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# FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH



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Friday 9 - 1

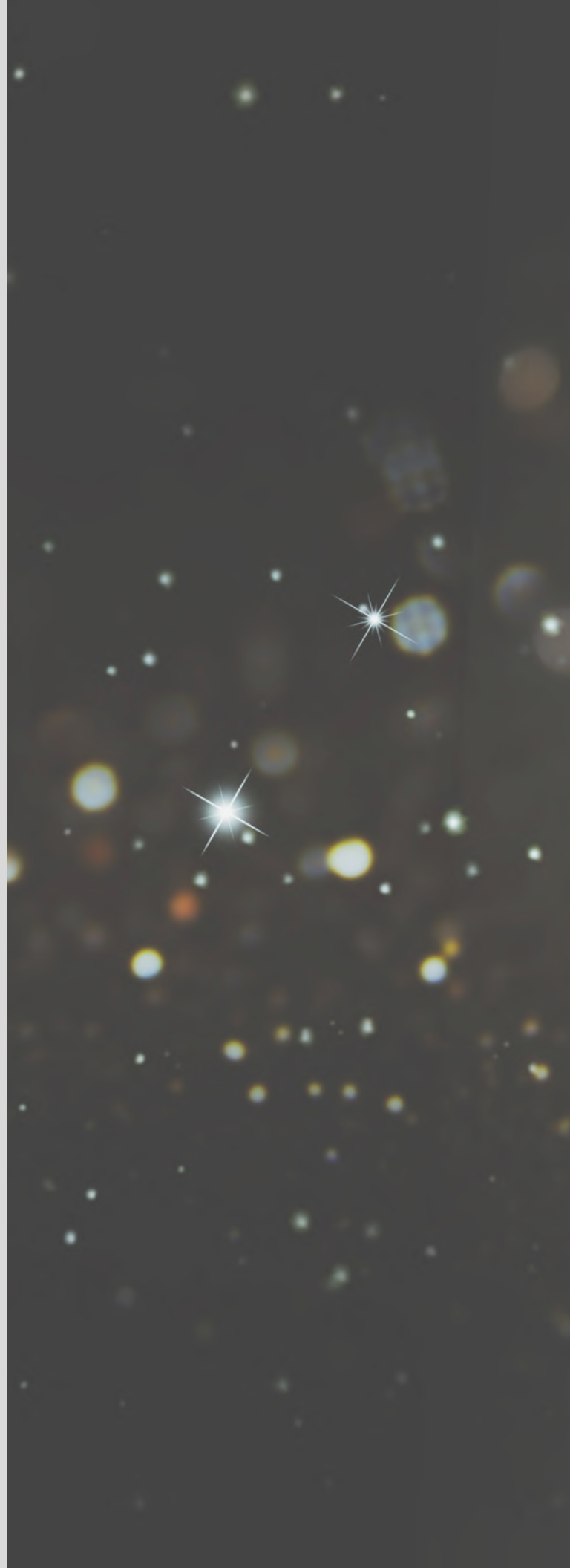
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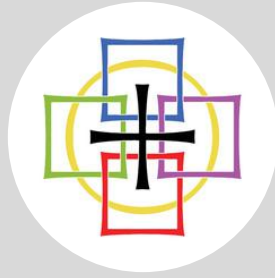
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# HYBRID WORSHIP



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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*)
- We are always looking for volunteers for coffee hour. Even if you just want to bring a box of cookies or crackers or whatever. One of us can get the coffee going. It's a group effort and also a great way to catch up with your Church family and friends. Thank you to everyone who has brought treats.
- **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,

<https://fryeburgnewchurch.org/giving>

PayPal is an online financial service that allows you to pay for items using a secure internet account. You simply choose the bank account, credit card or debit card that you want to use when making a donation. The Trustees chose PayPal because of its name-brand recognition and its excellent reputation for security. Plus, you don't have to have an account with PayPal; you can use it as a guest.

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

Thank you for your support!

# Upcoming Events



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE ON FACEBOOK

Due to technical difficulties, we were not able to Zoom the Christmas Eve service.

