

MAY 2024

FRYEBURG NEW CHURCH

12 Oxford St. Fryeburg, Maine 04037



Greetings dear Readers!

by Rev. Catherine

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." - Revelation 4:11

It seems like the month of May is all about Creation. As the seasons change, and nature emerges from it's slumber, we are also shifting from the darker, slower days of winter, into the lighter days of spring. Life naturally accelerates and, since we are also part of creation, we accelerate along with nature.

As we bear witness to the cycle of the seasons, and the emergence of tender grasses and herb yielding seed, we are also hearing of tornadoes and flooding, wild fires and earthquakes. We are being reminded not only of the beauty of nature, but of it's power as well. A power and a beauty that is to be respected, loved, and honoured, for God created all things. Our relationship with creation is just as important as our relationship with God.

May brings with it a number of opportunities to reflect on nature and strengthen our relationship with creation. The Center for Swedenborgian Studies is offering a free, 4-part webinar called Creation Care. This webinar explores the book of Genesis and puts Swedenborg in dialogue with eco-theologians to help us in our understanding of our responsibility to nature.

On May 12th, the Mount Washington Valley Choral Society is presenting a production of 'The Creation' by Haydn. This is a musical exploration of the 7 Days of Creation performed by orchestra, choir and soloists.

And, with the warmer weather now here there are countless options for getting out in nature, whether you are working, playing or resting. It is a magical time of year full of potential.

As we move through the month of May, may you strengthen your personal connection to the beauty and power of creation, and in that, know the presence and love of God.

~ Rev. Catherine

NEW SCHEDULE FOR SOUND BATH MEDITATIONS



Join online at **7:30 pm**
2nd and 4th Wednesday
Regular Zoom link

CHURCH OFFICE

12 Oxford Street
Fryeburg, Maine 04037
fryeburgnewchurch@gmail.com
207-935-3413

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

Vice Chair of Trustees: Susan Logan

Secretary of Trustees: Greg Huang-Dale

Treasurer: Jim Dutton

Trustee: Alexis Miranda

Trustee: Terrie Carlson-Rideout

Trustee: Ellen Schwindt

Music Director: Greg Huang-Dale

Office Secretary: Dawn Crowe

Childcare coordinator: Dede Frost

Pastor: Rev. Catherine Lauber

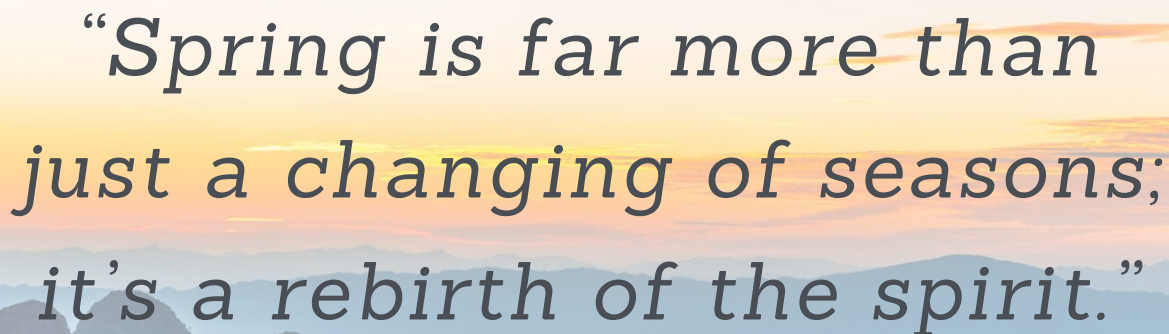
To reach any of the members above, please call or email our office, and your message will be forwarded.



CALENDAR

- **Family Worship** ~ Sundays HYBRID @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Rev. Catherine on vacation** ~ Sally Gibson leads service May 5
- **Coffee Hour** ~ Mitchell Brown: May 4, Jenny Huang-Dale: May 12, Ellen Schwindt: May 19 and Nancy Little: May 26. If you would like to host coffee hour, please talk to Martha Richardson.
- **Welcomers Needed** ~ Please talk to Martha Richardson, she will be the welcomer on May 5th. Thank you!
- **Prayer Shawl group** ~ First Sunday of the month
- **Trustees meeting** ~ May 14 hybrid @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Worship Committee mtg.** ~ May 16 hybrid @ 6:30 pm
- **Fryeburg Fair committee mtg.** ~ May 19 after worship
- **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** ~ Sound bath meditation every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, on Zoom. On the 4th Wednesday, you can also join in-person at the church.
- **Have an event to list here? Please let the office know.**
- **Mother's Day** ~ May 12
- **The Creation Choral Concert at the Majestic Theater in Conway, NH** ~ May 12 @ 3:00 pm (see pg. 7)
- **Work Weekend at FNCA** ~ Memorial Day weekend
- **Memorial Day** ~ May 27
- **Annual Convention** ~ **June 28 - July 2**

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



*“Spring is far more than
just a changing of seasons;
it’s a rebirth of the spirit.”*

~ Toni Sorenson ~

FNC NEWS

Written by Claire Kiesman and Martha Richardson

We always thought that “in like a Lion and out like a Lamb” referred to March, however this year it applied to April. It roared in cold, wind, and heavy wet snow, then it warmed to some nice sunny days and left with a gentle rain. We hope May still brings us some beautiful flowers.

