



June 2017

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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**Happy June, dear Readers!**

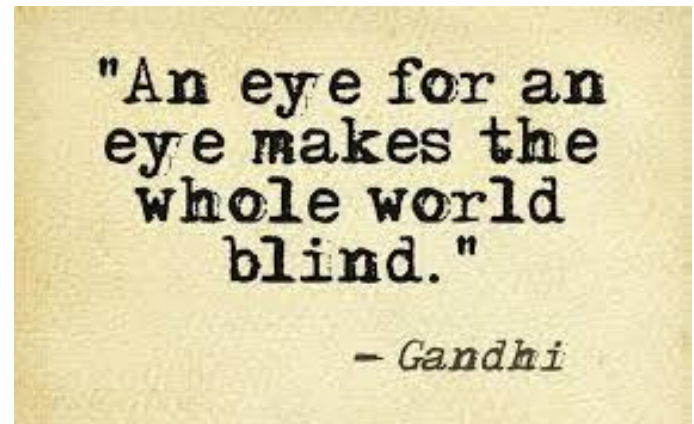
This may be a favorite month for my two children as they look forward to the beginning of summer vacation! I believe our entire family will enjoy a more relaxing summer routine for awhile - with no lunches to pack in the morning, and no worries about getting the kids to school on time; no worries about homework!

It has been interesting to realize how much our children do learn at school....sometimes I am amazed at how our son uses math or can tell us facts about the solar system! And just the other day, my daughter was telling me about the meaning of Memorial Day. Sometimes they bring home other information - like how popular "fidget spinners" are...I had no idea! Or, they come home with new words...most recently "payback."

"You are doing a payback!" one child recently said to the other. As a parent and a minister, I thought, "This is something worth talking about!"

Another good word for payback? *Revenge*. One is "paying the other back" for some action that felt hurtful. I am so thankful that Jesus addressed this, when he said,

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' [a]39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. (Matthew 5: 38-42)*



It is interesting to try to contemplate the ways that the idea that one action deserves another is part of our way of thinking. Phrases come to my mind like "one good turn deserves another," or "you

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reap what you sow." Jesus touched on this himself when he remarked that "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged" (Matthew 7). There are consequences to actions.

Another word for this might be "karma" - traditionally a word and concept found in Buddhism and Hinduism that refers to a universal balancing energy of past actions. As I saw it written recently, a fear based approach to this concept might be: Karma is the consequences, both good and bad, that are brought to you based on your actions, good and bad. You are judged for your actions. Here is a love-based understanding of Karma: Karma is a gift that brings you lessons for your soul's personal growth, and will continue to bring these lessons back around until you have learned them.

As I think on these things - both Jesus' words and the truth that our actions do have consequences - it comes home to me that I don't want to be the one deciding what the consequences should be. If I lash out at another in response to being hurt...in some way, I am deciding what the other "deserves" and I am not choosing peace for myself.

However difficult it is **not to** engage in payback when one is feeling frustrated and angry, I am glad our two children are learning at an early age that it is not the peaceful choice to make.

I wish you a happy, bright June, and I leave you with these words by a spiritual teacher, Matt Kahn:

*The ego needs something to fight for or something to fight against....Simply by surrendering your need, desire, or tendency to fight your mind, fight your feelings, fight your symptoms, fight with your family, or fight against any perceivable form of injustice, you become an open space through which the light of Divinity shines through for the evolution of all.*

**With June blessings,**

*Rev. Alison*

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

### June 4 - Children's Sunday!

Please join us for our potluck at the Assembly!

### June 11 - Music Sunday

### June 18 - New Church Day Sunday! (Father's Day)

*Martha Richardson leading worship*

### June 25 - TBA

## The Passing of Larry Pangaro

**We will miss seeing Larry at our services at FNC! Blessings to him in his new journey. Here is a portion of his obituary:**

Lawrence P. Pangaro, 92, a resident of Center Harbor, NH and, for a number of years, a former winter resident of Englewood, FL, died on May 7, 2017, after a brief illness. He was born in Mingo Junction, OH. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Edith (Goddard) Pangaro, with whom he shared 64 loving and happy years of married life. ...Mr. Pangaro was educated in the Greenwich, CT public schools and Columbia University. At Columbia, in pursuit of a degree, he attended night classes at the School of Journalism while working days at two prominent New York City advertising agencies. Twenty years of his early career was spent in NYC - eight in advertising, and the last twelve as Promotion and Research Director of Story, Brooks and Finley, Inc, a leading National Newspaper Representative Company. ...Mr. Pangaro was well known in the Southeastern MA area, where he co-founded the Southeastern Advertising Agency, Inc. Along with his wife, he started the Sippican Sentinel, an award-winning weekly newspaper in Marion, MA. ...At Tabor Academy, he helped publish the Tabor Log and originated a class in Journalism for the students in conjunction with the school newspaper. Mr. Pangaro was an avid tennis player...

# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 6, 2017**. 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

Stew Frost, <i>Chair</i>	935-3344
Jon Crowe, <i>Vice Chair</i>	925-1302
Cindy Priest, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-3360
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Patricia Swett	603-939-2262

## Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance is TBA. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us.

*2017 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:*

*President..... Jean Cressy*  
*Vice-President..... Claire Kiesman*  
*Secretary.... TBA*  
*Treasurer.... Patty Swett*  
*Chaplain..... TBA*

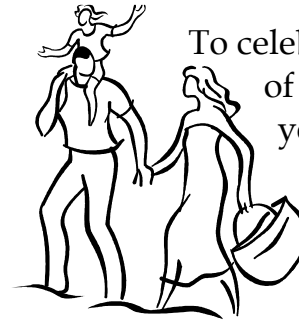


# Children's Sunday

Please be sure to join us on Sunday, June 4th for Children's Sunday as our children and their teachers are recognized for a year of spiritual growth, learning, and of course, fun!!



## All Church Potluck Picnic! June 4th, 11 am

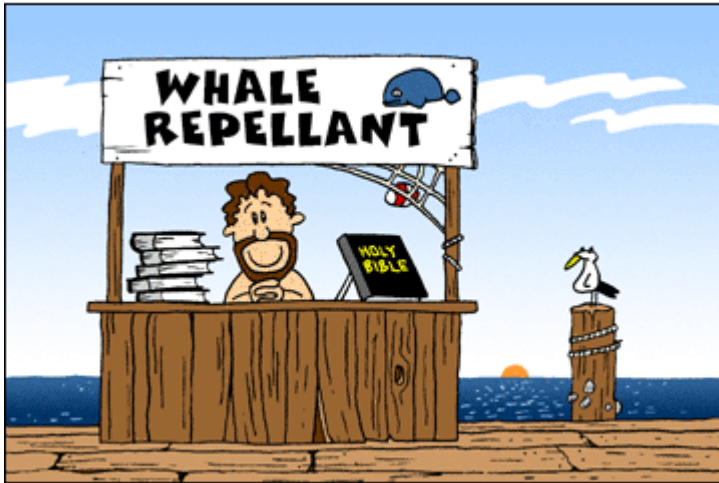


To celebrate the completion of our Sunday School year, we will be holding our annual All Church Picnic after worship on Children's Sunday

June 4th at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly! Please bring a potluck dish to share and prepare to have fun. Bring your friends and family and enjoy time to connect with long time church friends and meet new ones!

## In our Prayers

*We hold our community and world in prayer. We offer our prayers to the family of Larry Pangaro and Howard Bryant, and all those who have recently lost loved ones. Healing prayers to those living with illness, or recovering from recent hospital stays, including Sonia Syracuse, Burt and Renie Chaplin, Patty Swett, the Richardson family, and others. Prayers for those with mental illness and those recovering from addiction.*



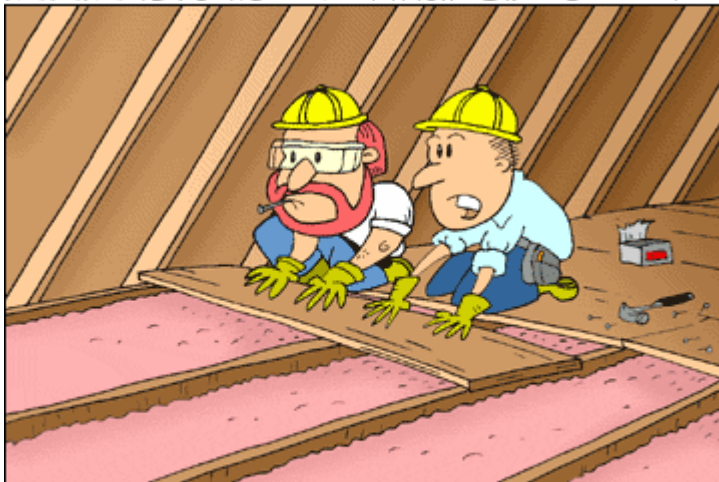
Thanks to Monette Long (See Jonah 1-4) 02-25-2002

## Fundraising Committee



## Community Yard Sale

The third annual FNC Community Yard Sale will be held at the Church on Saturday September 2 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.



Thanks to Mikel Rice 02-12-2001

THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY ASKED IF I ENJOYED WORKING ON CHURCH BOARDS

## The Maine Street Festival

We are once again hosting The Maine Street Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday August 26, 2017. 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.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8) 02-28-2003

LIFE-PRESERVER DRILL IS ALMOST OVER ... HOW IS EVERYONE ELSE DOING?



