



May 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,

This is the month when the inevitable renewal of life is confirmed! In April we celebrate Easter and the snow finally disappears. But it is in the month of May when the green buds start to show on the trees, the first flowers begin to show their colors, and of course the black flies emerge to confirm their place in life. After much contemplation on the subject, it is my considered opinion, which I fully intend to check out with God when the time comes, that, along with mosquitoes, their sole purpose in life is to remind us that we are not yet in heaven! And a fine job they do of it we have to admit. Still it is this time of year when I am most struck with the beauty of creation, and in some ways, most clearly see how all of nature is an affirmation of the Divine Presence in all of creation. No matter how hard the winter may have been, with the lengthening days and the return of the warmth and light of the sun, life asserts and renews itself.

We who look to the light and warmth of the Son, when we experience the wisdom and love God shining through the Living Word, when we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as it makes itself known in so many subtle yet pervasive ways, also find ourselves renewed and reasserting the life within us, no matter how harshly the long and cold and dark of spiritual

winter may have assailed us. It is in the times when nearing the end of our endurance, the love of God shines through the caring words and actions of friends, family, neighbors and, even at times, complete strangers that we are lifted up out of our inner darkness and brought back into the light of shared community.

It is in this month of May, standing at the edge of rippling water and feeling a wind that is gentle and warm, or waking up to the ever increasingly early sun to the joyous singing of birds in the still and yet comforting warmth of early morning, seeing the young and still small squirrels excitedly chasing each other around their newly discovered territory, a mother raccoon with a caravan of young ones behind, the return of the loons with their eerily celebratory cry, I look at nature and know that behind and within all of the biology, and geology and astronomy and astrology, there is a divine purpose which watches over and guides all things. Nature, as life itself, can at times be harsh and cruel inflicting pain and death with seemingly unfeeling precision. And yet there is always beauty, joy and even peace to be discovered and treasured in that very same moment. I carry many questions within my heart and mind, the answers for which I don't expect before death. But I also carry many certainties, which if they are only beliefs, are certain none-the-less. Among those are that God is loving and

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good, and that, even as awesomely beautiful as it is, this world is but a dim and pale impression of what awaits in heaven.

# Church Report

Blessings,

*Rev. Ken*

## Worship Schedule

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

### The Revelation of St. John

- 5/3 Communion Sunday**  
**The 1st and 2nd Visions**  
Revelation 1 and 4
- 5/10 Mother's Day Service**  
**The Woman Clothed With The Sun**  
Revelation 12
- 5/17 The Dragon and The Beast**  
Revelation 12 and 13
- 5/24 The Fall of Babylon**  
Revelation 14
- 5/31 A New Heaven and a New Earth**  
Revelation 21 and 22



## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 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.

### 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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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

## Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance will have their Annual Luncheon on **Monday, May 18, 2009 at NOON at 302 Restaurant on Main Street in Fryeburg.** Each lady is responsible for making their own reservation this year. **THERE WILL BE NO TELEPHONE CALLS MADE. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.** Please RSVP to the office 935-3413 or to Patty Swett 603-939-2262 by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Choices are: Tuna Salad Roll, Turkey Open Faced Sandwich, Cold Salad Plate (which includes Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, Fruit Salad, Cottage Cheese, and sherbert). Dessert is Bread Pudding. Your cost is \$5.75, Alliance pays the balance. Price includes tax, tip, and beverage.

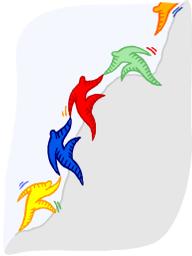
2009 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

## *In the Hospital*

**Tommy Hutchins** was in the hospital and is recovering at home. We wish him a quick recovery and return to good health.

## *Youth Group*



Our next and last youth group gathering for the church year is this coming Sunday, May 3. It will be an extended youth group picnic going from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Fryeburg New Church. Weather permitting, we will enjoy Frisbee and other outdoor games as well as a BBQ dinner. We will also close our “Journey to God” topic, discuss the upcoming Memorial Day retreat and Convention.

As in the past, I am happy to bring teens from Portland to Fryeburg. Please contact me by Saturday to let me know that you would like a ride. Portland teens can arrange to meet me at the N. Windham Hannaford at 1:00pm. Feel free to bring friends. See you there! ~Kurt

## *Memorial Day Retreat Staff Needed!*

It's time to start putting together staff for the SCYL Teen Memorial Weekend Retreat!! Retreat dates are Friday evening, May 22 thru Monday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is “The Bible: What's In It For Me”.

Please contact Kurt Fekete at (802) 345-0169 or [kfekete@hotmail.com](mailto:kfekete@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help out. Some staff positions needed are: dorm and kitchen supervisors, session leaders, and drivers.

## *Member Contact List*

**IMPORTANT!** There have been many people in the congregation asking for addresses for people that are ill or are having a birthday, etc. The Trustees will be making a contact list available upon request effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. This list will include name, address, and phone numbers of church members and friends. If for some reason you do not want your information published on this list, please contact the office at 935-3413 by May 22, 2009. If we do not hear from you by then, your information will be made available.

## *East of Eden*

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### Welcomers for May

May 3 Debbie Urgese  
 May 10 Debbie Dolley  
 May 17 Martha Richardson  
 May 24 Sally Harnden  
 May 31 Sally Gibson

### Ushers for May

May 3 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
 May 10 Lawrence Perry & Mary Dysinger  
 May 17 Loretta Schulte & Tom Barrett  
 May 24 Jean Cressy & Stanley Dolley  
 May 31 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

### Coffee Hour for May

May 3 Dede & Stu Frost  
 May 10 Stanley Dolley  
 May 17 Mary Dysinger  
 May 24 Donnette Barnes  
 May 31 OPEN

#### WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MARCH 29 THRU APRIL 19, 2009

Date	Adults	Children
March 29	50	0
April 5	54	1
April 12	69	4
April 19	37	0



*May flowers  
 courtesy of  
 Edie Leach*

### Calendar for May 2009

(held at our Church unless indicated)

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Sat	2	Benefit Supper for Warren Cressy	5 – 7 pm
Sun	3	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Tue	5	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:45 p.m.
Wed	6	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	10	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	13	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Fri	15	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
Sun	17	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Mon	18	<b>Women's Alliance Luncheon @ 302 Restaurant, Fryeburg</b>	12 noon
Wed	20	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Sun	24	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Mon	25	MEMORIAL DAY	
Wed	13	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	31	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.