



May 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

As many of you have likely heard me mention before, one of the real delights for me as I have moved into the rooms of 22 Elm St., has been the treasures that have awaited me in the attic. Dusting off the shelves of books, and sifting through the drawers of letters and notes bearing the names of Baman Stone, Anita Sturgess, Emily Farrington, Louis Dole, and so many more, has deepened my sense of the history and strength of this lovely church on Oxford Street and the saints that have filled its pews, lead its worship, and inspired and nurtured its work in the community.

I love that the attic seems to contain in equal measure, theological expositions, children's grammar books, scientific works, popular magazines, romance novels and recipes. The attic seems to hold a snapshot of the "whole" of the lives lived by the New Church ministers and their families, not just their theological musings, but the ways they played, laughed, questioned, and cooked dinner each night.

We are whole persons! And what we do together in church is such a wonderful and full and rich journey with the Lord. That has to do with Sunday and every day!

"A life of kindness is the primary meaning of divine worship." Emanuel Swedenborg

I look forward to continuing this life of worship with you...on Sunday mornings and on every morning. I hope you will get to join us for some very special services coming up, including our celebration of the Lord's Supper on May 16th, May 23rd when we welcome many into the Lord's church both through Baptism and Confirmation, and then coming up in the beginning of June as our church year rounds out with Music Sunday on June 6th and Children's Sunday on June 13th. The Spring is moving quickly into the fullness of Summer and may we enjoy it together to the fullest!

Rev. Sage

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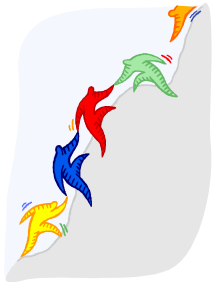
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Youth Group

The 2010 SCYL Memorial Day Weekend Teen Retreat

Theology Theater: Acting Out Our Faith



This is going to be a very different retreat!! Usually at retreat sessions teens sit, listen to the leader and then discuss the topic. Sometimes there is a craft or art project related to the theme. This is how retreats go. But not this time.

This time, *you will be the theme. You will be the story. You will be the creators.* Adult staff will be here to help guide you and facilitate your creation, but for the most part you will be the leaders. At this retreat you will be making a movie.

You will spend your session time exploring faith, spirituality and what being a Swedenborgian means. Together, in community with your friends, you will create a plot, write an original screenplay, develop storyboards, build a cast of characters, construct scenes, act and film.

Throughout the past year, some local youth groups have watched YouTube videos about God, religion and the afterlife. I searched YouTube for Swedenborgian videos on these subjects and found little to nothing. I need your help. Teens know far more than adults about videos, YouTube, what works, and what is interesting. I have witnessed time and time again your imaginative, inspiring and original creations. You are gifted and beautifully spiritual. **You are amazing!** Bring sheet music, instruments and your own unique talent. It is time to share your gifts with the world. Please pick up a brochure at the church entrance or see the attached PDF file for info and registration forms.

See you there!!! Kurt

A Matter of Balance

Have you, or do you know someone, who turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because they were concerned about falling? Have they cut down on a favorite activity because they might fall?

Many older adults experience fear of falling and restrict their activities. During these sessions, participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable and set realistic goals for increasing activity. We also find ways you can manage your surroundings to reduce fall risk factors and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. ***A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is an award winning program sponsored by Southern Maine Agency on Aging.*** The program acknowledges the risk of falling and emphasizes practical coping strategies to reduce this concern.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is being offered in Fryeburg for the first time. The sessions will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church hall, 857 Main Street, Fryeburg, on Tuesdays and Fridays, May 11th through June 4th, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Program cost is \$20. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served.

Please call Judy at 647-8440 or Meredith at 647-5765 to register or for more information. Please pick up a flyer from the info table at church.

Welcomers Needed!!!!
Please speak to Debbie Urgese if
you are willing to be a Sunday
morning welcomer ☺

Calendar for May 2010 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
2	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
4	Tue	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
5	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS African Drums w/ Redwing	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
9	Sun	Mother's Day Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
12	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Worship Committee African Drums w/ Redwing	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
15	Sat	Benefit Supper for Roger & Peggy Mills @ The Masonic Hall (Portland St)	5-7 p.m.
16	Sun	Communion Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
19	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS African Drums w/ Redwing	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Thu	Brownfield Food Pantry	1-5 p.m.
21	Fri	Rev. Sage at Maine Council	All day
23	Sun	Baptism/Confirmation Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
30	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Membership Class	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
28	Fri	Memorial Day Weekend Teen Retreat @ FNC Assembly	Fri-Mon



Welcomers for May

May 2 Debbie Urgese
 May 9 Martha Richardson
 May 16 Debbie Dolley
 May 23 Sally Gibson
 May 30 Debbie Urgese

Ushers for May

May 2 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 May 9 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley
 May 16 Jen & David Richardson
 May 23 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry
 May 30 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

Coffee Hour for May

May 2 Jodi Hesslein
 May 9 Chuck Priest
 May 16 Dawn Ferguson
 May 23 Sally and Dean Harnden
 May 30 Donnette Barnes

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE APRIL 4 - 25, 2010		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
April 4	97	5
April 11	60	2
April 18	59	8
April 25	56	4



*May flowers
courtesy of
Edie Leach*

Coming in June!!!

June 6 - Music Sunday
 June 13 - Children's Sunday
 June 20 - 9 AM Worship Summer Schedule Begins