



May 2011

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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Dear Friends,

***“Where two or three gather in my name,  
there am I with them.”***

Matthew 18:20

I have always been curious about how wisdom comes into the world. How we come to know something, to get answers to our questions, to create and invent, to discover new possibilities. How it is that in one minute I can feel as if I know everything there is to know about a situation and that clearly there is no hope, and then in the next can be somewhere far different where an answer has seemed to emerge out of nowhere.

As I've begun my travels in California (From where I am writing this reflection today J) and been reunited with friends from seminary who are pursuing common callings to me in other parts of the world, I have been reminded of how often wisdom's entrance is facilitated by community. Community of others who *“Gather in the Lord's name.”* Over coffee or in between airport pick ups, conversations about our churches, our latest small groups or outreach efforts, naturally arise and stir us to excitement. “What a great idea! I think I'll try that too! I've always wanted to....”

More than anything what I'm noticing is how being with others with whom I share a common love frees me to say aloud different promptings

that I've felt from the Lord that perhaps I hadn't even said aloud to myself yet. And in that tentative sharing, in that safe and nurturing space, I realize the wisdom that this before unnoticed prompting holds.

Wisdom is gifted to us every moment by the Lord, wisdom as to how to live, what's possible, how to be of deeper use in the world, to bring healing to ourselves and others, to create immense beauty. Sometimes we hear it in those quiet moments alone with God. But what I'm becoming convinced of is that we often need to hear something multiple times before we actually understand what we are being told. First perhaps in a quiet moment in prayer, then maybe while listening to the latest pop song on the radio, probably a few other hundred times after that, but ultimately the place where the message will come through loudest and most clearly in a way we can understand it and accept it, is in the company of others: *“There am I with them.”*

It is when we gather together in the Lord's name, when we share our dreams, our knowledge, our observations that wisdom most expediently comes into the world and our own lives. We are such a gift to one another in this way!!!

In this spirit I am very hopeful that many of you will feel prompted to join one or all of the three weeks of Wednesday night bible study this

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month. I'm excited to hear what wisdom will emerge from all the different perspectives and experience that we each bring to our Lord's Word.

We each have a unique and beautiful vantage point on the Divine that is different from every other human being who has ever been! When we come together, when we love one another, when we share the truth we have been given to see, our view is expanded, and the Lord's wisdom comes more fully into the world.

May we each know more fully this month the blessing we offer one another!

Blessed Be!

*Rev. Sage*

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# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 3, 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
Cindy Priest, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
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Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

## Worship Schedule

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Family Worship 10:00 AM**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Rev. Susannah Currie, guest minister

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Mothering Sunday** Join us to celebrate Mother's Day!

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ Revelation 12 "The woman clothed with the sun,"

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Rev. 13, 19:11-21 "The white horse,"

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Rev. 22:8-21 "The tree of life,"

## Women's Alliance

There will be no meeting of the *Women's Alliance* in May. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 20, 2011 at NOON. All ladies are welcome!!

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

*President .....Jean Cressy*

*Vice-President.....Carol Andrews*

*Secretary.....Sally Harnden*

*Treasurer.....Patty Swett*

*Chaplain.....Betty Baker*

## *In the Hospital*

*Sylvia Ranger* and *Beverly Walker* were both recently in the hospital. Well wishes for their quick recovery and return to good health.

## *Middle of May, Middle of the Week Bible Study*



During the three middle weeks of May, on the middle day of the week Rev. Sage will be hosting a Bible Study to explore together the passages from Revelation that will be the focus of our Sunday Worship.

**Wednesday Nights from 7-8:30, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

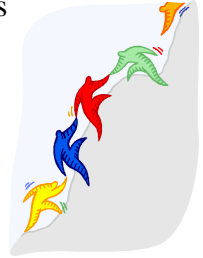
We will gather in the Library at the church and read together the scripture passages for the coming week along with sections from Anita Dole's Bible Study Notes to help us explore the deeper inner meanings that Swedenborg started to unveil. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## *Doctrinal Class*

Rev. Sage will be leading a doctrinal class that will begin the second week of May and continue every other week for four sessions. This course is open to everyone and will also prepare anyone interested in joining the church. Contact Rev. Sage if you are interested.

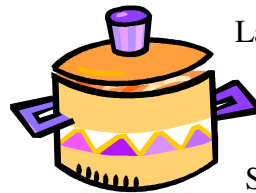
## *Youth Group*

Our next Youth Group gathering is **Sunday, May 15 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at the Fryeburg New Church. Be prepared for another yummy dinner, games and also the final installment of our theme "Emanuel's Manuals".



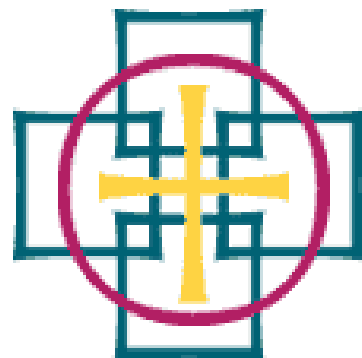
This is going to be great fun. We hope our Portland friends can join us again. I really look forward to seeing you all there. Feel free to bring a friend or two and please forward this email on to anyone else who might be interested! Thanks. ~Kurt

## *Pot Luck Social Evening*



Ladies Groups in the area churches are invited to a Pot Luck Social Evening on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.. ***Please bring a salad or dessert.***

An RSVP is appreciated: Sally Harnden at 935-2546.



## Welcomers for May

5/1 Debbie Urgese  
 5/8 Sally Gibson  
 5/15 Martha Richardson  
 5/22 Debbie Dolley  
 5/29 Sally Harnden

## Ushers for May

5/1 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
 5/8 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
 5/15 Jen & David Richardson  
 5/22 OPEN  
 5/29 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

## Coffee Hour for May

5/1 Renie Chaplin  
 5/8 Chuck Priest  
 5/15 Mary Dysinger  
 5/22 Jean Cressy  
 5/29 Donnette Barnes

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE		
APRIL 3 - 24, 2011		
Date	Adults	Children
April 3	45	2
April 10	--	--
April 17	48	11
April 24	84	10



*May flowers  
 courtesy of  
 Patty Heath*



Calendar for May 2011 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Sun	<b>Guest Minister:</b> <b>Rev. Susannah Currie</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
2	Mon	<b>Ladies Pot Luck Social @SEAS</b>	5:00 p.m.
3	Tue	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
4	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
8	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
11	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Bible Study with Rev. Sage	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
14	Sat	<b>Bryson Hurlihy Benefit @ Tuckermans on Rt. 16 A</b> <b>For more info, please visit <a href="http://www.letshepbryson.com">www.letshepbryson.com</a></b>	
15	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
18	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS Bible Study with Rev. Sage	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
22	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
25	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Bible Study with Rev. Sage	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
29	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
30	Mon	<b>Memorial Day</b>	All day