

MARCH 2024

FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH

12 Oxford St. Fryeburg, Maine 04037



Greetings dear Readers!

by Rev. Catherine

“All the happiness and delight of life is from uses (AC997)”. *Heaven and Hell §361 footnote.*

Over the past few weeks you may have noticed things shifting around a bit at the church. Rooms have been cleared out, items have been moved around, and donation bags have been collected and taken away. Maybe you've been asked for input in sorting through closets and cleaning out spaces. And you might be wondering, what's Rev. Catherine up to? Some early Spring cleaning? Well, a little bit yes. But more importantly I'm working on putting things to Use.

Swedenborg has a concept that runs through his writings related to usefulness, or Uses, as he calls them, which is the spirit in which all this clearing and organizing is being

undertaken. The concept of Uses is more than charity or good works. According to Wilson Van Dusen, "Swedenborg's "use" means essentially spiritual function" (Usefulness, p. 2). That everyone, everything and all of creation has a design, a function and a purpose, and this is its spiritual use.

To learn more about Uses, download a free copy of Van Dusen's book here:

https://swedenborg.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/OD_Usefulness.pdf

Spring is a great time to clear out anything that may have outlived its useful purpose within this setting. Rather than having things sitting around and not being used to their full extent, let's give them some life back by donating or yard sale-ing items that will flourish in new settings. Allowing others to love and appreciate these items in their full function is one way of sharing the happiness and delight of heaven, which is Uses.

~ Rev. Catherine

New Website is LIVE!

Announcing!

Fryeburg New Church has a shiny new website. Many thanks go to our Webmaster, Susan Logan, for all of her efforts to make this new website a reality so quickly. We are also grateful for the efforts of Rev. Catherine, Trevor Woofenden, Jack Hoesch and Rudy Caseres - Digital Communications Manager for the SCNA.

Check out the new website here:

www.fryeburgnewchurch.org.

CHURCH OFFICE

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Secretary hours:

Wednesday 9 - 1

Thursday 9 - 1

Friday 9 - 1

subject to change without notice

Pastor:

Wed. & Thursday 9:30 - 1:00

Friday, Sat. & Sun. By appointment

fryeburgnewchurchpastor@gmail.com

Contact People

Chair of Trustees: Lee Dyer

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Trustee: Terrie Carlson-Rideout

Trustee: Ellen Schwindt

Music Director: Greg Huang-Dale

Office Secretary: Dawn Crowe

Childcare coordinator: Dede Frost

Pastor: Rev. Catherine Lauber

To reach any of the members above, please call or email our office, and your message will be forwarded.



CALENDAR

- **Family Worship** ~ Sundays HYBRID @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Hour** ~ Volunteers needed, thanks!
- **Seven Days of Creation study** with Rev. Catherine is ongoing 11:30am after worship on Sundays. *(See page 7 for details)*
- **Prayer Shawl group** ~ First Sunday of the month
- **Fryeburg Fair committee mtg.** ~ March 10 at 12:30 pm
- **Trustees meeting** ~ March 12 hybrid @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Tai Chi** ~ Saturdays @ 8:30 - 10:00 am (contact Greg Huang-Dale)
- **Dinner Bell at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg** ~ Wednesdays 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. drive through pick-up. *(No Dinner Bell during school vacations.)*
- **Game Night at FNC** ~ every 2nd & 4th Weds. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Sound Bath Meditations** ~ Wednesday March 13, 20 and 27th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- **Have an event to list here? Please let the office know.**
- **Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m.** ~ March 10
- **Johnny Appleseed Day** ~ March 11
- **Ramadan** ~ March 11
- **Spring (Vernal) Equinox** ~ March 19
- **International Earth Day** ~ March 19
- **International Day of Happiness** ~ March 20
- **Palm Sunday** ~ March 24
- **Good Friday** ~ March 29
- **Easter** ~ March 31
- **Sunrise service on Jockey Cap Easter Morning**
- **An afternoon of classical music at FNC** ~ Sunday, April 7

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

*“We will keep on planting flowers
until spring is ours.”*

~ Bhuwan Thapaliya ~

FNC NEWS

Written by Claire Kiesman and Martha Richardson

Welcome to March and Spring! We heard Trevor and Nancy already have Daffodils in bloom. I can attest that on Stanley Hill, March winds have already arrived.

