



October 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,

Fair preparations are under way, running like clockwork after so many years of dedicated efforts and devotion. This church works so incredibly well together :) And somehow I think the years of rolling out pie crust, washing pots, serving up stew, and flipping burgers has not only done the very important task of raising the money needed to keep the church financially sufficient but shaped the spiritual life of our congregation. Nothing like rolling up your sleeves with others to build friendship, trust, and a spirit of community.

From the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg:

*The more there are in a society of heaven....the better and the stronger is their action, because 'there is strength in numbers working together.' Because they all work together, energy rebounds into individual people, even into angels. This is the unbelievable thing, and yet it is most true: the heavens interact with the individual, and the individual can therefore be called a heaven, and a kingdom of the Lord, because the Kingdom of God is within each one [see Luke 17:21].*

## **Spiritual Experiences (Odhner) n. 1362.**

In true heavenly community when we give we receive in equal measure. And we do not have to wait until after we die to have these heavenly experiences! There are many opportunities in our lifetimes to learn the rewards of giving of

ourselves. The highest joy we might feel in life is so very often the experience of working together with others for a common good.

Over Labor Day Weekend, we sang these words together from the hymn in our Book of Worship "Jesus Thou Divine Companion,"

*Every task, however simple, Sets the soul  
that does it free;  
Every deed of love and kindness Done to  
man is done to Thee.  
Jesus, Thou divine Companion, Help us all to  
work our best;  
Bless us in our daily labor, Lead us to our  
Sabbath rest.  
Amen.*

The Lord has blessed those working together for the ministry of the Fryeburg New Church for generations. This year will be no different. And I pray that all of us will not only succeed in our efforts but find much joy in the moments of working together. And the Lord will most certainly bless our efforts and lead us to our Sabbath rest.

Many blessings for a great fair week!

*Rev. Sage*

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

# Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Family Worship 10:00 AM

# Church Report

**Sunday October 2nd ~ Noah builds the Ark**  
Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-11, Luke 17:22-27, 33  
Lay Reader: Sally Gibson

**Sunday October 9th ~ The Call of Abram**  
Genesis 12:1-8, John 8:31-41  
Lay Reader: Redwing Wilderbrook

**Sunday October 16th ~ Birth of Isaac**  
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6, Luke 6:20-23  
Lay Reader: Stew Frost

**Sunday October 23rd ~ Guest Minister Rev. Kitsy Winthrop\***  
*Rev. Sage away at Swedenborgian House of Studies Board Meeting in Richmond, IN.*

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> ~ SPECIAL WORSHIP, FAMILY POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING\*\***  
**Joseph and His Brothers**  
Genesis 37:3-14  
Lay Reader: Martha Richardson

\* Rev. Winthrop is a Unitarian-Universalist Pastor from Portland, ME who served for a year as the interim pastor at the Portland New Church. She also serves with Rev. Sage on the Maine Council of Church's Board.

\*\* This Church Year our Sunday School Teachers and Worship Committee are planning to hold Potluck Suppers on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month. On these Sundays all of the Sunday School classes will work together on a common project and share what they create with the congregation. The worship service will also be slightly shortened to have more time for enjoying our community Family Potluck. Our first potluck, on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will coincide with our Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon.

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm (please note the meeting will be on a Wednesday this month only)**. 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
Deneane Frost	935-3344
Scott Ferguson	925-3207
Jennifer Richardson	935-4509
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Two Trustees and a Treasurer will need to be elected at this year's Annual Meeting. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact one of the Trustees.

## Women's Alliance

The next Women's Alliance meeting will be on **Monday, October 17, 2011 at NOON**. Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. 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*



## Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon

Please join us for our annual pot luck luncheon immediately following Worship Service on: **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** FNC Annual Meeting will follow after lunch.

\*\*Maine Association Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Bath, ME.\*\*

## Community Giving Tree



Please consider attending the next Community Giving Tree meeting which will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on **Monday, October 24 at 7:00 pm**. There's so much that needs to get done to make this the amazing success it has been in past years. It's a lot of fun and you'll really feel good about doing it!!!

## Christmas Cupboard



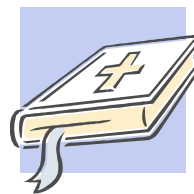
The Women's Alliance is once again gearing up for the annual **Christmas Cupboard** which will be on Saturday, November 19!! Donations of anything handmade is appreciated and very much needed this year! MEN: We could really use donations of some of your handmade wooden crafts. Items for sale should be brought to the Church no later than set up day, Friday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Baked items can also be brought in anytime on Friday, or Saturday morning by 8:00 a.m.

## Christmas Cupboard Crafts

If anyone has any skis or snowshoes they no longer need or want, would you please consider donating them to the church? Renie Chaplin is an excellent craft maker and would like to use the skis to paint and decorate as crafts for the Christmas Cupboard. Thank you so much.



## Thursday Brown-Bag Bible Study



Come by the Church on Thursdays from 12 noon til 1:00 and let's have lunch! Bring a sandwich, or some leftovers and enjoy a little community time with church friends and Rev. Sage.

This will also be an opportunity to share our initial thoughts and impressions of the Bible lesson for the upcoming Sunday.

## Second Tuesday Stories of the Spiritual World

We will gather once a month on the second Tuesday from **6-7:30 pm** in the Church library to read together some of the many stories Emanuel Swedenborg shares of his journeys in the spiritual world. These eye witness accounts are colorful, inspiring, challenging and captivating. Come, bring a friend, bring your knitting and gather round for a fun, laid back, spiritually enriching story hour.



**Mark your Calendars for Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Switching to a slightly earlier time as the daylight starts to dwindle. We will meet in the church library and gather around for story time!

## Welcomers for October

Oct 2 Debbie Urgese  
 Oct 9 Martha Richardson  
 Oct 16 Debbie Dolley  
 Oct 23 Sally Harnden  
 Oct 30 Debbie Urgese

## Ushers for October

Oct 2 OPEN  
 Oct 9 OPEN  
 Oct 16 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley  
 Oct 23 Jen & David Richardson  
 Oct 30 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

## Coffee Hour for October

Oct 2 FAIR  
 Oct 9 FAIR  
 Oct 16 Renie Chaplin  
 Oct 23 Mary Dysinger  
 Oct 30 Annual Meeting

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2011		
Date	Adults	Children
August 28	21	1
September 4	29	0
September 11	46	1



October flowers  
 courtesy of  
*Jean Cressy*

***Reminder:*** There is **NO** Dinner Bell on Wednesday, October 5 due to Fair parking at St. Elizabeth.

Calendar for October 2011 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Sat	<b>Fair Booth opens</b>	
2	Sun	<b>Fryeburg Fair begins</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
6	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
9	Sun	<b>Last Day of Fair</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
11	Tue	<b>Stories of the Spiritual World</b>	6:00 p.m.
12	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
13	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
16	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
17	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance</b>	12 noon
19	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
20	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
21	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
23	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
24	Mon	<b>Community Giving Tree Meeting @SEAS</b>	7:00 p.m.
26	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
27	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
30	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Family Potluck and FNC Annual Meeting</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.