## **Fryeburg New Church Assembly** *July 29 - August 13, 2017*

Summer is almost here which means Assembly will begin in just a couple months! *Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis* with consideration given to the best use of available space, family size, physical needs, and length of stay.

For more information visit the Assembly website at [www.fryeburg.org](http://www.fryeburg.org).

You may also contact Emily Woofenden at [registrar@fryeburg.org](mailto:registrar@fryeburg.org) with questions about registration or housing.

## **Make plans now to attend the 2017 Annual Convention in West Chester, PA!**

### **Year of The Word: The Power of the Holy Scriptures**

The 193rd session of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem (The Swedenborgian Church) will be held from July 7-12, 2017, in West Chester, PA. We will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first convention.

The Council of Ministers will arrive Wednesday, July 5. General Council and Outing Day arrivals will be Friday, July 7. Post-Outing arrivals will be Saturday, July 8. Convention events run July 7 through July 12.

For more information go to  
[www.swedenborg.org](http://www.swedenborg.org)

## **FNCA 2017 Lecture Themes**

Morning Chapel 8:45  
1st Lecture 9:00  
2nd Lecture 10:00  
Discussion Group 11:00  
Monday - Saturday  
(no lectures on Wednesdays)

**NOTE:** Due to the third annual [Rev. Dr. George F. Dole Celebration 3-Mile Road Race](#), there will just be one lecture on the middle Saturday (August 5) and it will be held at 10:30.

### **Week One "Where It All Began: the Book of Genesis"**

From the Creation story to the Israelites travel to Egypt, Swedenborg's writings offer extensive detail and analysis of the book of Genesis. This week's lecturers will share insight into Swedenborg's perspective on these familiar Bible stories, as well as guide participants in exploring how understanding the first book of the Bible can aid us to be more aware of our own "genesis" and live more mindfully.

### **Week Two "The Connection between the Natural and Spiritual Worlds"**

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." In many of his books, Emanuel Swedenborg wrote of this connection or 'correspondence' between the spiritual and natural worlds. Lecturers this week will highlight this connection with the many aspects of the material world and the variety of ways we can experience, notice, and understand it.



## Famous person of the month

(influenced by Swedenborg)

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning, (1806-1861) English Poet

"To my mind the only light that has been cast on the other life is found in Swedenborg's philosophy..." "It explains much that was incomprehensible."



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## Secret Angels

*A person is born that he may become charity; but he cannot become charity unless he perpetually does the good of use to the neighbor, from affection and delight. (Charity 126)*

This is an activity that fosters charity from affection and delight. It may be used within a family, a youth group, a class, or even among friends.

### Procedure:

- Each person puts his/her name into a hat, and then chooses a name from the hat, being sure not to get his/her own.
- Each person now becomes a secret angel, helping the person whose name was drawn without giving away any identities.
- A secret angel does little acts of charity such as a leaving special treats at the person's front door, writing and sending messages of encouragement and good wishes, and even perhaps doing a chore for the person before he can get to it. But don't let the person know who his secret angel is!

**Note:** There is something very special about keeping the identities of the "angels" secret. You may find that you come to suspect that many people could be your secret angel, and, as a result, find yourself thinking good thoughts about many people in return.

*You might put a time limit on the activity or change names each week or so.*

*Enjoy with affection and delight!*

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## Welcomers for June

June 4 Debbie Urgese  
 June 11 Debbie Dolley  
 June 18 Martha Richardson  
 June 25 Sally Gibson

## Ushers for June

June 4 Stew Frost  
 June 11 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
 June 18 Jen & David Richardson  
 June 25 Jean Cressy & Dean Harnden

## Coffee Hour for June

June 4 Potluck Picnic @ FNCA  
 June 11 TBA  
 June 18 TBA  
 June 25 TBA

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MAY 7 - 28, 2017		
Date	Adults	Children
May 7	27	4
May 14	28	6
May 21	--	--
May 28	30	5

## Summer Worship Schedule

Worship will continue to be held at 10 am through the month of June.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Fourth Annual Dole 3 Miler will be Saturday ~ August 5, 2017.

Registration is open for the Fourth Annual Dole 3 Miler.

Visit [www.dole3miler.com](http://www.dole3miler.com) for additional information

Calendar for June 2017 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
4	Sun	<b>Children's Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship <i>All Church Picnic @ FNCA</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
6	Tue	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
11	Sun	<b>Music Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
18	Sun	<b>Father's Day</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Alison at FHCC	10:30 a.m.
25	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
June 29 – July 3, 2016 <b>Convention @ West Chester, PA</b>			





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