* On Sunday, February 4, Rev. Ken Turley suffered a stroke leaving his left side paralyzed. He is doing rehab and we wish him a speedy recovery. His 75th birthday was Valentine's Day. Our well wishes and prayers are with him and Laurie at this difficult time. * Our sympathies go to Doug and Patty Swett in the passing of Doug's brother, Bob. * Jane Dutton was at Bridgton Hospital with an infection. She also had a pinpoint stroke. Her speech is poor and she can not raise her right arm. She is now home doing PT and doing better. Our prayers are with her and Jim. We're sure all these people would appreciate cards and your prayers. * This has been a hard month for our Church Community, but brings greater togetherness, love, strength, and patience when we tap into that pure Love that sustains us all. * On a lighter note, we are happy to announce that Dottie and Donnie Eastman are comfortably settled in their new home.

Congratulations and welcome back to Fryeburg. * Renie reports that she just had her 85th birthday and is doing very well. She says she feels very lucky that she can do almost anything she wants. She misses us, but hopes to get back to church in warmer weather. * Both Dolley girls have birthdays this month. Ava turned 21 and Zsa Zsa turned 17. Kurt, Shelley, and Zsa are going to Montreal this weekend to celebrate these birthdays with Ava. Happy Birthday to you all. * Thank you to those who responded to our question about continuing the FNC News. It was 100% for us to continue. We are happy to do that as long as we can. * God Bless you all! We're always looking for news, you can call Claire at 935-2200 or Martha at 935-1217. Thank you.

Editor's note: We wrote this before March 1st, so some of the news is a little out of date. Also, on March 1st Rev. Ken was transferred to a swing bed at Bridgton Hospital. Which is very nice for Laurie as she lives just down the street, Here's his address:
Rev. Ken Turley c/o Bridgton Hospital
10 Hospital Dr. Bridgton, Maine 04009



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Have an announcement?** Let the office know and we'll get it in the newsletter.
- **Seven Days of Creation study** with Rev. Catherine (see page 6).
- **Prayer shawls** will be knit/crocheted on the first Sunday of the Month after worship.
- **The Fryeburg Fair** committee mtg times TBA.
- **Reiki at FNC** ~ Terrie will be offering reiki at the church. Donations will go to the church. Call her at (207) 890-5415 for more information and an appointment.
- **Would you like to read the Bible** scriptures for the day? How about leading a children's message? And yes, you can volunteer to do either of those while being online! Please contact Rev. Catherine at: fryeburgnewchurchpastor@gmail.com if you would like to contribute to our worship life in any of these ways.

Important Information

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Music News at FNC

Two musical friends are joining me to present an afternoon of classical music on Sunday, April 7. The centerpiece of the concert is Mozart's Kegelstatt Trio, a work originally scored for clarinet, piano, and viola. We'll play it with violin, viola, and piano. It's a gem of a piece, full of sparkle and depth and perfectly constructed.

Also on the program is Enrique Granados' first Spanish Dance for solo piano. I think of this piece as a great harbinger of the exuberance of summer to come. We'll be switching instruments around a little bit. Charlotte Gill will play some Brahms for solo piano. Carren Webber and I will play a Mozart Duo for violin and viola.

It's sure to be an afternoon of delicious musical treats followed by some cookies and coffee downstairs in the fellowship area of the church. This is a free performance.

Donations benefit Fryeburg New Church.

I hope to see many of you there, ~Ellen Schwindt
ellen.m.schwindt@gmail.com

Ways to give to the Church:

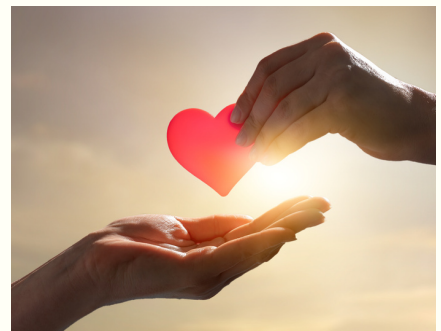
Checks can be mailed:
12 Oxford Street,
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PayPal:

<https://www.fryeburgnewchurch.org/donate>

Drop off at the church office
or in the front door mail slot.

Thank you, donations are appreciated.



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

Dial by your phone 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 853 5786 0199 There is no password.





Fryeburg New Church presents

Lenten Study of the
Seven Days of Creation

A study of Genesis Chapter 1
as it symbolically outlines
our personal
spiritual growth journey.

5 Sundays beginning

February 25, 2024

11:30 am

In-person and online

Fellowship Hall

Fryeburg New Church

12 Oxford Street

Zoom ID 853 5786 0199