



May 2012

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

May is the season of blossoms, and graduation ceremonies. The Spring will be springing in full force, as we enjoy open windows, bare feet, and the anticipation of summer fun. And here in the northeast May is also the season of springtime burials as the earth softens enough that we may bury those loved ones who slipped away from this physical earth during the cold days of winter. It is a season of endings and beginnings as the hard shells of the seeds that have lain dormant under the earth will germinate and break open to expose the new life waiting to be born inside.

Continual endings and beginnings.

As my third spring here in Fryeburg "begins," and I drag out my rake and hoe and wheel barrel, the work of cleaning up the yard at the parsonage again feels overwhelming but at the same time I can see the effects of the efforts of last year and the year before that, and I slow down again to say to myself "every little bit counts."

And this is the truth. While everything is constantly beginning and ending and nothing is permanent, the efforts that we make along the way have an effect upon the next thing waiting to be born. Our efforts to plant today will reap growth tomorrow. And even the way that we die, like the nourishing effects of compost on a

new garden, can offer incredible blessings of love for future generations to come.

How are you riding the changing seasons this year? Can you think of work that you did in your yard in years past that has had an effect on the way that it is growing in this year? Have there been changes that you've made in your emotional and spiritual life, challenges that you've over come years ago, that today have made a bigger space for God in your life for which you are now reaping the benefits? And what will you plant this year?

Every little bit counts.

Happy Spring!

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 1, 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
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Carol Andrews	935-1007

May 6, 2012 ~ The Wisdom of Solomon

1 Kings 3:16-28

Don't miss this special lay led service while Rev. Sage is away, where members and friends will share about the special wisdom and insights they have learned from elders in their lives.

May 13, 2012 ~ Mother's Day

Revelation 12:1-6

"The Woman Clothed with the Sun"

Luke 1:46-55 "Mary's Song,"

May 20, 2012 ~ Use/Charity

Matthew 25:31-46 "The least of these"

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 "Spiritual gifts"

May 27, 2012 ~ Pentecost/New Church Day ~ The formation of the Church

Acts 2:1-21

"The descending of the holy spirit"

Revelation 21: 1-4

"The descending of the holy city"

Reminder: Rev. Sage will be out of the office at Peer Supervision and SHS Board Meeting Monday, April 30 – Monday, May 7, 2012.

Women's Alliance Dinner Out

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 12, 2012** at 12:00 noon for the the Annual Women's Alliance Dinner-Out which will be held this year at **Rumor's** on Rt. 302 just past Rite-Aid. Lunch choices will be any item off the menu and the Alliance will pay \$5.00 per person toward the meal. Please call the church office at 935-3413 to RSVP by Friday, June 1st. Monthly meeting to be held immediately after lunch.

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

Gordon Leach and **Roger Williams** were both recently in the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers for a quick recovery and return to good health.

New Church Teachings 101

Over the last two years, springtime has become the traditional season for Rev. Sage to offer a doctrinal class for those interested in learning more about the church and potentially choosing to become a member. If you are interested in participating in such a class contact Rev. Sage at 256-7529 or pastor@fryeburgnewchurch.org.



You Are Invited to a Garden Party

and CLEAN UP DAY



After worship on Sunday May 20th from 11:30-2 church members and friends are invited to join Rev. Sage and grounds director Roger Williams at the parsonage for a clean up and flower planting afternoon. Bring yourselves, a rake, a spade, gloves, plant and flower clippings, extra mulch or fertilizer, anything you wish to contribute to the effort! There will be many different ways to help. Perhaps you may want to just bring a lawn chair and enjoy watching the progress! Lemonade and Iced Tea will be offered. Bring a bag lunch, stay the whole time, or just stop by for a short visit, whatever fits into your afternoon!

Looking Ahead!

Mark your calendars!!!

MUSIC SUNDAY
Sunday June 3rd, 2012

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
June 10th, 2012

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS (9 am) WILL BEGIN JULY 1ST AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

Mite Box Money

Mite Box Money is due *Sunday, May 13, 2012* but can be given to Patty Swett any Sunday. This year's mite box money will be used for a Convention Ministry.

Northern New England Home, Garden & Flower Show

The 11th Annual Northern New England Home, Garden and Flower Show returns to the Fryeburg Fairgrounds on May 18, 19 & 20, 2012. General admission is \$9 for adults. Youth aged 6 to 16 are \$4.00 and children under 6 are free.



Welcomers for May

May 6 Debbie Dolley
 May 13 OPEN
 May 20 Martha Richardson
 May 27 Sally Harnden

Ushers for May

May 6 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 May 13 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 May 20 Jen & David Richardson
 May 27 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson

Coffee Hour for May

May 6 Jean Cressy
 May 13 Chuck Priest
 May 20 Jodi Hesslein
 May 27 Debbie Dolley

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE		
APRIL 1- 22, 2012		
Date	Adults	Children
April 1	45	2
April 8	70	12
April 15	38	8
April 22	38	0



*May flowers
 courtesy of
 Renie Chaplin*



Calendar for May 2012 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Tue	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
2	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
3	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
6	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
9	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
10	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
13	Sun	Mother's Day Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Mite Box money due	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
16	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
17	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
18	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
20	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Parsonage Garden Party	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
23	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Worship Committee mtg.	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
24	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
26-28	Sat-Mon	SCYL Teen Retreat @ FNC Assembly	
27	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.
28	Mon	Memorial Day	
30	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
31	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon