

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH

12 Oxford St. Fryeburg, Maine 04037



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Greetings dear Readers!

by Rev. Catherine

Hello everyone! After a lovely drive and an easy border crossing, I am settling into the parsonage and looking forward to leading worship on Sunday from the sanctuary. The worship committee met this week to plan upcoming services and we have a number of opportunities for your participation in Sunday worship. 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! We're also putting together some plans for Sunday School and are looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers. Please contact Rev. Catherine at fryeburgnewchurchpastor@gmail.com if you would like to contribute to our worship life in these ways.

Peace,

~ Rev. Catherine

IN OUR PRAYERS

For continued healing and ongoing medical issues, Stanley and Debbie Dolley, 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, Doug & Patty Swett, Elwyn Wheaton, Dana and Sue Richardson, Prayers for all of those affected by Covid, gun violence, hurricanes, floods, wildfires and food shortages. Prayers for the families of those who have passed on. Prayers for peace in the world and well wishes to all people starting school this fall.



CHURCH OFFICE

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

Secretary hours:

Wednesday 9 - 1

Thursday 9 - 1

Friday 9 - 1

subject to change without notice

Pastor:

Online office hours for October have been cancelled. Appointments with Rev. Catherine will be by appointment. Please contact her directly at: fryeburgnewchurchpastor@gmail.com

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. Catherine Lauber

For contact information visit
www.fryeburgnewchurch.org



CALENDAR

- **Family Worship** ~ Sundays HYBRID @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Coffee Hour** ~ Volunteers needed, thanks!
- **Trustees meeting** ~ TBA hybrid @ 6:30 pm
- **Tai Chi** ~ Saturdays @ 8:30 - 10:00 am (contact Greg Huang-Dale)
- **Dinner Bell at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg** ~ Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm 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.
- **MEDITATION WEDNESDAYS** ~ There will be an online sound bath meditation on Wednesday, the 25th at 7:00 pm. Please join us and invite your friends. *(Same Zoom link as usual)*
- **Maine Association Meeting in Portland** ~ October 22@ 11:30am
- **Concert at FNC** ~ October 22 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Halloween** ~ October 31
- **Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. ~ November 5**
- **U.S. General Election Day** ~ November 7
- **Veteran's Day** ~ November 10
- **Potluck and Fair debriefing** ~ November 12 *after worship*
- **World Kindness Day** ~ November 13
- **Worship Committee Meeting** ~ November 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Concert at FNC** ~ November 19
- **Thanksgiving Services TBA**
- **Thanksgiving** ~ November 23
- **Fun Holidays ~ Wacky, Bizarre Days by Holiday Insights**
www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/

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

“One grateful thought is a ray of sunshine. A hundred such thoughts paint a sunrise. A thousand will rival the glaring sky at noonday - for gratitude is light against the darkness.”

~ Richelle E. Goodrich ~

FNC NEWS

Written by Claire Kiesman and Martha Richardson

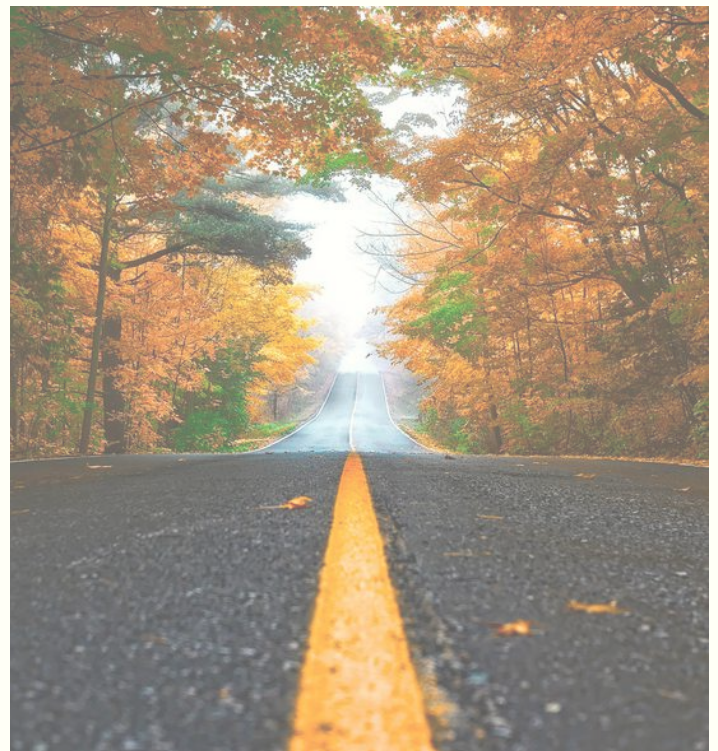
We feel that our greatest news is, that we have a minister that lives on Elm St. in Fryeburg, ME. Welcome to Fryeburg, Rev. Catherine. She was met when she arrived on Tuesday by Susan Logan, Debbie Urgese, and Greg Huang-Dale, who brought her flowers, dinner, and gifts. They also helped her unload her car and get settled in. It certainly will be nice to have you in church on Sunday and not on a screen. YAY! * Our biggest and most time-consuming endeavor is the Fryeburg Fair Booth. It is also our biggest fundraiser. We figured that it would take 740 man-hours just to man the booth for 9 days. We had 714, which meant we were short 26 man hours. That is to say nothing of the hours spent before or after and the cooks in the kitchen. WEW! It makes us tired. So many people helped in so many ways. It's no wonder Lee went on vacation. She and Dan are on a cruise to Aruba. Have fun and get plenty of R&R. * Talk about travel, Brendan Crowe has tested out his wings and has flown to China. He had a layover in California and was able to visit his Uncle and Aunt there. He is visiting a friend in China and experiencing some new foods, seeing the beautiful area, and enjoying their Annual Autumn Festival. Have fun, Brendan! * Sally Gibson is enjoying retirement visiting with her children and getting to see her grandchildren more. She and Jim have been in Bar Harbor volunteering to make window inserts. * Terrie Carlson-Rideout had a weekend in Boston with her sister and came back with COVID-19. She was sick all during the Fair and just started

