



November 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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Dear Friends,

Is your cup half full? Or half empty?

This fall we've been journeying as a church with the topic of gratitude. Does being intentionally grateful, counting your blessings really make a difference in your life or in the life of the world? Can a heart of gratitude be intentionally cultivated? Does giving thanks to God and remembering and naming all that God has given us and done for us, change the way we experience the world?

I imagine most of us would agree that it is important to give thanks, and that it does make a difference, but that doesn't mean we always remember to. This is the reason that we are celebrating this *Season of Gratitude* as a community. Sometimes we need reminders!

Have you ever been in a group of people complaining about their spouse or their job or just people and life in general and you've found yourself pulled into this negative sphere? All of a sudden you are offering your own complaints right along with them? Human beings have an incredible ability to affect one another and our experience of the world.

The same thing can happen when we enter a positive sphere of gratitude and thanksgiving. As we are exposed to people who give thanks for what they have, and approach the world with a grateful heart we cannot help but be affected by that energy. And so in the same way as we welcome more gratitude and appreciation into our own hearts we will in turn make others in the world more happy and grateful!

Swedenborg taught that the church in the world starts with the individual. We each are a church, and so when we praise the Lord on an internal level we reflect that praise out. Don't ever think for a minute that your life and your faith do not have any importance in the world; because it does!

Every time you say thank you, every time you look upon a meal with gratitude, or a sunset, or a friend, or the work of the day, or the rest and peacefulness of the night you are praising God. Every time you remember with joy and appreciation something very small or something very big that God has done you, you are offering a blessing to the world around you.

Happy thanksgiving everyone! May we all be truly filled with gratitude for all that God has done.

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Many blessings,

*Rev. Sage*

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*Secretary ~ Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

## Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

### November 7<sup>th</sup> ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

Job 19:23-27a, Luke 20:27-38

"Heavenly Marriage"

### November 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Isaiah 65:17-25 Luke 21:5-19

"End Times, and New Beginnings"

### November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Luke 1:68-79, Luke 23:33-43

"A Savior Comes"

### November 28<sup>th</sup> ~ ADVENT BEGINS

Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

## Fish and Game Supper

Nov 1st,

2010



6:30

p.m.

Jean Cressy, Chair

## Thanksgiving Basket Sunday

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Basket Sunday! Please bring in your canned, boxed or other non-perishable items and let's get that basket filled to the rim!!! It's an easy way to help a family in need and you'll feel great doing it.



### Pot Luck Luncheons

Please join us for two annual potluck luncheons:

**FNC Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

after worship

**AND**

**Maine Association Annual Meeting**

**with Communion service**

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

at 11:30am

## Rev. Sage would like to invite you this fall to the parsonage for a **Gratitude Gathering Pot-Luck Supper**



There are still three evenings to choose from and a sign up sheet at the church.

Wed. Nov. 3rd, Thurs. Nov. 11th, or

Wed. Nov. 17th.

Each gathering will be from 6-8pm, and will include a reading on the subject of gratitude, time for sharing and reflection and most importantly, time for food and fellowship with church friends new and old. Invite along friends, family or people in the community you'd like to share your church with.



### **Reminder!!**

Turn clocks back before bed on Saturday, Nov. 6th

# Church Report

## Passages

We've lost a few friends recently. *Charlotte Lord, Clara Estes, and Anna Fox* have entered the spiritual world. We pray for the peace and comfort of the Lord to be with their families during this difficult time.

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 2, 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
Cindy Priest, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	603-236-2346
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

## Women's Alliance

The next Women's Alliance meeting will be on **Monday, November 15, 2010 at NOON**. Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2010 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

## In The Hospital

*Ludy Gallagher* was recently in the hospital. We are praying for her quick recovery and return to good health.

*Christmas*  
**Saturday,**  
**Nov. 20th**



*Cupboard*  
**9:00 a.m. till**  
**12:00 noon**

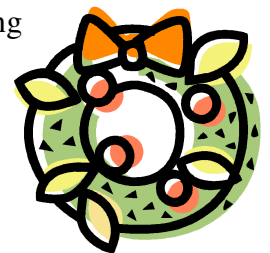
The Women's Alliance is once again gearing up for the annual **Christmas Cupboard!!** Donations of anything handmade, such as knitted or crocheted items, crafts, woodworking, etc. are appreciated and very much needed this year! Items for sale should be brought to the Church no later than set up day, Friday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m.

### Candy and Fudge Table and Bake Sale

As in previous years, homemade candies and fudge will be one of the attractions at The Christmas Cupboard along with baked items!! Food items may be brought in on Friday, November 19 or by 8:00 am on Saturday, November 20 to be marked.

### Christmas Wreaths

Please come join us in decorating our beautiful Christmas Wreaths on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> after worship! Bring a bag lunch with you as we will eat as we work.



### Christmas Cupboard Raffle

Items for this year's Christmas Cupboard raffle are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Decorated Christmas Wreath
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Stuffed Lamb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Picture

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.  
Drawing: November 20, 2010



## Welcomers for November

Nov 7 Scott Ferguson  
 Nov 14 Karen Ela  
 Nov 21 Debbie Urgese  
 Nov 28 Sally Harnden

## Ushers for November

Nov 7 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
 Nov 14 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley  
 Nov 21 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry  
 Nov 28 Dean Harnden & James Harrington


## Coffee Hour for November

Nov 7 FNC Annual Meeting  
 Nov 14 Dawn Ferguson  
 Nov 21 Sally Gibson  
 Nov 28 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 3 –24, 2010		
Date	Adults	Children
October 3	FAIR	
October 10	FAIR	
October 17	53	2
October 24	--	--



November flowers  
 courtesy of  
*Jean Cressy*

Calendar for November 2010 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Mon	<b>Fish &amp; Game Supper</b>	6:30 p.m.
2	Tue	<b>Trustees' Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
3	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS <b>Gratitude Gathering Potluck Supper with Rev. Sage at the parsonage</b>	5:00 p.m. 6-8 p.m.
7	Sun	<b>Communion Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>FNC Potluck Lunch &amp; Annual Meeting</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
10	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
11	Thu	<b>Gratitude Gathering Potluck Supper with Rev. Sage at the parsonage</b>	6-8 p.m.
13	Sat	<b>Maine Association Potluck Lunch &amp; Annual Meeting (with Communion service)</b>	11:30 a.m.
14	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Wreath Decorating</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church
15	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance</b>	12 noon
17	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS <b>Gratitude Gathering Potluck Supper with Rev. Sage at the parsonage</b>	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6-8 p.m.
19	Fri	Christmas Cupboard setup Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	9:00 a.m. all day
20	Sat	<b>Christmas Cupboard</b>	9 am-noon
21	Sun	Adult and <b>Children's Choir</b> Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
23	Tue	<b>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service @ FNC</b>	7:00 p.m.
24	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
25	Thu	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
28	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.