



May 2015

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

It's nearly May, dear readers! How wonderful to be witnessing the signs of spring – greening grass, new buds on the trees, birds making their nests, children walking out the door without snow pants! ☺ Most of these signs are reminders of that eternal process that new life arises from the old. It's beautiful!

When I was a child we would mark the coming of May with little homemade baskets of flowers; we thought we were being quite sneaky when we would leave them on a neighbor's porch, ring the doorbell, and run and hide. Did you ever partake in the same May Day tradition? I'm not too sure it's a very popular tradition these days. Or, maybe you danced around the maypole in school to celebrate May Day?

Asking about May Day leads me to think about a completely different meaning for the same sounding word – Mayday – as in an emergency distress signal. A little research into the word informs me that the call originated in 1923 by Frederick Mockford, a senior radio officer at an

airport in London; he was asked to think of a word that would indicate distress and would be easily understood by all pilots and ground staff. He proposed “Mayday” from the French “*m'aidez*” (which translates to: “help me” - *found on Wikipedia*). And so that it would not be confused or mistaken under noisy conditions, it was to be spoken three times in a row. Just so you know, making a false distress call in the U.S. is a federal crime carrying a sanction of up to six years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$250,000!

Being able to very clearly call for help is so essential to our wellbeing. Writing as a minister, my thoughts turn to the One who can be called upon in any situation, dire or not; I'm hoping everyone feels that they can call out to God for help. It is certainly something humankind has been doing for centuries, as the Psalms reveal.

Help me, LORD my God; save me according to your unfailing love. Psalm 109:26.

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Here is a distress call from Psalm 57, possibly written by David when he fled into a cave, hiding from King Saul, who wanted to kill him: *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me.*

In the words of Swedish scientist and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg, "...**help comes wholly from Him**, out of mercy. This is clear from the meaning of 'being merciful', since it refers to the Lord, **as the truth that help comes wholly from Him**. ...everything done by the Lord is an act of mercy. The Lord in His Essential Being is Divine Love; and love, when it is shown towards those in a state of wretchedness, is called mercy. Thus His Love as it is shown to the whole human race is called mercy..." (Arcana 9219).

That is a good line to remember - "help comes wholly from Him."

I wish you a happy May dear readers, and I pray that you keep in your hearts the knowledge that you can call on the Lord for help anytime, anywhere. There will be no penalties, only love and wisdom and guidance for your life.

"God's gift to his sorrowing creatures is a joy worthy of their destiny."

— Johann Sebastian Bach

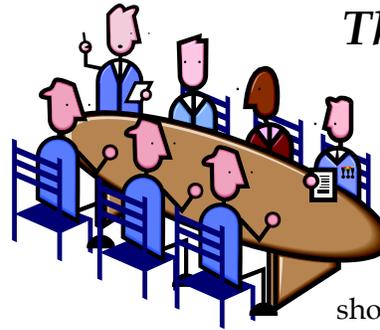
**May Blessings to you and yours,
Rev. Alison**

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Church Report

The Trustees



The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2015 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

Jon Crowe, <i>Chair</i>	925-1302
Stew Frost, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3344
Cindy Priest, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-3360
Dede Frost, <i>Secretary</i>	935-3344
Donnette Barnes, <i>Trustee</i>	935-2130
Jane Fullerton, <i>Trustee</i>	890-9454
Judy Hatch, <i>Trustee</i>	935-2223
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Patricia Swett	603-939-2262

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be **Monday, June 15th, 2015** at 12 noon, the ladies will dine out for lunch, and location is to be announced. There will be **no** meeting in May. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us.

2015 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

Worship Schedule

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

Upcoming messages....

This month we will be turning to the Psalms for inspiration and guidance. Some of the Psalms are among the best-known and best loved passages of the Bible. Individual psalms were originally hymns, to be used on various occasions and at various sacred sites; it is believed that their composition spans at least five centuries. Join us for worship this month as we explore the Psalms!

May 3 - Series on the Psalms - Psalm 1

May 10 (Happy Mother's Day!)
Series on the Psalms

May 17 - *Music Sunday*

May 24 - Series on the Psalms

May 31 - Series on the Psalms

Mark your calendars!!!

MUSIC SUNDAY
Sunday May 17th, 2015

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
June 7th, 2015

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS (9 am) WILL
BEGIN JULY 5th AND CONTINUE
THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JULY AND
AUGUST.



**SAVE THE DATE! - The Second
Annual Dole 3 Miler will be
Saturday ~ August 8, 2015.**

Registration is open for the Second Annual Dole 3 Miler. The first fifty registrants receive a free t-shirt.

**Visit www.dole3miler.com for
additional information**



**Thank you to the children who joined
us in April to make placemats for
Meals on Wheels!**

In our Prayers

Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Ferguson, and those who have had flu or pneumonia this season! Prayers for the Dolley family as they grieve Gary Dolley's passing. Prayers also go to the McAllister family as they let go of Doris ("Dot"), who passed into the spiritual world at the age of 96.