* We have a new group at church started by Debbie Dolley and Dottie Eastman that knits and crochets prayer shawls. We meet on the first Sunday of every month after church. Please come and join us. * Dottie Eastman stepped in some soft sand stepping off her porch on her way to church and twisted her ankle. She fractured it and is supporting a walking boot. We wish her a very speedy recovery. * We have some very good news, Rev Ken is now at home. With the help of therapy, he's working very hard to regain strength. Good luck Rev. Ken. Our prayers and well wishes are with you and Laurie. * Right now Rev. Catherine is in Canada leading a lady's retreat. She will also get to visit with her family. Have a good time. * People are always asking how Jane Dutton is doing. Debbie D. picked me up and took me (Martha) to visit Jane and Jim. It was a wonderful visit, with good stories and a lot of laughs, and Jane still has her beautiful smile. She is able to lift her right hand a little and was able to help her left hand balance her water bottle. They have a lady, Morgan who comes to help Jane with her hygiene and housework five days a week, which really helps Jim. * Our sympathies go to Susan Logan and Mary Jane Fiske and their families in the passing of their brother, Elwyn Wheaton. * Our sympathies also go to Jon and Dawn Crowe and family in the passing of his mother, Shirley. Our prayers are with both these families. * Dawn Crowe's stepfather, Martin is in the hospital in ICU with 3 aneurysms in his brain. Our prayers go to him and Merrilee. * Brian Baker could use your prayers as he is not well. His sister, Bonnie and her husband, Bob came to be with him. Good health to you Brian. * Lee Dyer was in Austin, TX last week traveling with her friend Susan. They had fun, saw a play, did a lot of sightseeing, visited the State Capital Building, ate at some good restaurants, and had great conversations. We are glad that Lee could get away as she works hard for our Church Community. * Happy May to you all.

We're always looking for news, you can call Claire at 935-2200 or Martha at 935-1217. Thank you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Have an announcement?** Let the office know and we'll get it in the newsletter.
- **Coffee Hour** ~ Volunteers needed, please contact Martha Richardson if interested.
- **Welcomers** ~ Volunteers needed, please contact Martha Richardson if interested.
- **Prayer shawls** will be knit/crocheted on the first Sunday of the Month after worship.
- **The Fryeburg Fair committee** will meet May 19th after worship.
- **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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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 off-set 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!

Ways to give to the Church:

Checks can be mailed:
12 Oxford Street,
Fryeburg, ME 04037

PayPal:

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

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

Thank you, donations are appreciated.

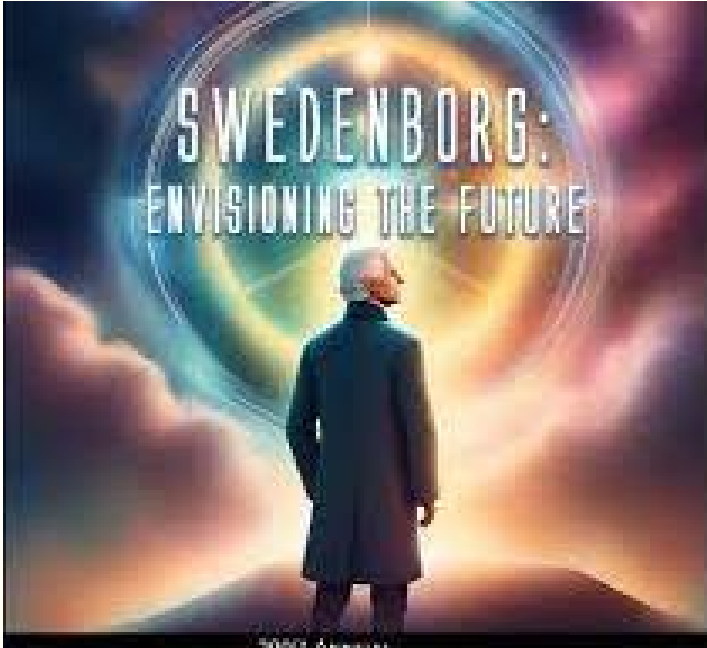


Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357860199>

Dial by your phone 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 853 5786 0199 There is no password.





Convention 2024

It's that time of year again, to be thinking about the Annual Swedenborgian Convention. Convention this year will be held June 28th to July 2nd in East Lansing Michigan. You can attend in-person or virtually. For more information visit the link below:

<https://swedenborg.org/events-activities/annual-convention/>

FNCA Seeks Assistant Cook

The Fryeburg New Church Assembly is looking for a resident Assistant Cook for July 26-August 3.

(Local applicants need not live on site.)

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Assist the Head Cook in preparing 3 meals a day for 40-80 people
- Assist Head Cook with bringing in and putting away orders
- Be able to lift 35 lbs
- Work in an organized and safe manner
- Be able to take direction from the Head Cook

Work well independently in the following tasks:

- Stock and maintain salad bar
- Stock and maintain water/coffee/tea area
- Other normal kitchen prep as assigned by the Head Cook

Experience necessary with small scale commercial cooking or similar meal prep for groups. ServSafe or similar certification a plus.

Room and board provided. Salary commensurate with experience.

If interested, contact headcook@fryeburg.org by 5/24/24.





THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

George Wiese - Director

The
CREATION
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

Kathleen Echols - Soprano

Andrew Bearden-Brown - Tenor

David Kravitz - Bass-Baritone

Full Orchestral Accompaniment

played on original 19th century instruments

*This special concert celebrates Music Director George Wiese's 10th season with the choir. Inspired by the subject of Haydn's masterwork, MWVCS will donate a portion of the concert's proceeds to **Tin Mountain Conservation Center** and **The World Wildlife Fund**, organizations protecting the natural world locally and globally*

Sunday, May 12, 3pm

**Majestic Theater
Conway, NH**

For more information or to reserve tickets: mwvcs.org

Suggested donation \$15-\$35