feeling better to celebrate her birthday on the 16th of October. Happy Birthday, Terrie and stay well. * Jim Dutton was also sick during the Fair. He spent many days at home in bed. We wish him and Jane both better health. * Cameron came to Fryeburg! Cameron is my(Claire) great-grandson, and he lives in Florida. He came with his parents, Breanna and Eric, and he was loved and adored by all his relatives. They stayed with Lisa and Joe his grandparents. Breanna enjoyed introducing her husband to the Fryeburg Fair, Artist Falls, the Basin, and the beautiful area she called home for 18 years. * Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Please if you have any news, let us know.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Claire 935-2200, and Martha 935-1217





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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. Rev. Catherine will be leading the services in person at the Church! Hooray!!!

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the last two months, our (that would be Lee and Jim Dutton!) energies have been consumed with the Fair and with working out the myriad of administrative challenges that were involved in getting Rev. Catherine here from Ontario, Canada. As I write this, another Fair season has successfully concluded, and Rev. Catherine is HERE!

I'm going to take this opportunity to publicly thank Lee Dyer for her herculean effort at keeping the booth running smoothly and profitably this year. As always, the schedule had many empty slots going into Fair week, but our wonderful members and friends heeded the call to service and stepped up many, many ways that were too numerous to mention here.

Lee especially deserves our gratitude and applause for the countless (countless!) hours that she dedicated to the booth this year – she was there sometimes from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. She worked these hours without complaint, but this kind of schedule is not sustainable, or healthy, going forward. It will be our challenge as a church community to better shoulder the responsibility of operating our booth during Fair Week.

The accounting for the booth is incomplete, because there are still bills coming in, but we were ahead in receipts every day...until Saturday, which was pretty much of a wash out, literally. Still, we think that this will be one of our most successful fundraisers in recent years and hope to be able to report our net income from the Fair by our November Trustees' meeting.

And now on to Rev. Catherine! She arrived here late Tuesday afternoon and was greeted at the Parsonage by Greg Huang-Dale, Debbie Urgese, and me as her welcoming committee and was thrilled to find the Parsonage newly painted inside, thanks to Debbie's tireless and enthusiastic efforts. She's jumped right into things this week with her first Worship Committee meeting last night, and she will be leading our worship service this Sunday in person for the first time! We are so happy that, at last, she is here.

Lee and Dan are taking a much-needed vacation and hopefully getting lots of the R&R that they so richly deserve.

On behalf of the Trustees, I send our blessings to you all.



Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Concert at the Fryeburg New Church

Fryeburg New Church has been the venue for a few concerts since last November when we received our new-to-us Chickering grand piano. More opportunities to hear this beautiful instrument played are coming up.

Bach aficionado and experienced piano teacher Anne Munstedt will perform Bach's E minor partita on Sunday, October 22 at Fryeburg New Church at 2:30 PM. This partita is worthy of a lifetime of study; using the form of a baroque dance suite, Bach writes in every mood with marvelous depth and concinnity. Bach deemed it worthy of inclusion in his first set of published music—the Clavier Ubung I published in 1726.

Performances by seniors in Ellen Schwindt's piano-teaching studio round out the performance. We expect to hear a Schubert Impromptu, a movement from a Mozart Sonata or perhaps a prelude by Gershwin.

November 19th will be the date of another concert—this one featuring chamber music played by community adults.

Providing the space and instruments for these concert is a wonderful community service the church is undertaking. Admission to concerts is free, but donations are collected that advance the work of the church. For information about concerts, or to suggest other ideas, please contact Ellen at ellen.m.schwindt@gmail.com