Fundraising Committee



Community Yard Sale

The third annual FNC Community Yard Sale will be held at the Church on Saturday August 22 from 8AM to 2PM. We are hoping to include all kinds of bargains from furniture, children's items, kitchen gadgets, back to school clothing, and even a few antiques. We need your help collecting items. If you are doing some spring cleaning or are ready to pass along those unneeded treasures in the attic, basement or barn please think of us. We will gladly accept your donations. Please contact Jen Richardson at 935-4509 or the Church directly at 935-3413.

The Maine Street Festival

We are once again hosting The Maine Street Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday August 22, 2015. We are looking for artisans. If you are interested in having a booth please contact Jen Richardson at 935-4509 or the Church directly at 935-3413.

Potluck with a Purpose

**Don't forget to join us for a
"Potluck with a Purpose"**

This month's purpose will be an important Church meeting immediately following the potluck in order to discuss and vote on many maintenance projects coming up. These include painting, carpeting, a new chimney and repair work to the steeple. Thank you for joining us!

FNCA WORK WEEKEND 2015

**9:00 a.m. Sat. May 23 - 12:00 noon
Mon. May 25**

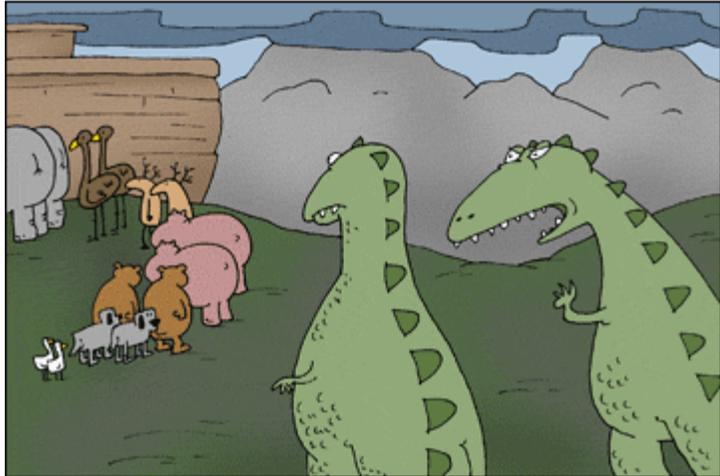
Over Memorial Day Weekend every year, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and other obliging souls gather at the Assembly for three days of maintenance and upkeep of the facilities. Work Weekend is an opportunity to volunteer your labor and skills for the camp that you love... as well as to be at the Assembly during the off season!

All help is welcome and appreciated. Both skilled and unskilled workers are encouraged to participate. There's plenty of work for however many people show up. In fact, the more volunteers we have, the more projects get completed. New people are encouraged to join us. Previous participants know how fun it can be. All are invited. Free lodging and delicious meals are provided in exchange for your help. If you plan to attend, please visit www.fryeburg.org and fill out the form for work weekend.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2005

**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING
CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**



(See Genesis 6-8) 10-19-2006

**NO WAY MAN ... YOU KNOW I DON'T
WAIT IN LONG LINES**



**May is National Bicycle Month
National Bike to Work Week is the 11th-15th.**

We are going to mark the occasion with a
"Blessing of the Bicycles" event @ FNC!

Join us Saturday, May 9th, at 10am to be blessed!
If you can't bring your bike, bring your helmet!

Make plans now to attend the 2015 Annual Convention in Bridgewater, MA!

191st Session of the General Convention of
the New Jerusalem

When: June 27 - July 1

Theme:
The Year of Regeneration: Toward a Newer
Church

Where: Bridgewater State College,
Bridgewater, MA

Coming Soon!!!

New Fundraiser....you just have to shop at
Amazon.com!

When you shop online through
Amazon.com, there will be a very easy
way to donate to our church.
First, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
and follow the directions to choose a
charitable organization: ours is
Fryeburg New Church. Then each time
you go to Amazon, be sure you enter the
site through 'smile.amazon.com' and
your purchases of eligible products will
automatically count toward a donation of
.5% of the purchase price to our church.
That's all you have to do; everything else
is exactly the same, no extra fees to you as
consumer, or to the church. The only
thing that's different is that our church
benefits! So thanks!

We will let you know when we are up and
running!



