



March 2013

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

From the Minister:

When I was first invited to candidate at our church in the Fall of 2009, I was invited to come up on a Saturday evening and stay over at the Parsonage so I'd be fresh and ready to meet all of you Sunday morning. I was given a key to the church and being a bit sleepless with nervous anticipation I decided to take a walk over to twelve Oxford Street and take a look around to get my bearings for the morning.

I had of course been to the church before, attended worship while a teenager at the New Church Assembly, but I had never really looked around. As I searched for light switches and made my way through the building it seemed like each corner I turned revealed a new dimension of how much love and devotion this community held and by the time I locked the door behind me I was even more sure of wanting to be a part of it!

First it was the neatly organized, colorfully decorated Sunday School rooms. The attendance sheets with red, blue, silver and gold stars next to each student's names, the baskets of glue sticks, markers and stacks of bibles. And there was no dust, or abandoned projects, these rooms were clearly weekly in use and cared for by devoted teachers!

Then, what struck me were the plaques, pictures

and notices that abounded around the church.

The Convention Emblem given and made by Renie Chaplin, the Communion Service cabinet made by Herbert Eastman, Mrs. Sally's portrait in the office. This all gave me a sense of all the hands and hearts that have devoted themselves to this place over the years, and how much each one, each act of generosity, was appreciated.

And then lastly, as a potential pastoral candidate, I was certainly moved by the collection of portraits in the back of the sanctuary. Seeing the faces of the many pastors who have served this community and imaging myself to be one of them was a powerful experience. Imagining their different styles and attitudes, their perspectives and voices ringing through the sanctuary. What an incredible blessings and honor to be invited to serve with this community.

From that first night of snooping around FNC, all of what this building spoke of this community has certainly been manifest and so much more.

I am so very glad that I managed to make it through that first Sunday Morning and you invited me to be your pastor!

I have told many of you that this experience for me of leaving FNC, is the first time in my life that I am leaving something wonderful, before it feels time to go, because of a call somewhere else. I can't help but associate the feelings I've been

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having with this decision to my hospice work and the grief work I have done with people when they are dying 'before their time.' While thankfully we are not dealing with physical death, and I look forward to always staying connected to all of you and the life of FNC, one form of that connection is facing a death of sorts, and it's impossible for me to not to grieve that loss. Perhaps many of you are experiencing that grief in one form or another. My leaving may even trigger your feelings of loss over pastors from years ago, as a common dimension of the grief experience works that way too.

Change is the one constant in life, I know we all know this and trust in the continual, eternal unfolding of life that necessitates the letting go of today for the promise of tomorrow. AND grief is unavoidable if we are loving fully along the way. Please know my door is open to talk as we walk through this period of transition together.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Sage

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<i>Fish and Game Supper</i>		
Mar 4th,		6:30
2013		p.m.
<i>Cindy Priest, Chair</i>		

Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us on Easter Morning
@ 9:00 a.m. for a family breakfast
and special Easter egg Hunt for
the kids.

Worship Schedule

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

**March 3, 2013~ The Path of Integrity ~
Take Responsibility**
Genesis 43:1-14, 29-34, Matthew 18:1-5

**March 10, 2013~ The Path of Integrity
Have Compassion**
Genesis 45:1-15, 25-28, Matthew 20:25-28

**March 17, 2013~ The Path of Integrity
Celebrate the Blessings**
Genesis 48:1-2, 8-22, John 15:9-13

March 24, 2013~ Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40

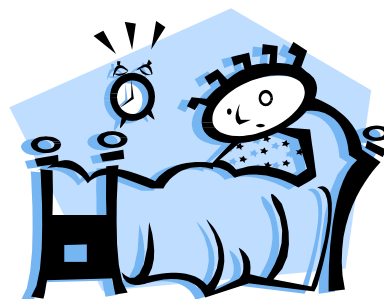
**March 28 2013~ Maundy Thursday
Ecumenical Worship and Potluck Supper**
6:00 pm at the Brownfield Community Church

**March 29, 2013~ Good Friday Ecumenical
Taizé Worship**
5:00 pm at the Fryeburg New Church

**March 31, 2013~ Ecumenical Easter Sunrise
Service and Breakfast**
Time TBA at the Bradley Memorial Methodist Church
in North Fryeburg

**Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg
Hunt**
9 am at The Fryeburg New Church

Easter Sunday Worship
10 am at The Fryeburg New Church
Isaiah 65:17-25, John 20:1-18



Turn your
clocks
1 hour ahead
before bed on

Saturday night, March 9th

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5, 2013 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
Jonathan Crowe, <i>Vice Chair</i>	925-1302
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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Patricia Swett	603-939-2262

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance will be meeting **March 18th @ noon** at the Church. Please bring a bag lunch....all ladies are welcome!

2013 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

President..... Jean Cressy
Vice-President..... Carol Andrews
Secretary.... Sally Harnden
Treasurer.... Patty Swett
Chaplain..... Betty Baker



The Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Brownfield Community Church

Drink to the Future



The Drink to the Future fundraiser is a charity for clean water. We are connected to The Water Project, which helps give clean water to communities all over the world.

Right now, we are collecting cans and plastic bottles to help raise money. We would love donations of any kind. If you have bottles or cans that you would like to give, drop them off at The New Church in Fryeburg Maine, 12 Oxford Street. We will have a canister by the side door. Every bottle matters.

Thank you!

Elise Richardson

My website is www.drinktothefuture.weebly.com

Passages

Our beloved friend **Mildred Heath** passed away on Friday, February 8, 2013. A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the Fryeburg New Church. Many prayers and heart felt condolences to her friends and family.



March 3rd Potluck Luncheon

Please join us after worship on March 3rd for a potluck luncheon and help welcome Rev. Sage's fiancé Rev. Ted Cole Jr. as he visits us here at the Fryeburg New Church. Bring your favorite casserole, salad, etc. (no desserts please) and enjoy some good company as we wish the happy couple all the joy in the world!

Welcomers for March

Mar 3 *open*
 Mar 10 *open*
 Mar 17 *open*
 Mar 24 *open*
 Mar 31 *open*

Ushers for March

Mar 3 Tom Barrett & Donnette Barnes
 Mar 10 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Mar 17 David & Jen Richardson
 Mar 24 *open*
 Mar 31 Jean Cressy & Dean Harnden

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



Thank you**

Coffee Hour for March

Mar 3 Potluck Luncheon
 Mar 10 Cindy Priest
 Mar 17 Donnette Barnes
 Mar 24 Susan Logan
 Mar 31 Easter Breakfast

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 3-24, 2013		
Date	Adults	Children
February 3	29	7
February 10	35	3
February 17	26	3
February 24	--	--



Calendar for March 2013 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sun	Path of Integrity: Week 5 Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Pot Luck Luncheon	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
4	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
5	Tue	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
7	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study –	12 noon
9	Sat	Turn clocks 1 hour ahead tonight!!!	
10	Sun	Path of Integrity: Week 6 Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
13	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
14	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study –	12 noon
15	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	All day
17	Sun	St. Patrick's Day Path of Integrity: Week 7 Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
18	Mon	Women's Alliance	12 noon
20	Wed	Rev. Sage @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
21	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study	12 noon
24	Sun	Palm Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
27	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
28	Thu	Brown Bag Bible Study – Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck Dinner @ Brownfield Community Church	12 noon 6:00 p.m.
29	Fri	Good Friday Ecumenical Taizé Worship	5:00 p.m.
31	Sun	Easter Sunday Sunrise service and Breakfast @ Bradley Memorial Methodist Church Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg Hunt Family Worship	TBA 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.