



March 2012

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

"It is one of the laws of Providence ever to forestall His creatures for good, and thus forearm them when dangers are ahead. It is hence a wise maxim never to be elated in prosperity, but rather humble and grateful; never to be cast down in adversity, but rather to feel confidence. Just as day follows night, and morning follows evening, so the afflictions of the present will be turned by infinite love and tenderness into speedy consolation, comfort and blessing."

Baily, *From Egypt to Canaan*.
New Church Press London. 1918,
p81.

I begin my reflection for this March 2012 newsletter with this quote from a work by the Rev. Dr. Baily that follows as he puts it "The Divine description of the regenerate life shewn by Israel in Egypt, the journey in the wilderness, and the conquest of Canaan." It is this Divine description that our Fryeburg New Church community is exploring together in worship and small group settings as the winter comes to an end and spring makes its way. Dr. Baily is speaking here in reference specifically to the Passover feast that is celebrated before the Israelites begin their journey out of Egypt. He is

describing here the spiritual significance of that meal as a picture of how we are always prepared by God for the journey, that all that would comfort, inspire, hold, strengthen and enliven us comes from God. That we have all that we need.

One of the ways that the hells pervert this truth, that we have all that we need from God, is to make us believe that what this means is we should always **feel** this to be so. That if we are experiencing moments of fear, doubt, disconnection, trial we are somehow not getting what we need, not being provided for. The Exodus story, along with much of the biblical narrative is full of confirmation that this is VERY MUCH NOT THE CASE! These ups and downs, these moments of experiencing disconnection and trial are at the very heart of our spiritual growth.

Life is supposed to be interesting, frustrating, enlightening and confusing at times. And within every state we encounter God is with us. Just as he was with the Israelites. Each state we move into, whether it be anger, joy or sadness is a state that has the potential to teach us and grow our souls. We will never find ourselves somewhere that is outside the bounds of the Lord's providence. And as our souls grow and deepen we will learn to navigate these states with more grace and ease, taking life as it comes.

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

12 Oxford Street • Fryeburg, ME 04037

Rev. Sage Currie, Pastor • Email: Pastor@FryeburgNewChurch.org

Office: (207) 935-3413, Cell phone (207) 256-7529

Office Hours: Pastor ~ Wed thru Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Saturdays by appointment

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

www.fryeburgnewchurch.org

As we continue our journey through the wilderness with the Israelites this March, in whatever states we stumble into, may we each hold fast to the knowledge that at the heart of our raging emotions, our personal challenges, our thoughts, all is well. We have been fed at the table of the Lord and have all that we need to face the day ahead.

What a blessing!

In love to the Lord,

Rev. Sage

Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm,
Saturday by appointment

Email: pastor@fryeburgnewchurch.org

Office phone: 935-3413

Cell phone: 256-7529



Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

March 4, 2012 ~ The Journey to Spiritual Freedom: Bitter Water and Water from the Rock

Exodus 15:22-27, Exodus 17:1-7

March 11, 2012 ~ The Journey to Spiritual Freedom: Manna in the Wilderness

Exodus 16:1-3, 9-15

March 18, 2012 ~ The Journey to Spiritual Freedom: Battles on the Journey

Exodus 17:8-13

March 25, 2012 ~ The Journey to Spiritual Freedom: Receiving the Ten Commandments

Exodus 24:1-8, 12-18

Fish and Game Supper

Mar 5th, 6:30
2012  p.m.

Cindy Priest, Chair



*Turn your clocks
1 hour ahead
before bed on
Saturday night,
March 10th*

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 6, 2012 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

Cindy Priest, <i>Chair</i>	935-3360
Deneane Frost, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3344
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
Scott Ferguson, <i>Secretary</i>	925-3207
Jennifer Richardson	935-4509
Jean Cressy	935-7093
Jon Crowe	925-1302
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Carol Andrews	935-1007

Women's Alliance

There will be **NO** Women's Alliance meeting in March. Please check next month's newsletter for the next meeting date.

2012 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

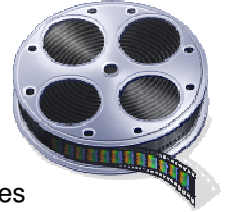
Billy Holt recently returned to the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery and return to good health.

Movie Night

OUR FEBRUARY **MOVIE NIGHT** HAD TO BE POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS SO WE NOW HAVE A MARCH DATE.

When: Friday, March 30th 2012 6:30 pm
Where: The parsonage, 22 Elm St.

The tag line for the film ***What Dreams May Come***, released in 1998, was "After life there is more. The end is just the beginning."



This feature film, starring Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding Jr. explores this *beginning* taking the audience on a colorful journey through heaven and hell. The creators of this film consulted Swedenborg's works extensively in developing their depictions of heaven and hell and this film will surely give us lots to talk about!

The film is rated PG-13, explores grief and loss and depicts hell quite graphically so parents please do not bring young children but older youth are welcome with parents ready to discuss these more difficult issues.

Feel free to bring popcorn or your dinner if you didn't get a chance to eat yet! R.S.V.P. to Rev. Sage either in person or at 256-7529 so that she can make sure there are seats for everyone. See you then!

The Fryeburg New Church Photo Directory

UPDATE!!

Many of you have already taken the time to update your listing in our Draft Directory that is in the Church Narthex. Karen Ela has also been very generous to take pictures of families and individuals after church.

*IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE THIS
PLEASE DO!*

If you can't make it to church call the church office to update our address information and email your photo to sageserene@gmail.com. Thank you!

Welcomers for March

Mar 4 Debbie Urgese
 Mar 11 OPEN
 Mar 18 Martha Richardson
 Mar 25 OPEN

Ushers for March

Mar 4
 Mar 11
 Mar 18
 Mar 25

****Please use the sign up sheets in the back of church to volunteer to serve as a Welcomer or Usher. Thank you****

Coffee Hour for March

Mar 4 Debbie Urgese
 Mar 11 Jean Cressy
 Mar 18 Jane Williams
 Mar 25 Sally & Dean Harnden

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 5-12, 2012		
Date	Adults	Children
February 5	40	10
February 12	29	0
February 19	--	--



March flowers
courtesy of

Edie Leach

**Monday evening's *Journey to Spiritual Freedom* with Tom Barrett and Sue Davidson will be at their home at 39 Battleground Road in Fryeburg each week.

Calendar for March 2012 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – <i>Journey to Spiritual Freedom</i>	12 noon
4	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
5	Mon	Journey to Spiritual Freedom (with Tom & Sue)**	6:30 p.m.
6	Tue	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
8	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – <i>Journey to Spiritual Freedom</i>	12 noon
10	Sat	Turn clocks 1 hour ahead tonight!!!	
11	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
12	Mon	Journey to Spiritual Freedom (with Tom & Sue)**	6:30 p.m.
14	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
15	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – <i>Journey to Spiritual Freedom</i>	12 noon
16	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
17	Sat	St. Patrick's Day	
18	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
19	Mon	Journey to Spiritual Freedom (with Tom & Sue)**	6:30 p.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
22	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – <i>Journey to Spiritual Freedom</i>	12 noon
25	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
26	Mon	Journey to Spiritual Freedom (with Tom & Sue)**	6:30 p.m.
29	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – <i>Journey to Spiritual Freedom</i>	12 noon
30	Fri	Movie Night @the parsonage	6:30 p.m.