



September 2011

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

The summer days are waning, a few lone trees have taken on their fall colors, and a new church year is about to begin! While this has been a wonderful summer for me with great times at Convention and Church Camp, and of course enjoying all of the amazing summer offerings of this Mount Washington Valley that we live in, I have to say I am really excited to settle back into the routines of the church year. Returning to our 10 am worship schedule, welcoming our Sunday School children back to classes, and resuming our regular meetings and collaborations with the many committees that keep this church going day after day! This time of year always feels like a new start, a time to set new intentions, and to make plans about what this year will be about.

Here at the New Church lots of planning has been happening this summer that has revolved around an intention that the 2011-2012 church year be a year of building community connections.

Within our Sunday School we have been marking out special days throughout the year where the Sunday School Children will get a chance to work together with all the different age groups and then share what they have been learning with the congregation, in an effort to build more community connections between the children, the congregation and Sunday School parents. We have also started a new FNC Sunday School Facebook page with the hopes of keeping parents and other Sunday School

children family members current with what's happening in their classes so they can stay involved.

We are also beginning to form at FNC what is being called our **Congregational Care Team**. Still in it's early stages, members and friends of the congregation are starting to share what kinds of things they'd like to do to offer care to members of the church, and to brainstorm best practices for caring for all those who come through our doors. If this is of interest to you mark your calendar for our next development meeting after worship on September 11th.

And on my part I am searching out the best kinds of offerings I can make for small group gatherings where members and friends of our church can gather together with one another. Only a couple are planned so far, but I am in hopes that other groups will form based on the ideas that you all bring to me!

So far I have planned two new regular drop in opportunities this year.

Every Thursday at lunch time (noon-1, but feel free to come early) there will be a drop in brown bag lunch informal bible study. If your lunch hour is free stop in, to eat together, and to share any thoughts you may have on the upcoming bible lessons for worship that week. No bible expertise necessary! On the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm I will be hosting a Spiritual Story Hour, in the church library. Myself and volunteers will read aloud

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different stories of what the spiritual world is like, as described by Emanuel Swedenborg. Come listen, come read, gather in together like you did as a child, we are never too old to learn and enjoy stories, especially descriptive, inspiring stories of heaven.

I pray that each of you are as excited about this new church year as I am. And I pray that you will be listening to the inner promptings of your heart about what excites you and what you might like to share with others. The church is not a building, it's not a minister, it's all of us together, a community!

Many blessings,

Rev. Sage

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Worship Schedule

Family Worship 9:00 AM

09/4 "A Laboring for Love"

Winter Schedule Begins

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

09/11 SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST 9AM

"God in the Midst of the City"

After Worship-Congregational Care Team Meeting

6:00 PM – Ecumenical 9/11 Memorial in
Bradley Park (Rev. Sage speaking)

09/18 "The Creation, 7 Stages of Life"

Genesis 1:1-2:3, Exodus 20:8-11

09/25 "Leaving the Garden, the Beginning of Choice"

Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-11, Luke 17:22-27, 33

Fryeburg New Church
Family Breakfast &
Sunday School Registration



The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome back all last year's students and look forward to all new students 3 years old through high-school age. Classes will start on Sunday, September 18th.

We look forward to working with you and your children to build a solid Biblical knowledge and spiritual foundation for life here and hereafter.

Family Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.

Teachers' Introduction: 9:30 a.m.

Family Worship 10:00 a.m.

"The Year of the Lord!"

At Convention this summer, the church at large voted to support a yearly theme to be followed as a denomination and this year begins as *"The Year of the Lord!"* To honor this year, Rev. Sage will be inviting members and friends of the church to reflect each month on different questions about the Lord, and to share their responses in the Newsletter. We will begin next month in the October Newsletter with the question: "When do I feel as if I am in the presence of the Lord?" You can send your reflections to Rev. Sage at pastor@fryeburgnewchurch.org, or on Facebook. Responses can be simple or elaborate, and can be submitted anonymously.