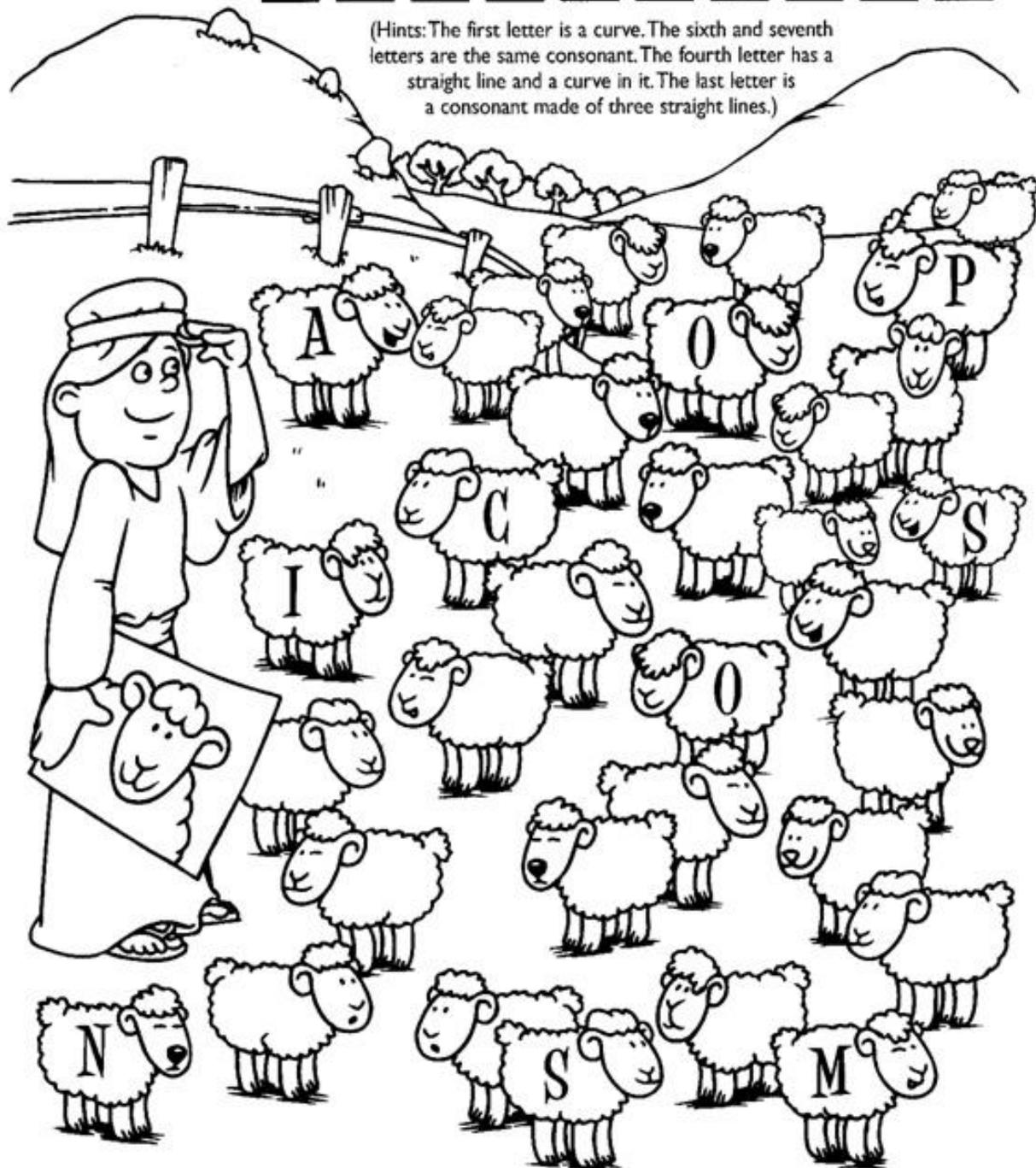
LOST AND FOUND

Luke 15:3-7



The shepherd has lost a sheep, and like the Good Shepherd, he will search high and low for it. In the blanks, write the letters you find on the sheep. Read the hints for help. It's a word that tells what God feels for us.

(Hints: The first letter is a curve. The sixth and seventh letters are the same consonant. The fourth letter has a straight line and a curve in it. The last letter is a consonant made of three straight lines.)



The shepherd is looking for one specific sheep. It looks just like the one in his picture. Can you find it? When you do, circle it.



Welcomers for May

May 3 *open*
 May 10 Debbie Dolley
 May 17 Martha Richardson
 May 24 *open*
 May 31 *open*

Ushers for May

May 3 Tom Barrett & TBA
 May 10 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 May 17 Jen & David Richardson
 May 24 TBA
 May 31 Jean Cressy & Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for May

May 3 Potluck
 May 10 Jon Crowe
 May 17 Debbie Urgese
 May 24 Mary Dysinger
 May 31 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MARCH 29 ~ APRIL 26, 2015		
Date	Adults	Children
March 29	34	--
April 5	70	11
April 12	30	04
April 19	48	10
April 26	34	14

Calendar for May 2015 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship "Potluck with a Purpose" Special Church Meeting	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship after potluck
5	Tue	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
7	Thu	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
9	Sat	Blessing of the Bicycles	10:00 a.m.
10	Sun	<i>Mother's Day</i> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
13	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
14	Thu	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
17	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship SS Teacher Meeting	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. After worship
20	Wed	Rev. Alison @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS Worship Committee mtg.	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
21	Thu	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
23-25	Sat-Mon	Work Weekend @ FNC Assembly	
24	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
26	Mon	Memorial Day	
28	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
29	Thu	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
31		Birthday Bank Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.





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