



April 2011

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

A community united by faith in God and love to the neighbor

Dear Friends,

First I have to send out a big thank you to all of you who attended and participated in my Installation Service on Sunday March 20th. It truly was a spirit filled afternoon! With almost eighty people filling the sanctuary, a great mix of members of our congregation, people from the community, family and friends, the energy felt so loving and joyful. I could not have imagined a better celebration of our new ministry together.

One community member remarked to me as she was exiting the sanctuary that she had "*Never been to such a spirit filled service!*" I could only smile and thank her as I thought of how many times I have felt the spirit moving among our community, and how exciting it is to imagine what the Spirit may have in store for us in the weeks and years ahead. As Cindy Priest, the Vice-President of the FNC Trustees, remarked in her Installation address, we at the New Church are living out the great gospel song "People get ready there's a train a-coming." The Lord seems to be infusing our church with so much life and love that there is no telling where we are headed, but real assurance that it will be good!

What will He have in store for us next?

This Easter month, as we struggle together through the story of the Lord's crucifixion and then celebrate his resurrection we will be given a glimpse of the full spectrum of human experience: the lowest of the lows and the highest of the highs. And we will be reminded of how through these highs and lows, the Lord is continually turning everything on its head, making the first last and the last first, turning suffering

into transformation, sorrow into joy, and death into resurrection.

And it is my hope and prayer that through this season each of us will be able to see and proclaim, with complete confidence, love's ability to overcome all darkness and fear. For this is our purpose and call, to proclaim the gospel, the gospel of love, to speak it, to know it and to live it, more and more all the time.

The happy greetings that are heard as the pews fill each Sunday morning, the incredible musicians and singers that make such a "joyful noise," each week in our sanctuary, the friendships, the food and fellowship, the fun, all of this is a blessing from the Lord for the purpose of living out this gospel of love. That we might be a house of God that always proclaims that gospel, throughout all the highs and lows of life.

To many years together! To many adventures! And to more love all the time!

Many blessings to all,

Rev. Sage

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Secretary ~ Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm**. The meetings are open to all, but you should contact the Chair prior to the meeting to get an item on the agenda. Also, please speak to any of the Trustees with your questions, concerns, compliments or complaints. We are here to serve you.

Currently Serving Trustees

Patricia Swett, <i>Chair</i>	603-939-2262
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Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the *Women's Alliance* will be on **Monday, April 18, 2011 at NOON**. Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!! **Please bring Mite Box money to this meeting.**

2011 Officers for the *Women's Alliance* are:

PresidentJean Cressy
Vice-President.....Carol Andrews
SecretarySally Harnden
Treasurer.....Patty Swett
Chaplain.....Betty Baker

Sunday April 3, 2011 ~

Second part of Trinity series:

The Son = Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-20, John 1:14-18

Sunday April 10, 2011 ~

Third part of Trinity series:

The Holy Spirit = Uses

Isaiah 59:19-21, Luke 11:9-13

Holy Week

Sunday April 17, 2011 ~ Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday April 21, 2011 ~ Maundy Thursday

Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service & Potluck

6:00 pm at The Brownfield Community Church

Friday April 22, 2011 ~ Good Friday

Ecumenical Good Friday Taizè Tenebrae Service

3:30 pm at The Fryeburg New Church

Sunday April 24, 2011 ~ Easter Sunday

5:45 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service

at the Fryeburg Harbor Methodist Church

9:00 am Easter Breakfast at FNC

10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship at FNC

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Matthew 28:1-10

Fish and Game Supper

Apr 4th,

2011



6:30

p.m.

Please join us on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 pm in the church office as Melissa Duffy of Anderson & Duffy will be here to discuss the church's investment stocks.

All are welcome.

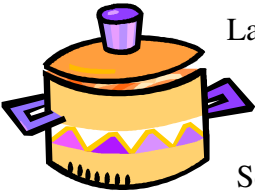
Birth

Violet Paquette was born on March 19, 2011 to parents Katelin and Jason Paquette. Grandparents John and Debbie Urgese couldn't be more delighted! Congratulations to the whole family.

Passages

Ludy (Lura) Gallagher entered the spiritual world on March 12, 2011. A graveside service will be held in the spring. Our prayers go out to Ludy's friends and family. She will be missed.

Looking Ahead



Ladies Groups in the area churches are invited to a Pot Luck Social Evening on Monday, May 2nd at 5:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

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Looking ahead even further, we must start thinking about the *Fryeburg Fair!*

Sue Davidson will not be available to the co-chairman this year so the Trustees are searching for someone to share with Chairmanship with Cindy Priest. We also need volunteers for the general Fair Committee.

Remember that many hands make lighter work for all so if you are interested in either positions, please speak to Pat Swett or Cindy Priest for consideration.

Thank you,
Patricia J. Swett
Chair of Trustees

Congratulations and Welcome



What a wonderful day it was on Sunday, March 20, 2011! This is the day that Rev. Sage Currie became officially installed as the minister of the Fryeburg New Church. I believe this is like the lost sheep who has found her home and hopefully for many years to come.

We could not be any happier or feel anymore blessed! We welcome Rev. Sage into our church family with open arms and may God Bless her and the Fryeburg New Church as we travel down many roads together.

Congratulations Sage!
Patricia J. Swett
Chairman Trustee

Choir

Choir will be meeting at 7:00 pm every Wednesday at the church starting March 30th through April 20th to practice music for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.



Newsletter Deadline

The Trustees have directed the office of a cut-off date for information going into the monthly bulletin. Information not reaching the office by the 20th of the month will be held over until the next month and committee reports will be listed as "unavailable". This will allow the bulletin to be done and mailed so that it can reach its destination by the 1st of the month. Thank you for your cooperation.



Welcomers for April

4/3 Debbie Urgese
 4/10 Debbie Dolley
 4/17 Sally Harnden
 4/24 Scott Ferguson

Ushers for April

4/3 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 4/10 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 4/17 Jen & David Richardson
 4/24 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

Coffee Hour for April

4/3 Martha Richardson
 4/10 Jennifer Richardson
 4/17 Cindy Priest
 4/24 Easter Breakfast

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 27, 2011		
Date	Adults	Children
February 27	29	0
March 6	39	--
March 13	41	10
March 20	76	3
March 27	45	1



*April flowers
 courtesy of
 Edie Leach*



Calendar for April 2011 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
4	Mon	Fish & Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
5	Tue	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Choir rehearsal	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
7	Thu	Financial Meeting with Melissa Duffy of Anderson & Duffy (All are welcome)	6:00 p.m.
10	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
13	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Choir rehearsal	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
15	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
17	Sun	Palm Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
18	Mon	Women's Alliance meeting Lily Orders Due!!!	Noon
20	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
21	Thu	Maundy Thursday service at Brownfield Church	6:00 p.m.
22	Fri	Good Friday Ecumenical Service at FNC	3:30 p.m.
24	Sun	Easter Sunday Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Sunrise Service @ Fryeburg Harbor Church Easter Breakfast Family Worship	5:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
25	Mon	Rev. Sage at SHS, Berkeley CA	4/25-5/4
27	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.