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6, 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 |
| 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, September 19, 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

In The Hospital

Richard Fox and Gordon Leach were both in the hospital over the summer. We wish them both a quick recovery to good health.

Thursday Brown-Bag Bible Study

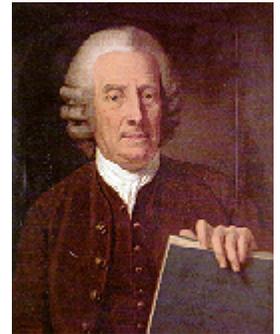


Come by the Church on Thursdays from noon to one and let's have lunch! Bring a sandwich, or some leftovers and enjoy a little community time with church friends and Rev. Sage. This will also be an opportunity to share our initial thoughts and impressions of the Bible lesson for the upcoming Sunday.

Begins Thursday, September 15th.

Second Tuesday Stories of the Spiritual World

We will gather once a month on the second Tuesday from 7-8:30 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.

Begins Tuesday, September 13th

Dinner Bell North 2011-2012 Season

Dinner Bell North will restart for the 2011-2012 year on Wednesday, September 7th at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 5:00PM.

This is a free community dinner and all are welcome. Donations are gladly accepted and very much appreciated.

Dinner Bell also welcomes volunteers in many capacities: shoppers, cooks, prep cooks, servers, clean-up crew, laundry, etc. This year we are specifically looking for cooks (2-5 PM) to cook once every 4-6 weeks. We also need people willing to pick up the donated produce at Hannaford on Tuesdays at 3:00PM and the donated free bread on Wednesdays at 7:00AM. If driving to Hannaford one of those days and making a pick-up is something you could do, we can use you! Just committing one day a month would be awesome! In addition we are looking for a shopper who will go to Hannaford and buy what else the cook needs for the Wednesday meal; this could be done on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday AM. Shopping could even be combined with the free bread or produce pick-up.

Please contact Sally Gibson at 935-3676 or Bebe Toor at 935-2068 for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

Fryeburg Fair

Dear Members and Friends:

Time passes quickly. Seems like we were just in June wondering when summer would get here and now look at us in August wondering where the summer went. With this quickly passing time, the Fryeburg Fair will be here before we know it.

We should all know that our church has a food booth at the Fair which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please review the sign-up sheet and your schedules and let us know how you can contribute to this project which is so very important to our Church.

As usual, a sign-up board will be available on the library table at the church. Please contact Cindy Priest at 935-3360 or Stanley Dolley at (207) 935-2887 for additional information.

Sincerely,
FNC Fair Committee

Community Giving Tree



The Community Giving Tree is getting geared up for all the wonderful work they do around the holidays for our local families in need. There's so much that needs to get done to make this the amazing success it has been in past years. Please consider attending the next Giving Tree meeting which will be held on *Monday, September 26* at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. It's a lot of fun and you'll really feel good about doing it!!!

Fish and Game Supper

Sept 12, 6:30
2011 p.m.



Cindy Priest, Chair

Fryeburg Fair Sign-Up Sheet

This year, as in the past, we need help in many areas....pie making....veggie peeling and cutting at the Church mornings during the fair...cooking at the Church during the fair...Morning pick ups and delivery of goods to the fair booth....and of course, working in the BOOTH!! (A pass will be provided, if needed, to work at the fair booth).

There are four shifts per day at the fair booth:

- Shift #1 -- 6:30 am to 11:00 am
- #2 -- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- #3 -- 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- #4 -- 6:30 pm till Close (9 or 10 pm)

Please sign up for any and all you are able to!!

