



September 2018

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Newsletter

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

September greetings, dear Readers!

We hope this newsletter finds you well after the summer months! This is the month in which we will begin our fair preparations – pie making and booth cleaning. And by the 29th – the booth opens! In advance, let me just say THANK YOU for your help!

The end of summer also brings our children back to school. I noticed that our own two children were asked to bring an “egg sized rock” to their school open house. It wasn’t too difficult to fulfill the requirement – at our house (and at most, I’m sure), rocks abound. Actually, we could probably say rocks abound in New England!

At our local library, I recently checked out a book titled, *Stone By Stone*, by Robert Thorson, *the Magnificent History in New England’s Stone Walls*.

The author writes that New England did not become stony until an Ice sheet invaded the region from central Canada fifteen to thirty thousand years ago, scattering stone slabs

across the region. Native American tribes were an important part of the forest ecosystem in the epoch after deglaciation – but they trod lightly on the forest floor, leaving the stones untouched and the soils thickening quietly.

It wasn’t until the last half century before the American Revolution that thousands of freedom seeking souls began to establish pioneering settlements in the thickly wooded interior. The clearing of stones from pastures and fields became an annual chore for at least a generation. Thousands of fence lines were established with the stones from the fields, often lugged to field side by hand and “tossed” one upon the other – the establishing of the walls were less about creating property lines and more about clearing a field. In 1939, a report on stone fences estimated there were **240,000 miles of stone walls in New England** – that is longer than the U.S. coastline or even the distance to the Moon at perigee (when the moon is closest to earth in its orbit)!

According to the author, today’s stone walls continue to be transformed, largely by biological processes: bacteria tarnish them;

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lichens dissolve them; vines penetrate and loosen the stones; trees that fall knock large gaps in the walls...left untended, the walls will come apart, tumble to the ground, and be dispersed by nature once more.

What a process! Pioneering naturalist John Burroughs (1837-1921) witnessed such a moment in its breakdown:

One summer day, while I was walking along the country road on the farm where I was born, a section of the stone wall opposite me, and not more than three or four yards distant, suddenly fell down. Amid the general stillness and immobility about me the effect was quite startling...It was a sudden summing up of half a century or more of atomic changes in the material of the wall. A grain or two of sand yielded to the pressure of long years, and gravity did the rest.

What a surprise to witness the rock wall breaking down on its own! I'm reminded that we might not always be aware that life is always changing - under the surface or in the appearance of things. This can be true with our bodies, our relationships, codes of conduct or societal expectations, etc. Structures and things we think of as permanent have their own way of coming and going. Even churches! Jesus surprised the disciples with this reminder as they were expressing awe over a Temple structure: "Truly I say to you, there shall not be left here one stone on another." (Matthew 24:2)

While we as human beings continue to encounter the mysterious reality of change - it is my hope that we can find peace in the process. No matter how our time together in church looks or the way it may change through the years - may finding Peace in our lives be the essence of the result of being together.

Here are a few words on the subject from spiritual teacher Suzanne Giesemann:

In your world of objects, things do not last. Things break, and chip, and malfunction. Bodies are included in the list of things that do not last forever. Physical forms serve a purpose, but they do

change. There is a way to come to a place of peace in such a changeable environment: accept and allow. A most precious object cracks in two?

"And so it is. I choose peace." Does this mean you do not feel disappointment? That is your choice. It is always your choice in a world where you have little control over the forces of Nature, but in which you do have control over your thoughts. Find peace within the rules of the physical world, and you have found your way Home.

With September Blessings for Peace in the midst of change,
Rev. Alison

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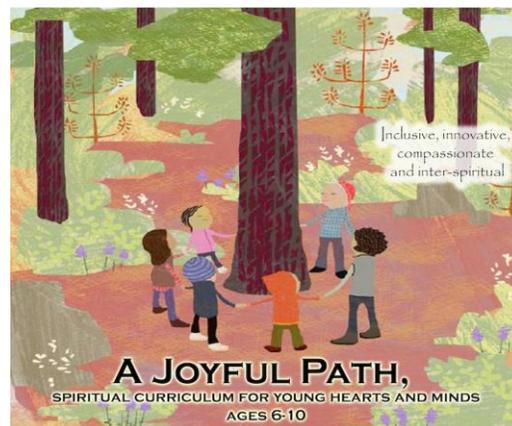
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Fryeburg New Church Family Breakfast & Sunday School Registration

The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with a potluck breakfast on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome back all last year's students and look forward to all new students 3 years old through twelve. *Classes will start on Sunday, September 16th.*



Family Breakfast:	9:00 a.m.
Teachers' Introduction:	9:30 a.m.
Family Worship	10:00 a.m.

Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 AM
(details on previous page)
Family Worship 10:00 AM

This month's sermon series inspired
by the children's story

The Three Little Pigs!



September 2: Stories of Straw

September 9: Stories of Sticks

September 16: Stories of Bricks

September 23: The Wolf

September 30: Theme TBA (Fair
Booth open!)

Coming Soon:

Swedenborg 101

You are invited to stay after church on October 14th to learn about (or reacquaint yourself) with the history of our denomination. All are welcome! Please bring your lunch! ☺



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is either scheduled for **Wednesday, September 5th, or Tuesday September 11th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.** Please see Stew Frost for finalized meeting time. 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
<i>open, Vice Chair</i>	461-2411
Cindy Priest, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-3360
Jim Gibson, <i>Trustee</i>	935-3676
<i>TBA, Trustee</i>	-----
Susan Logan, <i>Secretary</i>	603-694-3743
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 is TBA. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us.

