



November 2014

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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As you dear readers are aware, one of my many privileges of ministry is to be able to officiate at funerals, those sacred gatherings when we say begin to say our goodbyes to those who will no longer be with us on this earthly plane.

Because I offer funerals for many I have never met before, I always try my best to get a sense of who the departed person is. I try to find out about those essential qualities and life events that will live on in the minds of those who knew them best. As I learn as much as I can about the individual, I am repeatedly amazed at the variety of human interests and personalities, even within my own limited experience.

With this task of creating meaningful services for each family before me, I was particularly struck by a paragraph found in Emanuel Swedenborg's *Arcana Coelestia* (n. 969),

*"The spiritual realm is the gathering place for the souls of all people from the beginning of*

*creation, of which almost a million a week come from our planet. They all have their own bend of mind and their own personality, different from that of others. Everybody's ideas are all communicated to others, and yet all things as a whole and in particular must continually be brought into order."*

What an amazing reminder about the power of the Lord! Who else but the Lord could bring and maintain order in every moment for everyone (with their differing personalities and affections) who has ever lived since the beginning of time.

I doubt my efforts to bring order for two! I remember distinctly the first moment I was at home with Monroe and a just born Elin, and both were crying...and it dawned on me for the first time that I was going to have to choose the needs of one over the other, at least temporarily.

(Thinking of this, I am just now reminded of the biblical story of Rebekah, who helped her son Jacob steal his twin Esau's birthright

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because she loved him more...so much for her offering an inspiring example of caring for all of her children!)

Feeling torn between my two children reminds me of just how finite and human we are. While I can feel love in my heart for lots of people, I can't be helpful to all of those people at one time. I'm limited in my abilities, and always will be.

We can never really know what it is like to be God. But reminders of my humanness can help me, even if just for a moment or two, to begin to appreciate more and more about the nature of God - like the fact that *God really is all things to all people, all at the same time.* In our theology, we use words like "omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent" to describe these infinite aspects of God. It means we believe God is present in all places at the same time, that God knows all, and has unlimited power. This is something most churches hold true, and something we each recognize especially in the act of prayer, when we turn to God, believing that God is with us and able to guide us no matter where we are.

And thank goodness that there is someone REALLY IN CHARGE who can be all things to all people in all moments, in heaven and on earth.

**With a thankful heart for the power of our Creator, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving,**

*Rev. Alison and family*

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## Worship Schedule

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Family Worship 10:00 AM**

### Upcoming Worship Schedule:

Continuing with the Commandments:

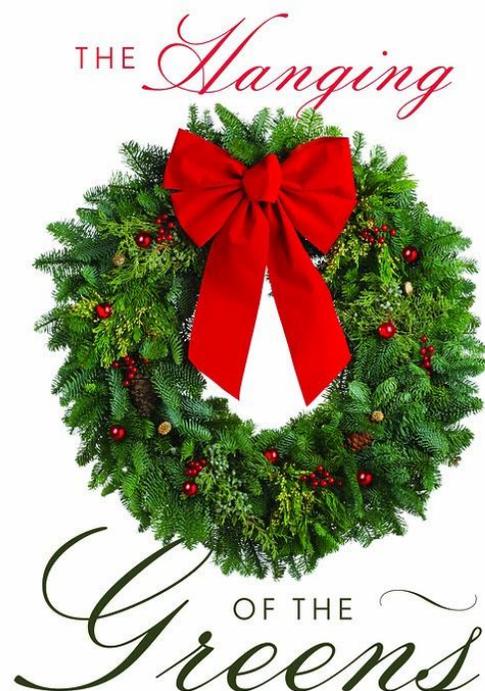
November 2: You shall not commit adultery

November 9: You shall not steal

November 16: You shall not give false testimony

November 23: You shall not covet

November 30: Advent begins:  
Hanging of the Greens Service



# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm**. There will be **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**. 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

Jon Crowe, <i>Chair</i>	925-1302
Dede Frost, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3344
Cindy Priest, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-3360
<i>Position open, Secretary of Trustees</i>	
Jane Fullerton	890-9454
Jean Cressy	935-7093
Judy Hatch	935-2223
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Patty Swett	603-939-2262

## Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be on **Monday, November 17, 2014 at NOON**. This month the Alliance will meet at Betty Baker's house, bring a bag lunch as usual. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2014 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

*President..... Jean Cressy*  
*Vice-President..... Claire Kiesman*  
*Secretary..... Sally Harnden*  
*Treasurer..... Patty Swett*  
*Chaplain..... Betty Baker*



## Evening Worship

Dear Church Family,

It has come to my attention that some within our community would like the chance to have an evening worship service - and I would like to make this happen! One evening service a month is the goal. Everyone is invited - the service will be less formal than Sunday morning, and it will have its own focus (it will not be Sunday morning's message). Also, as I want to meet the needs of all generations, each service may be a little different. Day of the week yet to be decided. Time/date will be announced in next month's newsletter. If you have a preference, please let me know!

- Rev. Alison

## Annual Maine Association Meeting !!!!

Join us **November 15th** at the Fryeburg New Church for our annual Maine Association Meeting!

We will meet at 11am, for a devotional with Communion, followed by a potluck lunch and the meeting.

Please join us if you can!!! We need everybody's support!

# "Sweet Spirit of Sharing"

## Pie Service

This year our ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the Fryeburg New Church on Sunday evening, November 23rd, at 6pm. The service will be held downstairs. Join us for music, pie, and the story of the first Thanksgiving.

Many churches are involved in this year's ecumenical Thanksgiving service. If you are able, please bring pie to share.