Name and phone # _____

- I can make pies at the Church 9:00 am (lots of jobs...peeling..mixing..rolling!!)
Tues. Sept 20th _____
Wed. Sept 21st _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 25th @ 1:00 pm.
- I can help peel and cut veggies at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can help cook (stews, beans, chili, and/or pies) at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can do morning pick ups and deliveries during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can work at the booth during the fair:
What day(s)? and Shift(s) ****Pass Needed ? _____
- Sat. Oct 1st _____
- Sun. Oct 2nd _____
- Mon. Oct 3rd _____
- Tues. Oct 4th _____
- Wed. Oct 5th _____
- Thurs. Oct 6th _____
- Fri. Oct 7th _____
- Sat. Oct 8th _____
- Sun. Oct 9th _____
- I will be able to help with a monetary donation \$ _____

Please return this promptly to: FNC Fair Committee, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg ME 04037

*** THANK YOU ***

If you are between the ages of 12 – 18 we welcome you to come
join the

Fryeburg New Church

Youth Group

What do we do?

We hold monthly gatherings and sleepovers. We cook or order our own dinner, have lively and interesting discussions, play games, plus plan outings and weekend retreats. We have FUN!

Our group also goes on outings, travels to retreats around the country, holds fundraising activities, and does projects to help the church and our community. Teens from the Portland New Church sometimes join us too. You'll meet some great friends and open your life up to a whole world of new possibilities. Come check us out and discover what you have been missing.

When do we meet?

Our regular monthly dinner gatherings are usually scheduled on Sundays. Our first dinner gathering is *Sunday, September 18th, 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.* We'll order pizza, discuss our upcoming activities and decide our new youth group annual topic.

Where do we meet?

**We meet at the Fryeburg Church of the New Jerusalem,
12 Oxford St., Fryeburg, Maine.**

*For more information or to confirm your attendance please call Kurt Fekete at 802-345-0169
or email kfekete@hotmail.com.*

| Calendar for September 2011 (held at our Church unless indicated) | | |  |
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| 4 | Sun | Adult Choir Family Worship | 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. |
| 5 | Mon | Labor Day | |
| 6 | Tue | SAD 72 Back to School!!! Board of Trustees mtg. | 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Wed | Dinner Bell North @SEAS | 5:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Sun | Sunday School Reg. & Family Breakfast Family Worship Congregational Care Team meeting 9/11 Ecumenical Memorial Service @ Bradley Park | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church 6:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Mon | Fish and Game Supper | 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Tue | Stories of the Spiritual World | 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Wed | Dinner Bell North @SEAS | 5:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Thu | Brown-Bag Bible Study | 12 noon |
| 16 | Fri | Rev. Sage @ Maine Council | All day |
| 18 | Sun | Adult Choir Sunday School Begins Family Worship | 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. |
| 19 | Mon | Women's Alliance | 12 noon |
| 20 | Tue | Pie Making | 9:00 a.m. |
| 21 | Wed | Pie Making Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS Worship Committee mtg. | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| 22 | Thu | Brown-Bag Bible Study | 12 noon |
| 25 | Sun | Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Clean-up | 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church |
| 28 | Wed | Dinner Bell North @SEAS | 5:00 p.m. |
| 29 | Thu | Brown-Bag Bible Study | 12 noon |

Welcomers for September

Sept 4 Sally Harnden
 Sept 11 Debbie Dolley
 Sept 18 Martha Richardson
 Sept 25 Sally Gibson

Ushers for September

Sept 4 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Sept 11 Chuck Priest & Stanley Dolley
 Sept 18 Jen & David Richardson
 Sept 25 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 4 Sally & Dean Harnden
 Sept 11 FAMILY BREAKFAST
 Sept 18 Jen Richardson
 Sept 25 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

JUNE 26 – AUGUST 21, 2011

| Date | Adults | Children |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| June 26 | 40 | 1 |
| July 3 | 25 | 2 |
| July 10 | 30 | 4 |
| July 17 | 30 | 8 |
| July 31 | 46 | 2 |
| August 7 | 89 | 2 |
| August 14 | 42 | 1 |
| August 21 | 32 | 1 |



September flowers
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