



April 2009

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

This first week in April is called Holy Week. It includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. It is the time when we remember, mourn, wonder and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To me there is no more important holiday in all the year, for as important as all that has come before may be, it would all be for naught if the Lord had not overcome the final temptation to fulfill the resurrection.

This was his purpose and mission here on earth. The prophecies and references to the Messiah in the Old Testament make a strong case for believing that God knew this long before the Lord's physical manifestation actually took place.

Whether it was pre-ordained, or the predictably inevitable response to descending human nature, or something else entirely, we all owe life itself to the Lord's fulfillment of this purpose. It brought order to both heaven and earth, and for that matter to the hells as well. It made it possible for human beings to choose goodness and truth and love and wisdom over evil and falsity and greed and deception. The Lord's overcoming of temptations and willingness to give his life for us made it possible for us to give our lives, and with God's grace and help, overcome our own temptations

even when we fail to seek and receive forgiveness and redemption. To put it simply, without the Lord's resurrection we would have no chance for heaven.

This is not because God is intent on punishing, or inescapably forced to punish us by some court system of divine justice. Rather it is because without the resurrection we would have no vision of eternal life to inspire us and draw us on, we would have no concept of resurrection into spiritual life to give us a set of priorities that values goodness over evil. What is more, without the Lord's victory, the hells would have overrun their proper place and would overcome us like a great flood overruns the land. There would have been, and there would be, no possibility of saving any of us from our own propensity for self love, material lusts and the rampant destruction of others and self that accompany these.

But celebrate we can, and must, because the Lord has overcome all evil, has reordered the hells and heaven itself, and is there for us in the Word and in the Holy Spirit. It may be true that we humans, left to our selves are nothing but evil. But the inescapable fact, and the reason we can and do celebrate Easter, is that we are not and never are or will be left to ourselves! However stained, chipped and broken we may be, still we are all God's created vessels for the Holy Spirit to enter in, fill and flow out of. We

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are not left to ourselves. We are not left to our own devices. We need not depend on our own strength and will. We need not view life as so many years of struggle all for nothing. We are given the grace and inspiration of the Lord's life as one of us. We are given the inspiration and vision of his resurrection as the Lord. We are given the Word to guide and inspire us. We are given the Holy Spirit and the constant presence of the Lord to strengthen and cheer us. We are able to see life as so many years of opportunity to learn the meaning of love and wisdom and develop our capacity to give and receive, all so that we may prepare ourselves to be lifted into a love and joy of spirit beyond our wildest dreams. For each and everyone of us is created for heaven. And those enter into heaven who while here on earth let heaven enter into them. And all of this is possible because of the Lord's resurrection. As the sun rises and the darkness gives way to light and warmth and life spreads over the land, it is right that we give thanks to God.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Worship Schedule

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

Holy Week

- 4/5 Palm Sunday Processional Service**
Matthew 21:1-16
- 4/9 Maundy Thursday Service**
Passover/Communion Supper
6:00 PM Fryeburg New Church
- 4/12 Easter Sunday**
6:45 AM Sunrise Service and Meal
Fryeburg Harbor Church
9:00 AM Family Breakfast FNC
10:00 Family Worship Service
- 4/19 The Road To Emmaus**
Luke 24:13-33
- 4/26 The Risen Lord and the Fishermen**
John 21:1-25

Fish and Game Supper

Apr 6th,  6:30
 2009 p.m.



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:45 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

Patricia Swett, <i>Chair</i>	603-939-2262
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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, April 20, 2009 at NOON.** This is a new meeting time which will hopefully entice new people to attend. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be furnished. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church.

2009 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

Passages

Frances Patten peacefully entered the spiritual world on March 19, 2009 surrounded by loved ones. A graveside service will be held May 22, 2009 at 11:00 am at Pine Grove Cemetery.

In the Hospital

Dean Harnden, Matthew Baker, and Bev Walker were all in the hospital and are recovering at home. **Warren Cressy** has undergone surgery and is being cared for in Boston Hospital.

We wish them all a quick recovery and return to good health.

Mite Box Money

If you have saved **Mite Box Money** this past year, please bring it to the meeting or give it to Patty Swett any Sunday by April 19th. If you live away, checks can be mailed to the Fryeburg New Church, Attn: Patty Swett, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg Maine 04037.

This money goes to a newly formed New Church in Silver City, New Mexico.

Memorial Day Retreat Staff Needed!

It's time to start putting together staff for the SCYL Teen Memorial Weekend Retreat!! Retreat dates are Friday evening, May 22 thru Monday morning, May 25th. Our theme this year is "The Bible: What's In It For Me".

Please contact Kurt Fekete at (802) 345-0169 or kfekete@hotmail.com if you'd like to help out. Some staff positions needed are: dorm and kitchen supervisors, session leaders, and drivers.

Welcomers for April

Apr 5 Debbie Urgese
 Apr 12 Debbie Dolley
 Apr 19 Sally Harnden
 Apr 26 Martha Richardson

Ushers for April

Apr 5 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Apr 12 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Kevin & Bonnie James
 Apr 19 Loretta Shulte & Tom Barrett
 Apr 26 Dean Harnden & Jim Harrington

Coffee for April

Apr 5 Debbie Urgese
 Apr 12 Easter Breakfast
 Apr 19 Jean Cressy
 Apr 26 Jen Richardson

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MARCH 1 THRU 15 , 2009		
Date	Adults	Children
March 1	46	2
March 8	39	1
March 15	37	0



*April flowers
 courtesy of
 Jean Cressy*

Calendar for April 2009 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
Wed	1	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Youth choir Adult choir	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Fri	3	Last chance for Lily orders	
Sun	5	Palm Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Tue	7	Trustees Meeting	6:45 p.m.
Wed	8	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Youth choir Adult choir	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Thur	9	Maundy Thursday Service at FNC	6:00 p.m.
Fri	10	Good Friday	
Sun	12	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ Fryeburg Harbor Church Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	15	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Youth choir Adult choir	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Fri	17	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
Sun	19	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Mon	20	Women's Alliance Meeting	12 noon
Wed	22	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	26	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	29	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.