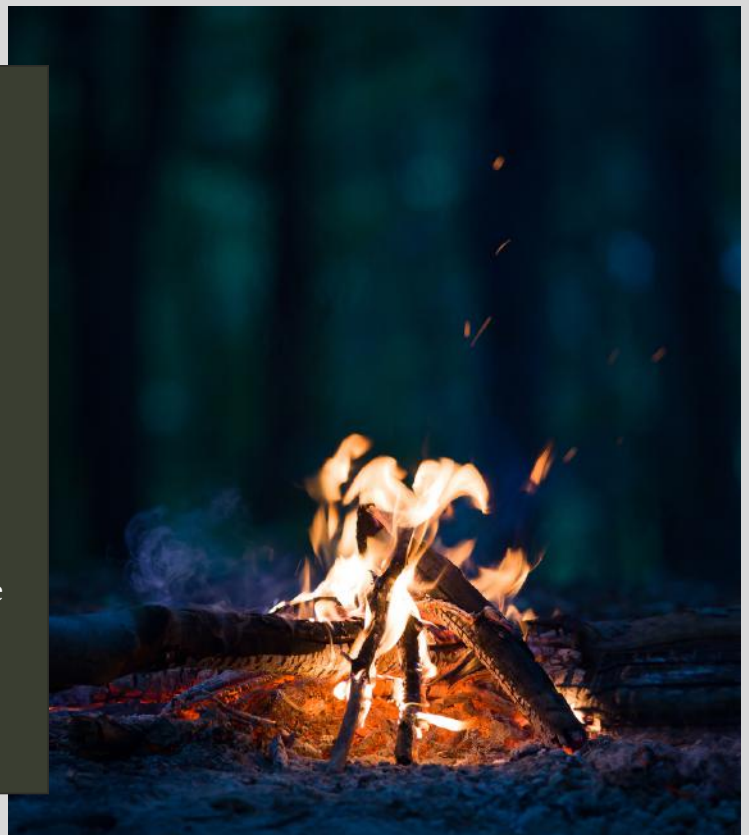
However, we do have a video of the entire service! You can view it from the Fryeburg New Church Facebook page, or click the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/pastorvioleteastman/videos/946067583793801>

## NIGHT OF LIGHTS NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2023 -  
4:00pm to 8:00pm

Come down to Bradley Street in Fryeburg from 4-8pm to celebrate the coming new year with friends, family, and community! This free community event is open to everyone. Enjoy the glow of the festive lights, visit one of the many campfires hosted by local businesses or check out the outdoor holiday movie! Make sure to come early to watch our chili cookoff. You might even get a sample! Food for purchase available. Live music from 4:30-8pm and cash only beer/wine available.





“Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more.”

— *Judy Garland*

# Calendar

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- **Family Worship** - Sundays @ 10:00 am
- **COFFEE HOUR** - Volunteers needed
- **Trustees meeting** - January 9 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 2
- **Kwanzaa begins** - December 26th
- **Sunday, December 31st** - New Year's Eve service at 10:00 am.
- **Night of Lights @ Bradley Park** - December 31 4 - 8 pm
- **Happy New Year!** - January 1, 2024
- **World Introvert Day** - January 2
- **Feast of the Epiphany – Three Kings** - January 7
- **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE ASAP, no later than January 10.**
- **National Take the Stairs Day** - 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
- **Presidents Day** - February 19
- **Leap Day** - February 29

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

“The newness of  
this day is divine.”

~ Lailah Gifty Akita ~

# What Does the Spiritual World Look Like?

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.

*"Is the environment in heaven ethereal and dreamy? No! Swedenborg witnessed that the surroundings and objects in heaven are solid and real – more real than on earth!"*

-Off the Left Eye, YouTube

# Watch on YouTube:

Off The Left Eye looks at life and death through the uplifting perspectives provided by eighteenth-century scientist and spiritual teacher, Emanuel Swedenborg. They explore topics from Swedenborg's writings and discuss how they relate to modern-day spiritual growth seekers. They cover the afterlife, angels and spirits, near-death experiences, God, spirituality, and more, and try to balance these faith-based topics with evidence-based research from subject experts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGk4htsf4eQ>

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