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FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH



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Secretary hours (*winter break hours*):

Wednesday 10 - 2

Thursday 10 - 2

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Church Services

HYBRID WORSHIP



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, December 24th ~**
No morning service.
- **Christmas Eve Ecumenical Service ~**
First Congregational Church Fryeburg.
December 24 5:00 pm. Zoom available
*if sound quality is poor you will be able to view in on Facebook later.
- **Christmas Open House at the Parsonage**
~ December 25th 1 - 4 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve**
Day service at 10:00 am.
- Don't forget that the Annual Meeting is the last Sunday of January. If you have a report for the booklet, please have it in the office by January 10th. Preferably by email. (*thank you*)
- **Merry Christmas and Happy 2024!**
Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy holiday.

ZOOM LINK

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 853 5786 0199

Dial by your location: 1 929 205 6099

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Ongoing General support is needed for everything from paying the Church staff's salaries to keeping the lights on at the church to buying music for our choir. We depend on donations from our congregation to help offset all of our expenses.

Donations may be made by check mailed to FNC, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg, ME 04037, or by donating through PayPal,

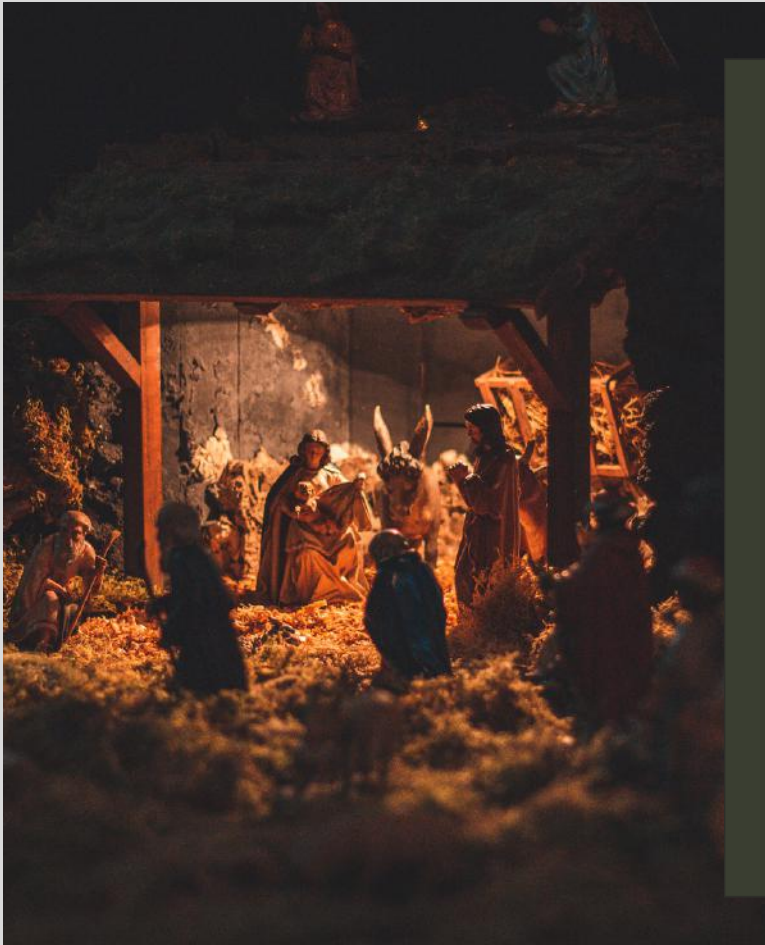
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Donations in any amount are always welcomed and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Ecumenical Service ~
First Congregational Church
Fryeburg. December 24 5:00 pm.
GOOD NEWS!!

The Christmas Eve service will be streamed live on Zoom. You can log in with the regular Zoom link and join in for a service of lessons and carols. Service begins at 5:00 pm. Also, if the sound quality is poor it will also be available to watch on Facebook later. We won't have the same level of control in a different building. It will be a very nice service and we hope you can join us!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"This Christmas mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love, and then speak it again."

~ Howard W. Hunter



 Merry Christmas! 



You're Invited!
Christmas Day
Open House
at the Parsonage

22 Elm St.

Rev. Catherine welcomes you to stop
by and say 'hi' on Christmas Day
between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.





**“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

~John 1:5

Calendar

- There will NOT be a morning service on December 24th
- Christmas Eve Ecumenical Service at First Congregational Church Fryeburg. 5:00 pm.
- Family Worship - Sundays @ 10:00 am
- COFFEE HOUR - Volunteers needed
- Trustees meeting ~ January TBA hybrid @ 6:30 pm
- Worship Committee mtg. ~ January 4 @ 7:00pm
- Tai Chi ~Saturdays 8:30 - 10:00 am (contact Greg Huang-Dale)
- Dinner Bell at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church ~ Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm drive through pick-up.
No Dinner Bell during school vacations.
- Game Night at FNC ~ every 2nd & 4th Tues. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Sound Bath Meditations - We will reconvene the second week of January 2024.
- Fryeburg Academy winter break ~ December 15 - January 3
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! ~ Monday, December 25th
- Christmas Day open house at the Parsonage ~ 1 - 4 pm
- Kwanzaa begins ~ December 26th
- Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve service at 10:00 am.
- Happy New Year! ~ January 1, 2024
- Feast of the Epiphany – Three Kings ~ January 7
- ANNUAL REPORTS DUE ASAP, no later than January 10.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday ~ January 15
- Sunday, January 28th ~ FNC Annual Meeting after worship
- Candlemas ~ February 2
- Ground Hog Day ~ February 2
- Lunar New Year ~ February 10 (year of the Dragon)
- Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday ~ February 13

*Have something to add to the calendar or newsletter?
Please let the office know by giving a call or sending an email.*

**“I will honor Christmas
in my heart and try to
keep it all the year.”**

~ Charles Dickens ~

The Secrets of Spiritual Travel | Life After Death

Off The Left Eye is a part of the Swedenborg Foundation. Through a variety of media, we dig into Emanuel Swedenborg's writings to learn more about the spiritual backdrop of this life we're living, and then bring you those insights in entertaining, informative, and inspiring ways.

"In the afterlife and in spirit, the process of going from one place to another is all based on a person's state of mind and heart. And that applies to who we gather together with, too!"

-Off the Left Eye, YouTube

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