



September 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

This has been one of the most beautiful Maine summers on record. Sunshine filled days and warm (not too buggy) nights. For my first summer in Fryeburg it has been a beauty, and I have on more than one occasion made the remark that people pay big money to summer in this place that I now with gratitude call home.

In between church duties I have had the opportunity to jump often in the Saco, to enjoy the winding roads of this Washington Valley with the windows down, and to breathe in the scents of summer, some pleasant, fresh flowers, new tomatoes and corn, cut grass and then some not so pleasant like that pungent smell of freshly laid manure. But good or bad it has all been rich.

We (meaning me) often have such high expectations of summer (such a fleeting but precious time for us Mainers) that I can't help but come down often disappointed. I wanted more vacation time, more time to rest and prepare for the Fall, more time with family, more time at the beach, more, more, more. But summer dreams meet up against time and space reality, and only so much happens. And as is always the way, life happens, whether our hopes or our plans may have been different.

I know for many members of our church this summer has not been filled with sunbathing and barbeques, but with illness, with family obligations, with tough choices, and with a myriad of spiritual struggles that don't take a back seat to trips to the beach. While we (meaning me too) might like to believe that we can take a summer vacation from "life," like we took vacations from school when we were children, "life" doesn't stop.

Some of us may have been so caught up in life's work that we didn't notice the sunshine, or get much pleasure from it. We may have had small tastes of summer's joys but not "enough." We may feel resentful, or upset, or look back longingly to the end of June when summer seemed so full of promise, and think "what happened, where did it all go?"

And so in this vein, I would like to make a proposal. And my proposal is this. As we all prepare for Fall, for the return to school, to the regular church year, to the routines of our "regular" lives, what if, just as we were not able to hold "life" out of our summer, what if we are intentional about including that summer time spirit in our "regular lives."

In a spiritual sense summer signifies a state of "fullness" of the church, (Emanuel Swedenborg, Divine Love and Wisdom #73), that time in the cycle of life where everything is complete, when all

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is well, when the harvest is ripe and there is nothing left to be done.

Could we each in our own way carry this sense of completion, of all being well, into the seasons ahead? That as we learn new things, work together, build, create, and explore as a church in the coming months, that from time to time, we may in a spiritual way remember the ease of a warm summer breeze, and the assurance that wherever we are, that however "life" is treating us, that all is well.

Who knows maybe we could even remind each other by throwing around a beach ball from pew to pew in mid-January?

My colleague the Rev. Freeman Schrock of the LaPorte, Indiana New Church has a saying: God is, and all is well.

May we remember these wise words in this coming year together.

Many blessings,

Rev. Sage

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Fish and Game Supper

Sept 13, 6:30
2010  p.m.

Cindy Priest, Chair

Worship Schedule

Family Worship 9:00 AM

- 09/5 Last Sunday of Summer Schedule**
"Life as a gift and a choice"
Psalm 139, Deuteronomy 30:15-20,
Luke 14:25-33

Winter Schedule Begins

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

- 09/12 SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST 9AM**
"Repentance: Redeeming what is lost"
Psalm 51:1-10, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28,
Luke 15:1-10

- 09/19 "Are we shrewdly managing our lives?"**
Psalm 113, Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Luke 16:1-13

- 09/26 "Earth as the seminary of heaven"**
Psalm 146, Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Luke 16:19-31

Fryeburg New Church
Family Breakfast &
Sunday School Registration



The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome back all last year's students and look forward to all new students 3 years old through high-school age. *Classes will start on Sunday, September 19th.*

We look forward to working with you and your children to build a solid Biblical knowledge and spiritual foundation for life here and hereafter.

Family Breakfast:	9:00 a.m.
Teachers' Introduction:	9:30 a.m.
Family Worship	10:00 a.m.

Church Report

Passages

Annie Trask, mother of Gail Holt, entered the spiritual world on August 23, 2010.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 7, 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	935-3741
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

In the Hospital

Claudia Graves was taken to Memorial Hospital last week. Get well cards may be sent to Claudia at: Norway Rehab & Living Center, Marion Avenue, Norway ME 04268. **Nels Liljedahl** also had a short stay in the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers for a quick recovery and return to good health.

Happy 101st Birthday!!

Mid Heath will celebrate her **101st birthday** on September 15, 2010!! Please send your congratulations and well-wishes to her at:



Mineral Springs Health Care & Rehab
Champney Wing Room 312H
1251 White Mountain Hwy.
North Conway NH 03860

Women's Alliance

The next Women's Alliance meeting will be on **Monday, September 20, 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:

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

Community Giving Tree



The Community Giving Tree is getting geared up for all the wonderful work they do around the holidays for our local families in need. There's so much that needs to get done to make this the amazing success it has been in past years. Please consider attending the next Giving Tree meeting which will be held at the Assembly of God Church on Drift Street (behind Mobil On the Run) on *Monday, September 27* at 7:00 pm. It's a lot of fun and you'll really feel good about doing it!!!

Looking for Volunteers

Fryeburg Fair



Fryeburg Fair will soon be here! The annual Fair letters are going out this week and the sign up sheet is included in this Newsletter.

Many shifts need to be filled at the booth. Maybe a group could get together for night shifts?

Also, please sign up and join us for pie making at the Church's kitchen, September 21st and 22nd beginning at 9 a.m., and booth cleaning and set up on September 26th after Church.

As usual, a sign-up board will be available on the library table at the church. Please call Cindy Priest at 935-3360 or Sue LaPointe at (603) 534-7404.

Children's Choir



This fall, on every Third Sunday of the Month at 8:30 am (September 19th, October 17th, November 21st & December 19th), all children are invited to participate in a Children's

Choir led by Greg Huang-Dale.

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!!!

Call out for Books of Worship

We have made good progress in gathering in Books of Worship so that they are available in every pew. Thank you to those who have donated your personal copies to the church! We are only in need of 7 more and the pews will be filled. So if you still have a copy on your shelf you would be willing to donate, please bring it to the church! Thanks!

Do you have a little space in your schedule that you might want to put to use in service to the church? We are looking for volunteers who might feel called to the following ~

Updating the Wayside Pulpit ~

We are looking for an individual who might like to oversee the regular (approximately monthly) updating of the sign in front of our church. In collaboration with Rev. Sage this individual would help keep the community apprised of our changing activities and



worship themes!

Ministry of Children's Quiet Activity Bags ~

This is a new undertaking with the hope of supporting our church's families with young ones not quite ready to sit through worship, but also not up for leaving their parents to go to Childcare downstairs. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help compile and keep organized activity bags that would include Bible Coloring pages, Word Searches, Crayons, Puzzles, etc. Our ushers would then make these activity bags available. This will be a great ministry to make our church more family friendly!



Teen/Adult Craft/Art Project Leader

~ Regular Teen Sunday School attendance has dropped off in recent years as more of our teens participate in monthly gatherings and regional retreats, but not as often in Sunday Morning worship. This year we will not have a regular teen Sunday School Class but would like to make the hour before worship available as a space for teens and adults alike to use the upstairs classroom for creative projects. Much of our worship is done with sound and words, so how about bringing in some visual arts to express our faith and spiritual life! We are looking for any individuals with an interest in the arts who might like to lead or direct some art projects with the community.

Fryeburg Fair Sign-Up Sheet

This year, as in the past, we need help in many areas....pie making....veggie peeling and cutting at the Church mornings during the fair...cooking at the Church during the fair...Morning pick ups and delivery of goods to the fair booth....and of course, working in the BOOTH!! (A pass will be provided, if needed, to work at the fair booth).

There are four shifts per day at the fair booth:

- Shift #1 -- 6:30 am to 11:00 am
- #2 -- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- #3 -- 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- #4 -- 6:30 pm till Close (9 or 10 pm)

Please sign up for any and all you are able to!!

Name and phone # _____

- I can make pies at the Church 9:00 am (lots of jobs...peeling..mixing..rolling!!)
Tues. Sept 21st _____
Wed. Sept 22nd _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 26th @ 1:00 pm.
- I can help peel and cut veggies at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can help cook (stews, beans, chili, and/or pies) at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can do morning pick ups and deliveries during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can work at the booth during the fair:
What day(s)? and Shift(s) ****Pass Needed ? _____
- Sat. Oct 2nd _____
- Sun. Oct 3rd _____
- Mon. Oct 4th _____
- Tues. Oct 5th _____
- Wed. Oct 6th _____
- Thurs. Oct 7th _____
- Fri. Oct 8th _____
- Sat. Oct 9th _____
- Sun. Oct 10th _____
- I will be able to help with a monetary donation \$ _____

Please return this promptly to: FNC Fair Committee, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg ME 04037
*** THANK YOU ***

If you are between the ages of 12 – 18 we welcome you to come
join the

Fryeburg New Church

Youth Group

What do we do?

We hold monthly gatherings and sleepovers. We cook or order our own dinner, have lively and interesting discussions, play games, plus plan outings and weekend retreats. We have FUN!

Our group also goes on outings, travels to retreats around the country, holds fundraising activities, and does projects to help the church and our community. Teens from the Portland New Church sometimes join us too. You'll meet some great friends and open your life up to a whole world of new possibilities. Come check us out and discover what you have been missing.

When do we meet?

Our regular monthly dinner gatherings are usually scheduled on Sundays. Our first dinner gathering is *Sunday, September 12th, 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.* We'll order pizza, discuss our upcoming activities and decide our new youth group annual topic.

Where do we meet?

**We meet at the Fryeburg Church of the New Jerusalem,
12 Oxford St., Fryeburg, Maine.**

For more information or to confirm your attendance please call Kurt Fekete at 802-345-0169 or email kfekete@hotmail.com.

Calendar for September 2010 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Wed	SAD 72 Back to School!!!	8:00 a.m.
5	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
6	Mon	Labor Day	
7	Tue	Board of Trustees	6:45 p.m.
12	Sun	Sunday School Reg. & Family Breakfast Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
13	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
15	Wed	Rev. Sage @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
17	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
19	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Begins Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
20	Mon	Women's Alliance	12 noon
21	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
22	Wed	Pie Making Dinner Bell North @SEAS	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
26	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Clean-up	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church
27	Mon	Community Giving Tree meeting at Assembly of God on Drift Street	7:00 p.m.
29	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.

Welcomers for September

Sept 5 OPEN
 Sept 12 Debbie Dolley
 Sept 19 Martha Richardson
 Sept 26 Sally Harnden

Ushers for September

Sept 5 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Sept 12 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley
 Sept 19 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry
 Sept 26 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 5 Carol Andrews
 Sept 12 FAMILY BREAKFAST
 Sept 19 Jean Cressy
 Sept 26 Donnette Barnes



September flowers
 courtesy of
Renie Chaplin

