

JUNE 2023

FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH

12 Oxford St. Fryeburg, Maine 04037



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Greetings dear Readers!

by Rev. Alison Lane-Olsen

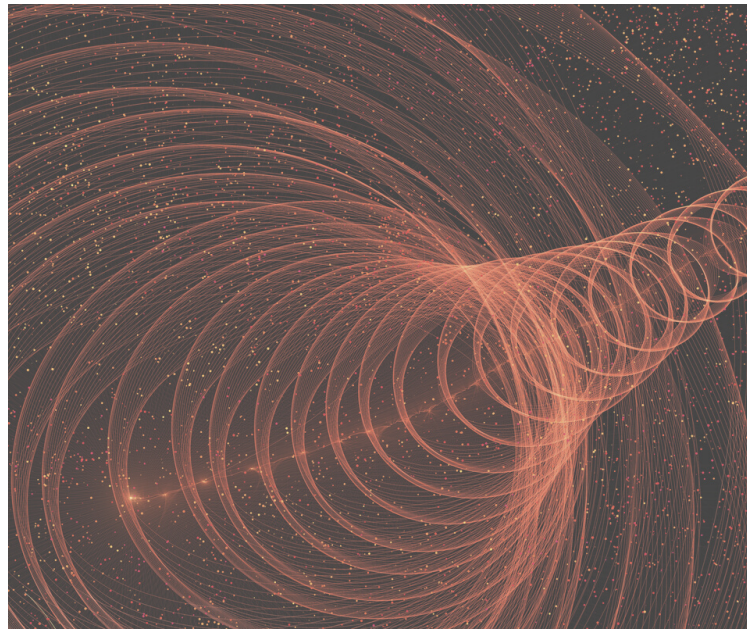
Well, dear ones, I can't believe it. My last newsletter article as minister of the Fryeburg New Church! I hope all of you reading this will know what a privilege it has been for me to serve here the last ten years. Looking back, I am filled with certainty that Divine Providence guided us here, helping us make the connections that would bring us the most joy and the greater unfolding of our lives. I am so thankful to each one of you, and will cherish the memories. You have been my community and my friends.

Even though I know this month marks my last month at FNC (and obviously I have known for many months), I can't quite wrap my mind around how July will feel. Walking through the church doors and heading back to

my office has been my routine for so long! And having been in the role of delivering sermons for 15 years (adding in my Kansas years), you have no idea how easy it is to lapse into sermon mode! I can hear a single thought that I like, and my mind will automatically envision sharing it with you in our sanctuary space.

After our recent move, I finally found some of my necklaces and I realized the chains had become tangled. I imagine these next few months will feel a little like trying to untangle necklace chains that appear to be as one. It takes time to separate the chains, and it will take time to separate my mind and heart from our dear community. (Even as I write this, I have an image of a joyful Greg and Ellen planning music, coming into my mind!). You are all very much a part of my heart and consciousness!

My necklace chains will become singular again, and I will find my way forward and the church will find its way forward too as it has over and over again after the departure of each minister...and yet, I have a physics concept popping into my mind: quantum entanglement! My understanding may not pass scientific muster, but from what I read, when two particles act on one another,



they can become an “entangled” system. And wildly, they continue to have an effect upon one another, and have a kind of relationship, even if light years away! Einstein called this “spooky action at a distance.” In other words, having known each other, we will forever be changed and connected by the relationship.

As this is my last month of worship services, I would like to offer Communion on my last Sunday (June 25th). If you are able to be present, either in person or on zoom, I would love to “break bread” with you, and have this special last meal between friends.

With love and blessings for your lives,
Rev. Alison and Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

For continued healing and ongoing medical issues, Stanley and Debbie Dolley, Terrie Carlson, Jim and Jane Dutton, Bob and Beth Carey, Renie Chaplin, Dede Frost, Dean Harnden, Patty and Dale Heath, Roberta Huntress, Claire Kiesman, Edie Leach, Kathy Libby, Martha and David Richardson, Dana Richardson, Doug and Patty Swett, Elwyn Wheaton, and Steve Taylor's family. Prayers for all of those affected by Covid, gun violence, tornadoes and food shortages. Prayers for the families of those who have passed on. Prayers for peace in the world and happy congratulations to all graduates!



