



November 2005

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,

With this year, I will have been your pastor for ten years. It doesn't seem to me like it has been that long, but with our kids being in elementary school when we arrived and now one in college and the other in High School, I guess it has. For these past ten years, it seems to me that everything has gone along pretty smoothly. We've had some problems and we have lost some loved and valued members. Yet there have been no major crises and we have gained some loved and valued members. While I have brought my own style of preaching and the music has occasionally pushed the envelope stylistically, the worship and Sunday School and the other church activities have remained fairly consistent with the church tradition.

We have experienced a number of changes with the administration and buildings. These have come in the form of people moving in and out of administrative positions in the office, on the Board of Trustees and various committees, and in the Women's Alliance. The church and parsonage have seen some important repairs along with the regular maintenance. And

again, our membership has been fairly stable with just over one hundred members on the books and attendance at church fluctuating around forty, sometimes less sometimes more. Of course for holidays and special services we often push and regularly top one hundred people in the sanctuary! All in all, in the last ten years, the church, and I as your pastor, have remained a constant and positive presence and active participant in community life here in the town of Fryeburg.

When I first came to Fryeburg, it was my express intention and goal to bring a sense of stability and well-being to the church and to approach the task in such a way that I could maintain a healthy presence over the long haul. In looking over the past ten years, I believe I have done this and this brings me a very positive sense of contentment.

But I believe in the concept of regeneration and for me, and for the church, it is time to call on God and ask for blessing and guidance as we engage the process of repentance, reformation and regeneration. We need to take an honest and objective look at where we are at, evaluate what is good, what could

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be better, and what should be changed. From this, we need to create a vision for ourselves, for the immediate future and for the long term. For the church and for each one of us as individuals worship of, and service to, the Lord must be at the center of that vision. Then comes the reformation: i.e. setting goals and tasks and setting about what it will take to accomplish the series of goals that lead to fulfillment of the larger purpose. Even here, as we go about the actions on earth, we are opening the door for the Lord to enter in and accomplish what really needs to happen. The regeneration stage, the sense of accomplishment and fulfillment that comes when 'becoming' is transformed into 'being' well, that is completely in the Lord's hands and will come about in good time.

To begin, the Trustees and I will be engaging in planning how best to begin and pursue this process. As always, the Trustee meetings are open to anyone who is interested in attending. It is my hope that ALL who care about this church and its future will get involved in the process as it evolves. There will be opportunities for input of all kinds: discussion, dreaming, evaluating and setting priorities. The vision, the future and the well-being of this church will rest in the hands of those who are willing to be involved and contribute their input to the process. It is my hope and expectation that the church will, by this spring, be moving forward with a renewed vision and a revitalized sense of purpose. What form that will take will be decided by all of us together in the light and love of God. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Let those who honor the Lord say, "God's love endures forever." From Psalm 118

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

## Worship Services

### November:

- 6<sup>th</sup>**                    **The Three Kings: Saul**  
*1 Samuel 8-31*
- 13<sup>th</sup>**                    **The Three Kings: David**  
*1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2*
- 20<sup>th</sup>**                    **The Three Kings: Solomon**  
*2 Samuel 11-12;*  
*1 Kings 1:28 – 11:43*
- 23<sup>rd</sup>**                    **Ecumenical Service**  
**Thanksgiving Eve**  
7:00 p.m., The Fryeburg  
New Church
- 27<sup>th</sup>**                    **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:**  
*Prophecies and Stars*

**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**  
**Family Worship 10:00 a.m.**

### COMPUTER CORNER

If you are looking to learn more about what our church is all about, check out

[www.swedenborg.org](http://www.swedenborg.org)

If you are interested in what the Sunday School Association is up to, or would like to explore some resources:

[www.swedenborgianresources.org](http://www.swedenborgianresources.org)

Rev. Ken and Laurie have a new website: [www.turleymusic.com](http://www.turleymusic.com) If you haven't had a chance to hear Laurie's new CD it's a chance to check it out.

made a very special and delicious meal of Alex's homemade potato skins using 10 pounds of Maine potatoes served with a

# Church Report

## *In the Hospital*

Doug Swett is in the Market Square Health Care Center recuperating from having a knee replacement. If you wish to send him get well wishes the address is:  
**Market Square Health Care Center  
3 Market Square  
South Paris, ME 04281**

## *Thank You*

The fair committee would like to thank everyone who participated this year in making our booth another successful endeavor. It takes everyone in whatever capacity to make the whole operation work. Any or all suggestions for improvement to next years fair are welcome. **Thank you all once again for your help. It is much appreciated.**

*-The Fair Committee*

Thank you to the following people for their donations to the Christmas Cupboard raffle:  
Hand Made Sweater: **Mary Dysinger**  
Egg-Shaped Music Box- **Edie Leach**  
Old World Santa- **Elsie Hill**  
Hand Made Scarf- **Claudia Graves**

## Youth Group

The youth group held our first joint Fryeburg/Portland Swedenborgian Church Youth Group gathering. On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> five teens and youth leader Lisa Rice headed over to the Fryeburg New Church to join with three teens from Fryeburg for dinner and discussion. We

side salad. The two youth groups voted to continue to meet together on an alternating church location monthly basis. "Discovering the Divine in Pop Culture" will remain our yearly youth topic. Jane Fullerton agreed to take the action of contacting the Fryeburg Congregational Church to discuss joint programming and activities with them. We also discussed fundraising efforts and decided to offer a 2006 calendar to both churches along with the possibility of candy bar sales, which Jane is investigating.

Our next gathering is a fun-filled movie overnight **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm – Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am** at the Portland Swedenborgian Church. All youth in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade or ages 12 –18 are welcome. Jane Fullerton has volunteered to drive youth to Portland for this event. Please contact Jane at 935-7788 or at [jfuller@pivot.net](mailto:jfuller@pivot.net) right away to secure your transportation. We will play Ultimate Frisbee (weather permitting) in the afternoon, then return to the Portland Church for pizza, games, a movie and discussion. The overnight will conclude after the Sunday worship service. Bring a sleeping bag and pad along with your personal supplies for an overnight. This is going to be a great event and I hope all of you can make it.

We will meet back in Fryeburg again on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** for our **Yankee Swap Youth Christmas Party**. Look for more on that to come in the December newsletter. See all of you soon!

**Kurt**

## Fall Choir Schedules

It's approaching Holiday season again!

Beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Youth Choir** will meet on Wednesday evenings at the church from 6:00-6:45 p.m

**Adult choir** will meet in conjunction with the ecumenical choir (combined choir with other churches in the area). This will also be on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**Ecumenical services** will be on Thanksgiving Eve and on Christmas Eve. The Ecumenical choir will sing at both of these services.

Anyone who would like to join choir for the holiday season is welcome to join us. The adult choir will be learning the ecumenical music, and will be presenting it at our Sunday services during the holiday season.

**New Church Jazz Ensemble** practices on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the parsonage. Anyone with basic ability on an instrument and interested in learning and playing Jazz and other music is welcome. Call Rev. Ken at 935-3413 or 935-4500 for more info.



### Christmas Cupboard

The Women's Alliance is once again gearing up for their annual Christmas Cupboard project. They would appreciate donations of anything handmade, such as knitted or crocheted items, craft items, woodworking or any additional items in this general category.

Also needed are fir boughs and partridge berries for wreath decorating and making berry bowls. All donations for both the Christmas Cupboard and Wreath Decorating should be delivered to the church by Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone in advance for their generosity.

### Women's Alliance

Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

<i>President.....</i>	<i>Jean Cressy</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Sally Harnden</i>
<i>Secretary.....</i>	<i>Claudia Grave</i>
<i>Treasurer:.....</i>	<i>Patty Swett</i>

Chaplain: ..... Betty Baker

We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church except July and August. Our next meeting date is **November 21<sup>st</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** All ladies are welcome!

## Calvin's Reindeer



It has come to my attention that the men-folk of this church would get involved more if they had something constructive to

do...a project that they could do together that would uplift them spiritually, but still give them something to keep their hands busy. I will acknowledge that even I don't really want a monthly meeting where we just sit around and chat, but it might be different if we could do a project and see it completed!

Well, I've been given an idea, and I would love to see the men of this church get on board. The birch bark reindeer that Calvin Harnden used to make for the Christmas Cupboards were always such a hot item, that he could barely get them off the truck before they were snatched up. Well, we all know that we've lost Calvin to the realm of the angels, and he won't be here to make his beloved reindeer this year.

I think it would be a tribute to Cal if we had a men's gathering to make some reindeer for the Christmas Cupboard, in honor of a wonderful, quiet man who devoted so much to the church. I would like to invite any and all the men to see if we can find an evening or two in early November to make some reindeer for the church Christmas Cupboard on the 19<sup>th</sup>. And who knows, it might even lead to an

ongoing renewal of the dormant men's group!

But don't wait for me to call you! Give me a call and let me know what times are good for you. We'll find an evening when we can construct some reindeer, for a good cause, and a good man!

**Rev. Ken**

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.** Please note that 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

<i>Co-Chair</i>	Rev. Reuben Bell	935-2434
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Stewart Frost	935-3344
<i>Secretary</i>	Debbie Dolley	935-2887
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jacqui Skinner Light	935-2822
<i>Women's Alliance Representative</i>	Cindy Priest	935-3360

*Other Trustees:*

Judy Hatch	935-2223
Nels Liljedahl	935-3343
Renie Chaplin	935-2128

## Dinner Bell North

Dinner Bell North is now back on its weekly schedule. It is being held on Wednesday evenings from 5-6 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

There is always a need for volunteers. If you would like to give some time to help your neighbor, please call Bebe Toor at the number listed below.

There will be no Dinner Bell North on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve.

If you would like more information,  
please contact the coordinator:

Bebe Toor at 935-2068

Please consider volunteering for this very  
needed and fulfilling program.

For more information, call **Nancy Greene,  
Volunteer Coordinator, 1-800-482-7412**

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

### **The Brownfield Food Pantry**

The Brownfield food pantry serves a large  
local area of the population. They are  
always in need of volunteers and welcome  
anyone who is interested in helping in any  
way. It is not necessary that one be there  
every week, as there are many volunteer  
openings. Any offer to help is appreciated.

The Brownfield food pantry is open every  
third Thursday of the month from 4-5 PM.  
However, volunteers are needed for the  
entire day.

If interested, please call (207) 935-2333 to  
obtain more information.

### **Become a Hospice Volunteer**

**The Hospice House** is actively seeking  
volunteers to help with the Hospice  
program. Along with volunteers who work  
with hospice patients, they are also looking  
for visiting volunteers and volunteers who  
could help with grocery shopping and run  
other errands.

If you have some time on your hands, this  
is a very satisfying way to give back to  
your community. Hospice volunteers often  
comment that they get much more than  
they give.

### **FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER**

Flowers for Sundays in November will be done by  
Edie Leach.

### **USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

6 Lawrence Perry  
13 Chuck Priest  
20 Bill and Gail Holt  
23 Bill and Gail Holt  
27 Claudia Graves

### **WELCOMERS FOR NOVEMBER**

6 Debbie Dolley  
13 Debbie Urgese  
20 Karen Ela  
27 Sally Harnden

### **COFFEE HOUR FOR NOVEMBER**

6 Martha Richardson  
13 Cindy Priest  
20 Renie Chaplin  
27 Lee Dyer

### **Fish and Game Supper**

The Fish and Game Supper will be held on  
Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. The  
committee consists of Cindy Priest and  
Jean Cressey. Helpers are: Batty Baker,  
Claudia Graves, and Sally Harnden

### **October. 2005 Sunday Service Attendance**

Oct. 2 No attendance taken  
Oct 9 16 adults 5 children

Oct 16            32 adults, 1 child  
 Oct 23            No attendance taken

		<u>drinks provided</u>	
16	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church <b>New Jazz Ensemble</b> At the Parsonage <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir with Ecumenical Choir</b> At the Church	5-6:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m. 6 -6:45 p.m 7:00 p.m.
17	Thu.	Rev. Ken at FHCC/Hicks Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions – Rte. 5	4 – 5 p.m.
18	Fri	<b>Christmas Cupboard Setup</b>	9:00 a.m. ongoing
19	Sat.	<b>Christmas Cupboard Youth Group Sleepover</b>	9:00.-noon 3:00 p.m.
20	Sun.	Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
21	Nov	<b>Women's Alliance</b> Jean Cressey on committee	6:30 p.m.
23	Wed.	<b>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service</b> At the Fryeburg New Church	7:00 p.m.
24	Thu.	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
27	Sun.	Sunday School <i>Birthday Bank</i> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	9:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m.

<b>CALENDAR - November 2005</b>			
(held at our Church unless indicated)			
2	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church New Jazz Ensemble At the Parsonage <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir with Ecumenical Choir</b> <i>At the Church</i>	5-6:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m.  6 -6:45 p.m  7:30 p.m.
6	Sun.	Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
7	Mon	<b>Fish and Game Supper</b>	6:30 p.m
8	Tues	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
9	Wed	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church <b>New Jazz Ensemble</b> At the Parsonage <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir with Ecumenical Choir</b> <i>At the Church</i>	5-6:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m.  6 -6:45 p.m  7:00 p.m.
10	Thur	<b>Rev. Ken attending Christian Music Workshop in Seattle</b> Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	
11	Fri.	<b>Veteran's Day</b>	
13	Sun.	Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b><u>FOOD BASKET SUNDAY</u></b> <b>Wreath decorating</b> <b>Bring a bag lunch. Hot</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  aft. Church