2018 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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



PIE MAKING

Come help make pies for the Fryeburg Fair. We will meet at the Church kitchen at 9 am on September 18 & 19. It is a lot of fun! Don't miss it ☺



**FALL WILL SOON BE HERE. THE FRYEBURG FAIR WILL BE COMING "FAIR"LY SOON TOO! FALL FUN...YAY! OUR BOOTH WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM SEPT 29 TO OCT 7TH. BOOTH CLEANING WILL BE SEPT 23RD AND PIE MAKING AT THE CHURCH WILL BE SEPT 18TH AND 19TH. THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS. CHECK OUT THE SIGN UP SHEET, FILL IT OUT WHERE YOU CAN AND GET BACK TO THE CHURCH ASAP. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!
Co CHAIRS, CINDY PRIEST 935-3360
AND JIM GIBSON 935-3676.**

Dinner Bell North 2018-2019 Season

The Dinner Bell will restart for the 2018-19 year on Wednesday September 5 at the St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church in Fryeburg. All are welcome for this free community dinner served weekly at 5:00PM on Wednesdays during the school year. We do not serve during the Fryeburg Fair or school vacation weeks. All are welcome to join in, meet other people, and enjoy a hot meal.

Volunteers are always welcome too! We can always use new cooks, sous chef helpers, servers, and a laundry volunteer. Please call Sally Gibson at 935-3676 for more information.

~In our prayers~

We hold our church community and amazing universe in our prayers. We offer special prayers of love and comfort for Dale and Patty Heath. Prayers for continued healing for Patty Swett, Edie Leach, and the Richardsons. We also offer *back to school prayers* for the children and those off to college! Continued prayers for love, a home, and abundance in all its forms for those struggling with finding resources and support.

A member of the Trustees has resigned leaving a one year position open. If you are interested in filling this please contact Stew Frost 935-3344 - Thank you!

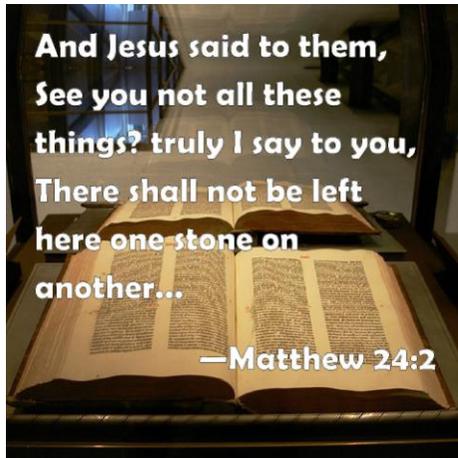
Would you like to
Coordinate our Coffee Hour?
We would love your help!
(Contact the church office 935-3413)

Thank you Chuck Priest for maintaining the Fire Extinguishers every year!



Thank you to those who kept our church lawn nicely mowed and our gardens beautiful this summer! Thank you to all who provided flowers for worship during the summer.

Thank you to Jen Richardson for organizing the Art Fair in the park and all those who helped!



Do you know where other churches in our denomination are located?

This month's feature Swedenborgian Church: Church of the Holy City, D.C.



(Pictures and info from their website)

“Construction of our church began in 1856 and was completed in April of 1858 when the sanctuary was dedicated. The original site of this historic, Brandywine blue granite church was Delaware Avenue and Washington Street. The first known Swedenborgian in Wilmington was Margarita Lammot, who married Alfred A. DuPont in 1824; later her sisters Mary Hounsfeld and Eleanor Gilpin arrived. By the time their father, Daniel Lammot, a national lay leader of the denomination moved to Wilmington in 1855, there was an informal society of about twenty members.

Artist and author Howard Pyle was an active member of the church until his death in 1911. As he painted he often asked his secretary to read Swedenborg to him.

In 1916, to prevent destruction of the edifice during road construction, the church was disassembled stone by stone and moved to its present site.

Welcomers for September

Sept 2 open
 Sept 9 Debbie Dolley
 Sept 16 Martha Richardson
 Sept 23 Sally Gibson
 Sept 30 open

Ushers for September

Sept 2 Stew Frost
 Sept 9 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
 Sept 16 Jen & David Richardson
 Sept 23 open
 Sept 30 Dean Harnden & Jean Cressy

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 2 Martha Richardson
 Sept 9 Sunday School Pot Luck
(Please bring food to enjoy)
 Sept 16 Anna Allocco
 Sept 23 open
 Sept 30 No coffee – Fryeburg Fair

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JULY 1 – AUGUST 26, 2018		
Date	Adults	Children
July 1	27	7
July 8	27	8
July 15	--	--
July 22	11	4
July 29	22	6
August 5	49	17
August 12	34	18
August 19	70	1
August 26	15	8

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Calendar for September 2018

(held at our Church unless indicated)



Aug 29	Wed	MSAD 72 Back to School ☺	8:00 a.m.
1	Sat	Church Yard Sale	8 am – 2 pm
2	Sun	Family Worship	10:00 a.m.
3	Mon	Labor Day	
4	Tue	Trustees Meeting	TBA
5	Wed	Depression Support Group Dinner Bell North @SEAS	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
9	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Reg. & Potluck Family Breakfast Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
12	Wed	MSAD 72 Early release FNC Office closes early Dinner Bell North @SEAS	12 noon 5:00 p.m.
16	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School begins Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
18	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
19	Wed	Pie Making Rev. Alison @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS Worship Committee Mtg	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m.
20	Thu	ByLaw Review Group Meditation	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
23	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Clean-up	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.
29	Sat	FNC Fair Booth open	
30	Sun	Food Bank Sunday Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

*Don't forget to get your annual report in to the FNC Office by October 12th so it can be included in the Church report.

Thank you!



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