CHURCH OFFICE

12 Oxford Street
Fryeburg, Maine 04037
207-935-3413

Secretary hours:

Wednesday 9 - 1

Thursday 9 - 1

Friday 9 - 1

Pastor:

Wednesday 9 - 12

Friday 9 - 12

Saturday 9 - 12

please make an appointment
subject to change without notice

Contact People

Chair of Trustees: Lee Dyer

Trustee: Greg Huang-Dale

Treasurer: Jim Dutton

Trustee: Susan Logan

Trustee: Brian Baker

Trustee: Terrie Carlson-Rideout

Music Director: Greg Huang-Dale

Office Secretary: Dawn Crowe

Childcare coordinator: Dede Frost

Pastor: Rev. Alison Lane-Olsen

For contact information visit
www.fryeburgnewchurch.org



CALENDAR

- **Sunday School** ~ Sundays in person @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Family Worship** ~ Sundays HYBRID @ 10:00 a.m.
- **There will NOT be a Service at FNC during Convention, please go to www.swedenborg.org to check out the online offerings for that weekend ~ July 1 - 5**
- **Coffee Hour** ~ Volunteers needed, thanks!
- **Trustees meeting** ~ June 13 hybrid @ 6:30 pm
- **Tai Chi** ~ Saturdays @ 8:30 - 10:00 am (contact Greg Huang-Dale)
- **Children's Sunday** ~ June 4
- **Music Sunday** ~ June 11
- **Vote to move forward with accepting Rev. Catherine as pastor of the FNC** ~ June 11 immediately following worship.
- **Dinner Bell at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg** ~ Wednesdays of the school year (except for vacation days) 5pm - 6pm drive through pick-up.
- **Game Night at FNC** ~ every 2nd & 4th Weds. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Virtual Registration for Convention open until June 14**
- **Music Recital at FNC** ~ Ellen Schwindt's young students are performing at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 5. Musicians are ages 4-11 and there will be some sing-a-long songs.
- **Rev. Alison farewell party** ~ June 25th potluck coffee hour/luncheon following the worship service.
- **Annual Convention** ~ July 1-4
- **Art Camp @ FNC** ~ July 17 - 21
- **FNCA Summer session** ~ July 26 through August 13
- **Art in the Park** ~ August 26 in Bradley Park, Fryeburg
- **Dole 3-Miler** ~ 8:00 a.m. August 12 @ the Rail Trail, Fryeburg
- **Fryeburg Fair** ~ October 1 through October 8

Please contact the office if you have an addition for the newsletter.

“You cannot know anything spiritually by saying it is a not-that: you can only know it by meeting it in its precise and irreplaceable thisness and honoring it there.”

~ Richard Rohr, Just This ~



FNC NEWS

Written by Claire Kiesman and Martha Richardson

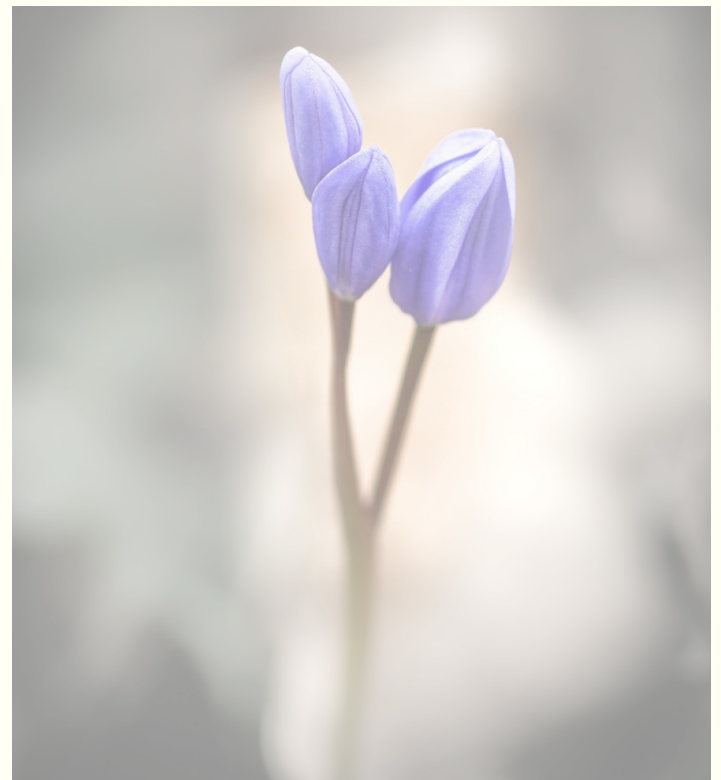
Happy, Happy June! We have had some beautiful warm days, however, it sounds like some rain is coming and more cooler days. Crazy weather and this is Maine! The weather always gets rainy and cooler when the haying season arrives. UGH!! * Judy Hatch arrived back home in May from a month of visiting grandchildren, Faith and Shane and their families in North Carolina. She was able to spend Easter with them. Staying at Faith's, she had plenty of time to interact with Julian and Aubrey. Julian was glad to show her around his school and schoolroom. She said the hallways have got a lot longer than when she was in school, or she's getting a lot slower. He does attend a very large school. Julian just celebrated his 7th birthday, and his grandmother Vicky Hatch-Stevens is down there for that. Judy also spent a few times at Shanes taking care of her great-grandson Nicholas. She sure is a busy Nana. We're glad you're back home. * On May 21st, we were fortunate to have our candidate visit church and do the message. We had a nice coffee hour after, so people could meet with Catherine. She appears a very welcoming and caring person and she delivered a wonderful message. * We've recently heard from Roberta Huntress, who says she likes her new home at the Jed Prouty Assisted Living and is happy there. She says Fryeburg will always be her home and she misses her friends here. She has found a church down the street from the home and attends regularly. For those who know her she would love a note. Her new address is PO Box 1932, Bucksport, ME 04252. *

