



September 2012

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,

While the middle of the day still seems to be getting hot, when I wake up with the need to throw on a sweater before heading out to inspect my tomatoes I know that autumn is approaching. Families are out school clothes shopping, teachers are preparing their classrooms, and I am unearthing my long pants from the back of the closet. I really love this time of year, as I know many of you do; the foliage, the crisp air, the colors of the sky as the light changes. And as summer comes to a close I am becoming aware of how differently I view the approaching season, from the long summer days I am leaving behind.

It seemed that when summer arrived it came as a whole package, a set of weeks bound together with the promise of sun, swimming, green lawns, and open windows. The summer unfolded, even over it's short life span here in this northern climate of ours, with expansiveness, the long days filled with sun, seemed sure to be followed by more long full sunny days!

The autumn on the other hand seems to arrive without this solid feeling, with no promises of constancy but only the promise of change. Cooling temperatures, coloring and then dropping leaves, less and less sunlight; Autumn is transitory. As it comes, I feel so sense of anticipated arrival, but instead feel sure that its

coming and it's going will all be as subtle as my morning sweater and the shifts in the air. The beauty of autumn and the joy of the season will lie in the felt knowledge that every day will be entirely different from the next.

Now of course the fact is that of course all of the seasons are transitory. The world is always in a state of change. But I don't think that I am off in my observation that in the summer the change is a bit less perceptible. There is something about the fullness of summer, the brightness of the light, that makes us feel as if we will always be there, if we don't swim today we can always swim tomorrow! And yet, we know looking back that this is never really the case.

The summer is so much like our days of youth when we feel we have all the time in the world, that life will be steady, that who we are is constant, unchanging. And yet so unrealistic because in retrospect we see how quickly those days truly passed.

Autumn is on the other hand much like our mature selves, more realistic, showing us so clearly that life is constantly changing. In autumn we watch the world not coming to life, but coming to death, we watch forms disintegrate, and release themselves back into the earth to be reborn come spring. And perhaps it is seeing that change around us so palpably that makes autumn so precious. During this season we

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come to see that we cannot always put off what we wish to do for another day.

Let us together be ever present this autumn, to each unique and precious day, knowing beauty and joy lies in the letting go.

Many Blessings,

*Rev. Sage*

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## *Worship Schedule*

**Sunday School 9:00 AM** (details on this page)  
**Family Worship 10:00 AM** (starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012** - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,  
Mark 7:1-8 "Freedom within boundaries,"

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012** - Isaiah 35:4-7a,  
Mark 7:24-37 "Spiritual Healing,"

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012** - Isaiah 50:4-9,  
John 14:15-21 "The Spirit of Truth,"

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012** - Genesis 1:1-19  
"The first four days of creation,"

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012** - Genesis 1:20-31  
"Days five and six,"  
*Special Guest Rev. Kitsy Winthrop*  
(Rev. Winthrop is a Unitarian Universalist Minister with a special interest in Creation theology. She serves on the Maine Council of Church's Board with Rev. Sage, and was well received on her last visit to the New Church. Rev. Sage will be away at Spiritual Direction Training in Ontario, Canada.)

## Fryeburg New Church Family Breakfast & Sunday School Registration



The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 9, 2012 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 16th.*

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.



### **T.E.A.M.=Together Everyone Achieves More!**

As you all know, our booth at the fair is the church's biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help! Be part of the Fair Booth T.E.A.M. this year! We have lots of fun and lots of laughs, see old friends and make new ones, not to mention all the great food ☺ Please review the sign-up sheet (there are many shifts to be filled and pies to be made) and be a part of this project which is so very important to our Church.

As usual, the 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

# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 4, 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

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be on **Monday, September 17, 2012 at NOON**. All ladies are welcome!!

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

**Sally Harnden** was recently in the hospital but is back home and feeling much better. Please keep her in your prayers for continued good health.

## Fish and Game Supper

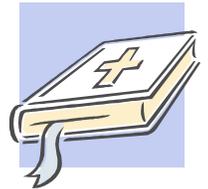
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p.m.

## Thursday Noon Brown Bag Bible Study Resumes September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

As we ease into the routine of our fall schedules please join us for our weekly Bible Study! Each week we will look together at the scriptures that are to be offered in worship that upcoming Sunday. This is a time to break bread together, share in fellowship, prayer, study, and open discussion about the scriptures to better understand them and the meaning they hold for our lives.



## Worship Committee has new meeting time, Third Tuesday of the Month from 7-8 pm

FNC has for some time had a standing worship committee that meets monthly with Rev. Sage to discuss new ideas for worship, any suggestions that come in through the suggestion box, and to help plan and develop worship for special Sundays throughout the year. Currently serving on the committee are Debbie Urgese, Debbie Dolley, Greg Huang-Dale and Sally Gibson. If you have ideas you'd like to share with the Worship Committee feel free to speak to one of these people. If you are interested in serving on the Worship Committee please speak to Rev. Sage

## Adult Sunday School Resumes 9:00 am Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Led by lay volunteers this Fall we will resume holding Adult Sunday School in the library for the hour before worship. The group will study the passage to be read in worship using the Adult commentary in the Dole Notes to help come to understand some of the deeper levels of meaning in the stories. Join us!

## Welcomers for September

Sept 2 Debbie Urgese  
 Sept 9 OPEN  
 Sept 16 OPEN  
 Sept 23 OPEN  
 Sept 30 OPEN

## Ushers for September

Sept 2 Tom Barrett & Donnette Barnes  
 Sept 9 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
 Sept 16 Jen & David Richardson  
 Sept 23 Dean Harnden & Sue Davidson  
 Sept 30 OPEN

## Coffee Hour for September

Sept 2 Martha Richardson  
 Sept 9 Family Breakfast  
 Sept 16 Jean Cressy  
 Sept 23 Donnette Barnes  
 Sept 30 Fryeburg Fair

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JULY 1 – AUGUST 26, 2012		
Date	Adults	Children
July 1	21	5
July 8	33	4
July 15	33	6
July 22	21	--
July 29	Outside service	
August 5	63	4
August 12	72	7
August 19	45	1
August 26	Outside service	



September flowers  
 courtesy of  
*Jean Cressy*

Calendar for September 2012 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
2	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
3	Mon	<b>Labor Day</b>	
4	Tue	SAD 72 Back to School ☺ <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
5	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
9	Sun	<b>Sunday School Reg. &amp; Family Breakfast</b> Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
10	Mon	<b>Fish and Game Supper</b>	6:30 p.m.
12	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
13	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
14	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
16	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Begins Family Worship <b>Youth Group</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4-7 p.m.
17	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance</b>	12 noon
18	Tue	<b>Pie Making Worship Committee Mtg</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
19	Wed	<b>Pie Making</b> Dinner Bell North @SEAS	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
20	Thu	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b>	12 noon
23	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Fair Booth Clean-up</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 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>Fryeburg Fair begins Birthday Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.