. The choir, myself, and certainly everyone who has had the honor of hearing him play, is overjoyed by the recent news that Jed Wilson, musician extraordinaire has accepted the position as our Church Organist! Since my arrival in January we have missed the sound of our beloved organ and it is such a joy to hear its vibrations filling the sanctuary again.

We are rounding out the church year with two more big celebratory Sundays, Music Sunday on June 6th where we will together most certainly "Raise a joyful noise to the Lord," and then Children's Sunday, June 13th where we can together celebrate and honor the

children of our church and their dedicated Sunday School teachers.

And the icing on the cake..... I hope so much that everyone, members, friends, family and neighbors will be able to join us for our ALL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC after Children's Sunday on June 13th at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly. It will be so nice to gather in a more informal way to play, laugh, eat, and enjoy the blessings of the friendships and care that exist within our church community.

And then we will move into our 9 am Summer Worship Schedule. We'll worship before the heat of the day descends upon us. We'll praise the Lord in prayer and word and song before heading out to enjoy the splendors of the natural world in summertime. We'll praise and pray and celebrate the abundance and fullness of the warm earth and the sun filled sky, knowing and trusting together that all is well, that the Lord is love, and that he smiles upon his church.

In love and summer blessings,

Rev. Sage

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Worship Schedule

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

June 6th ~ Music Sunday

June 13th ~ Children's Sunday

**Summer Schedule Begins -
9 AM worship**

June 20th ~ Father's Day & New Church Day!

*June 27th ~ Rev. Sage away at Convention,
surprise worship leader!*

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Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 1, 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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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women's Alliance Luncheon

Women's Alliance will hold their *Annual Luncheon* on **Monday, June 21, 2010 at NOON** at *Route 302 Restaurant* across from Key Bank. Menu choices are as follows:

Tuna Melt with French fries
Salad Plate
Open-faced Turkey with mashed potatoes.

The cost is \$6.25 per person. Please make your reservation by **June 17th** by calling the church office at 935-3413 or Patty Swett at 603-939-2262.

2010 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

Special Collection Rev. Ken Portrait

REMINDER!!! The Trustees recently commissioned local artist, Brad Fuller, to create a digital composite photographic portrait of Rev. Ken Turley to commemorate his ministry in Fryeburg. The portrait, while actually a photograph, will be virtually indistinguishable from a traditional oil portrait.

Since this is not a budgeted expense for 2010, we are asking for contributions from the Congregation to help defray the cost of this exciting project. Over the next few weeks, envelopes will be available in the pews and narthex for this special collection. Simply place your donation in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or give it to any of the Church Officers.

Thank you for your support!

Baptisms and Confirmations

We had a wonderful turnout for Baptism and Confirmation Sunday on Sunday, May 23rd!! The following received the *Sacrament of Baptism*:

Soleil Huang-Dale
Erin Richardson
Elise Richardson
Phoebe Crowe
Brendan Crowe
Caileigh Crowe
Owen Crowe



Also on that day, the following were *Confirmed* into the Lord's New Church:

Sally Gibson
Jim Gibson
Jennifer Richardson

Also Baptized on April 18, 2010 was **Kara Elizabeth Dutton**, daughter of Casey & Michele Dutton.

Please congratulate these individuals for their hard work and devotion.

Choir and Music



Welcome to our new organist and accompanist, Jed Wilson! Jed comes to us from Portland, Oregon where he was music director at a Lutheran church.

Jed and his family, wife Dina and daughter Mona, moved back to Lovell to be closer to Dina's family, the well-loved Masse family. Jed got his music degree from The New England Conservatory of Music and has traveled and played with Heather Masse as well as other young musicians for the past several years. Those who have heard him play in church the past two weeks are privy to his gifts and we in the choir are particularly delighted that he shares our enthusiasm and musical tastes. It has been a pleasure getting to know Jed and making music together. We look forward to many more inspiring musical worship experiences with Jed.

Please take the chance to greet and welcome Jed and Dina Wilson into our church family.

And while I'm at it, here's a call out of thanks and appreciation to the drumming group!!!

Thanks to Redwing for organizing the drumming group on Wednesday nights. And thanks to all those who have participated in the drumming group. I sat in last week and thoroughly enjoyed watching everyone work together to create a spirit of sound we don't often hear in churches. I love how our music program at church is growing and expanding to include the youth, the children and now drummers. We really seem to be blossoming into the spring despite a wintry start to the year. All are welcome to find a place in the music, whether it means just singing in the congregation or being part of one of our ensembles of musicians. Thanks everyone!

All Church Family Picnic! June 13th, 11 am



To celebrate the completion of our Sunday School year and the shift to our 9 am Summer Worship Schedule, we will be holding an All Church Family Picnic

after worship on Children's Sunday June 13th at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly! Please bring a lunch for you and your family and prepare to have fun. We'll enjoy the day with face painting, games for children and adults, music and fresh watermelon!

Bring your friends and family and enjoy time to connect with long time church friends and meet new ones!

Youth Group

There's so much to tell you about what the youth group has been doing and will be doing over the summer. Back in April we had a sleepover at the church with 13 teens from the Fryeburg and Portland areas as well as one flying in from Indiana. The teens performed several beautiful musical offerings during the worship service. To see some video recordings, visit the SCYL website at <http://youthleague.blogspot.com> and scroll down a bit.



We've concluded this year's theme, *Holy YouTube!* (how popular culture relates to Swedenborgian theology and how that's reflected in our own experiences). We've taken what we learned and applied it by making a movie/video at the Memorial Day retreat. Around twenty teens from Maine, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Michigan gathered at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly for a weekend of movie making, theology, and fun.

There's plenty to do this summer between camps and Convention. Our national church holds an annual convention each summer with activities for Swedenborgians of all ages and this year at least one teen from Fryeburg will be attending. There are three summer camps associated with our national church. Paulhaven (www.paulhaven.com) is a camp for teens in Alberta, Canada from July 18-24. Almont Summer School (www.ancarc.com) is a family camp in Michigan from July 24-August 1 and several teens and families from Maine will be attending. The Fryeburg New Church Assembly (www.fryeburg.org) will have its summer family camp session from July 31-August 15. As it's just down the road a piece, you really should stop by for a lecture, Sparks games (for anyone under 13), or fellowship. The teens, or Flames, have days chock

full of fun between lectures, outings, swimming, and more.



I'd like to thank Lee Dyer for all her hard work as youth group leader. We look forward to seeing all the teens, ages 12-18 in the fall for a fresh start with a new theme for the new year. If you'd like to submit an idea for next year's theme, please send me an email. Have a wonderful summer! Kurt Fekete (kfekete@hotmail.com, 802.345.0169)

Fryeburg New Church Assembly

July 31st – August 15th, 2010



Summer is almost 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 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 litlenancyf@yahoo.com or (413) 247-0046 with questions about registration or housing.

Calendar for June 2010 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
Sun	6/1	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wed	6/2	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Thu	6/3	Drumming with Redwing Rehearsal for Music Sunday	7:00 p.m.
Sun	6/6	Music Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	6/9	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Drumming with Redwing	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun	6/13	Children's Sunday Adult Choir Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	6/16	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Drumming with Redwing	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thu	6/17	Brownfield Food Pantry	1-5 p.m.
Fri	6/18	Rev. Sage at Maine Council	All day
Sun	6/20	Father's Day Summer Worship Begins Adult Choir Family Worship Convention Begins in Minneapolis, MN	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Mon	6/21	Women's Alliance Luncheon @ 302 Restaurant, Main Street	12 noon
Sun	6/27	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Family Worship Convention Ends	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Happy Father's Day



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

Welcomers for June

6/6 Debbie Urgese
6/13 Debbie Dolley
6/20 OPEN
6/27 OPEN

Ushers for June

6/6 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
6/13 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley
6/20 Lawrence Perry & Mary Dysinger
6/27 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

Coffee Hour for June

6/6 Debbie Urgese
6/13 PICNIC
6/20 Martha Richardson
6/27 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MAY 1 - 23, 2010		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
May 1	47	3
May 8	63	6
May 16	54	11
May 23	59	5

Please Help!!!

We are in need of copies of the *Book of
Worship*. If anyone has a copy at home
that you would be willing to donate to the
church we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you for sharing ☺



*June flowers
courtesy of
Sally Gibson*