## Passages

Edith V. (Goddard) Pangaro, 90, entered the Spiritual World on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. She had been in poor health for quite some time and she passed away at home with her husband, Larry and other members of the family by her side. She was a lifetime member of the New York New Church and an Associate member of the Fryeburg New Church. She was the great granddaughter of the Rev. John Goddard, a minister of the Church.

## In Our Prayers

*Healing prayers to Christy Berry, who recently had knee surgery. Our prayers go out to Jane Fullerton with an injured shoulder; our best to Redwing Wilderbrook, recovering from a sinus infection; prayers to Sue Davidson for a speedy diagnosis and recovery; we continue to wish Barbara Ferguson a steady recovery; healing prayers for Jen Richardson and family.*

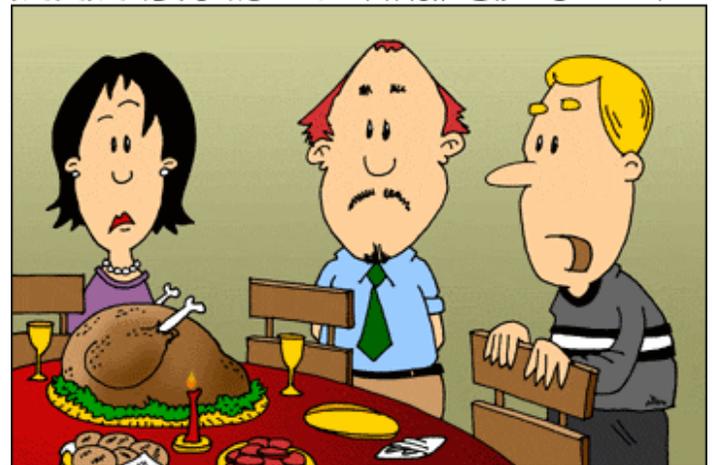
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YOU DEVILS SOMETIMES MANAGE TO SCORE A POINT OR TWO AGAINST US ANGELS, BUT YOU NEVER WIN ... HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE FACT THAT YOU MAY HAVE A BAD COACH?

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(See Psalm 100)

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HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?

# SHARING and GIVING THANKS

TEN dollars will help buy  
TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING BOXES

Food may also be dropped off here at the Church to be delivered to the  
Sweden Food Pantry on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cranberry sauce, pie filling, pre-made pie crust, stuffing etc.  
would be greatly appreciated.

Checks may be made out to The Sweden Food Pantry/Sweden  
Community Church and mailed to: Sweden Community Church  
137 Bridgton Road, Sweden ME 04040

**Let's get those Thanksgiving Baskets filled to the brim!**

Volunteers are also needed, for more information call:  
Shirley Crowe 647-4429



## *Fish and Game Supper*

Nov 3,  
2014



6:30  
p.m.

\* ALL SUPPERS to be \$9.00 per person.

## *Wreath Decorating*



On Sunday, **November 16th** please join us for **Wreath Decorating** after worship. It's a lot of fun and the fresh smell of pine will surely get you in the Christmas spirit!!!

*Thank You*

The Fair Committee would like to thank all of you who came to help make pies and stews for the Fryeburg Fair booth. Many hours were spent rolling, peeling, chopping, stirring, and baking. The delicious smells coming up from the kitchen were absolutely heavenly. ☺ We would also like to thank everyone who worked shifts at the booth, cleaned, delivered items... The work is endless but so is the fun!

And to all of you who support the Fryeburg New Church by choosing our booth for your breakfast and coffee or burgers and chili, our appreciation to you cannot be measured.

## *Christmas Cupboard*



Remember to get your crafts and donation in for the annual *Christmas Cupboard* which will be on **Saturday, November 22!!** Items for sale should be brought to the Church by, **Friday, Nov. 21st** at 9:00 a.m. We will be setting up on Friday so any helpers would be welcomed and appreciated. Baked items can also be brought in anytime on Friday, or Saturday morning no later 8:00 a.m.

## Welcomers for October

Nov 2 OPEN  
 Nov 9 Debbie Dolley  
 Nov 16 Martha Richardson  
 Nov 23 OPEN  
 Nov 30 OPEN

## Ushers for November

Nov 2 Tom Barrett & Cindy Priest  
 Nov 9 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
 Nov 16 Jen & David Richardson  
 Nov 23 OPEN  
 Nov 30 Dean Harnden & Jean Cressy

## Coffee Hour for November

Nov 2 Debbie Urgese  
 Nov 9 Renie Chaplin  
 Nov 16 Leone Dyer  
 Nov 23 Dede Frost  
 Nov 30 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 26, 2014		
Date	Adults	Children
Sept 28	32	7
October 5	19	10
October 12	31	4
October 19	25	10
October 26	30	1



November  
 flowers  
 courtesy of  
*Jean Cressy*

Calendar for November 2014 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Sat	<b>Turn clocks back 1 hour tonight</b>	
2	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
3	Mon	<b>Fish &amp; Game Supper</b>	6:30 p.m.
5	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
6	Thu	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
9	Sun	<i>Thanksgiving Basket Sunday</i> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
12	Wed	<b>Sweden FP items due</b> Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
13	Thu	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
15	Sat	<b>Maine Association Meeting @ FNC</b>	11:00 p.m.
16	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>SS Teacher's Meeting</b> <i>Wreath Decorating</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship
17	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance</b> <i>@Betty Baker's house</i>	12 noon
18	Tue	<b>Worship Committee mtg</b>	7:00 p.m.
19	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
20	Thu	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
21	Fri	Christmas Cupboard Setup	8:30 a.m.
22	Sat	<b>Christmas Cupboard</b>	9am-Noon
23	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service @ FNC</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
27	Thu	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
30	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.



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