My daughters, Lisa and Kara were in Hudson, FL for Lisa's daughter Brinna's baby shower a couple of weeks ago. It was a very nice shower. She is having a boy the end of June so hang in for more information later. * The annual FNCA work weekend was held over Memorial. It is always nice to see them there cleaning up and making repairs and seeing some of them in church. A lot of work gets done and it is nice to have local people stop by to help. They always feed you if you're there working at mealtime and the food is always very tasty. My grandson Alex and Emily's husband Chris are the cooks, and they do a great job. * Thanks to all our Veterans!

Please if you have any news, let us know.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Claire 935-2200, and Martha 935-1217





MUSIC AND ART CAMP AT FNC

Music and Arts Camp is coming to FNC this summer! The week of July 17-21, 9am to 3pm. FNC will play host to a camp for ages 8-11, with tag-along younger siblings welcome. We'll sing together, make and play musical instruments, eat some sweet-potato biscuits—and sing about them. We might learn some Chinese and make some beautiful art. We'll play some outdoor games in Bradley Park. For details, please see the attached flyer. Limited to 20 students. To register, contact Ellen Schwindt: ellen.m.schwindt@gmail.com or 603-307-0825

THE COLLECTION PLATE

Ways to give to the church:

- Checks can be mailed: 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg, ME 04037
- Pay Pal: <https://fryeburgnewchurch.org/giving/>
- Drop off at the church office or in the mail slot

Thank you, donations are greatly appreciated.

ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION

We are offering Hybrid Worship services at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Join Zoom Meeting (live link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357860199>

Dial by your phone

1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 853 5786 0199

There is no password.



Welcome to GATHERING LEAVES 2023

We are gathering again! Please join us August 24–27, 2023, at The Lord’s New Church in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, USA, for Gathering Leaves, the eighth international retreat for Swedenborgian and New Church women.

Gathering Leaves was started in 2004 to bring women of all the branches of our Swedenborgian tradition together to learn from one another, make new friends, and heal misunderstandings or divisions that we might have. It was founded on Revelation 22:2 “The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” We measure its success by all the friends made and cherished over nearly twenty years, bringing the branches of the Swedenborgian community closer together. There will be enriching workshops to choose from, uplifting worship, and overall joy and fun in getting together. Limited financial assistance is available for travel and registration, please contact Jane Siebert, Steering Committee Chair at janesiebert@gmail.com.

Join us in “Delighting in Our Spiritual Variety.” Registration is now open—visit our website (www.gatheringleaves.net) and visit our Facebook page for a downloadable flyer to share in your local community!

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

If you know of others who might want to receive news of the Gathering Leaves event, please send their email addresses to revscurrie@gmail.com.

FROM THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

UPDATES TO THE PARSONAGE

Many thanks to the Lane-Olsen family for the updates, care and love they gave to the parsonage over the last ten years. They leave behind a stone patio, a paneled garage, sheetrock walls and a beautiful country kitchen. You can view these well-crafted improvements when we prepare the Parsonage for our next minister.



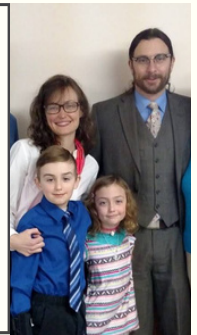
REV. CATHERINE LAUBER

We enjoyed the candidate for the minister position, Rev. Catherine Lauber's visit May 19-21, and look forward to Catherine being part of our Fryeburg community.

The Board will hold a quick meeting to vote on hiring Catherine as our new minister immediately after the service on June 11.

THE LANE-OLSEN FARWELL OPENHOUSE

Saying goodbye is always difficult. And while the Lane-Olsen family will be right around the corner and part of Fryeburg and the Mount Washington Valley community, we will miss Rev. Alison's guidance and gentle presence as our spiritual leader at the Fryeburg New Church. We will host a Farewell potluck luncheon open house from 11-1 June 25 at the church to extend our gratitude and best wishes.



WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

OK...maybe not a new member but a worthy addition to our church. This is Miele, a donation from Merrilee Phinney from the Fryeburg New Church Assembly and Bridgewater, MA church. Also, Dawn's mom. We thank you for this generous gift. Dawn loves it.





2023 Convention

July 1-4 | Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Virtual Registration Open until June 14, 2023

www.swedenborg.org

*“Every life-form, no matter how small,
contains the outside universe within
it's internal universe.”*

~ Hayao Miyazaki, Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind ~