



April 2007

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate the most important event in the history of the world: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Christmas is the beginning and the means, Easter is the end and the purpose. Yet much like the Christmas season, it is so easy for the reason for the celebration to get lost amidst the season of the celebration! It is an exciting time: Spring is showing signs of bursting forth all around us; we get up early and dress up special; there are Easter Baskets and Easter Egg hunts for the kids, and families get together for special meals and outings. There's a lot that goes on and yet, for me personally, there is nothing that touches me as deeply or reminds me as effectively what it is we are doing and why, as those quiet moments before our Ecumenical Sunrise Service begins when a few hardy souls from different churches and different communities have gathered together to stand outside in the cold, with the first rays of the sun coming up over the hills, to join in a worshipful expression of gratitude and rejoicing. It was early on that long ago morning when Jesus gave the gift of life to Mary and the women. And a few hours later to the disciples locked together in a room. And, a few days later, to the travelers on the road to Emmaus. And, ever since, to unnumbered people all over the world through the unfolding of time. The Lord's resurrection was the gift of spiritual life, in this world and in the next, that has been given to each and every

one of us. Jesus speaks with his heart to us as he did to Mary in the garden. And he shares a meal with us as he did the disciples on the shore. And he holds out his hands for us to see as he did Thomas in the locked room. And, as I stand there a part of our little morning community, when the sun comes up over the hills and I must close my eyes to the overwhelming brightness, and at the same time shiver as the welcome rays send warmth through my cold body, I am reminded that no matter how dark my days or my nights may seem, the Lord is here to brighten my days and to warm my heart. It is Easter morning. During this joyous time, may we each, individually, as families and as a church community that is a part of the larger community, recognize and give thanks for the gift of life the Lord has given us. And because of what we celebrate on Easter, we know that life is for our time here on earth, but that there is also a place in the house God prepared for each and everyone one of us, made ready and waiting to welcome us for the rest of eternity. That is something worth celebrating. And so it is with joy that I wish everyone a most happy Easter.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

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Winter Schedule

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

The Ministry Of Jesus: The End and The Beginning

- 4/1** "Palm Sunday: The Triumphant Entry"
 Matthew from 20-22
- 4/5** "Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service"
 Charoset, Communion, Tennebrae
 at The Brownfield Community Church
 Potluck Dinner Served 6:00 PM
- 4/8** "*Easter Sunday*"
6:00 AM "Ecumenical Sunrise Service"
 Fryeburg Harbor Church
9:00 AM Fryeburg New Church Family
 Breakfast
10:00 AM Family Worship
 Childcare Provided
 (No Sunday School or Coffee Hour
 today)
- 4/15** "Making Himself Known"
 Mark 16
 After service: "Blessing Of The
 Bathroom"
- 4/22** "The Ascension"
 Luke 24:44-53
- 4/29** "The Acts Of The Apostles"
 Acts 1-4

Ushers for April

- 1 Dan and Alex Dyer
 8 Chuck Priest and Jim Harrington
 15 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden
 22 Claudia Graves and Sue LaPointe
 29 Greg and Kelly Lloyd

Welcomers for April

- 1 Debbie Urgese
 8 Debbie Dolley
 15 Martha Richardson
 22 Sally Harnden
 29 Karen Ela

Coffee Hour for April

- 1 Leona Dyer
 8 **Easter**
 15 Debbie Dolley
 22 Jean Cressy
 29 Kelly Lloyd



**April flowers will be done by
 Jean Cressy**

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
March 4	44	3
March 11	48	3
March 18	39	4
March 25	43	3

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children</u>
March 4	13
March 11	9
March 18	16
March 25	16

Church Report

Births

Anastasia Grace Dolley was born to Shelley Dolley and Kurt Fekete on February 27th, 2007. She joins her sister Ava, and is the granddaughter of Stan and Debbie Dolley. Our congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents!

In the Hospital

Melvin Eastman, Billy Holt, Edie Leach, and Doug Swett have been in the hospital. We wish them a smooth recovery.

Passages

Pearl E. Peaco entered the spiritual world on February 3, 2007 at her home in Otisfield. Services were held in the East Otisfield Free Baptist Church. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.westonchandler.com

Violet (Hutchins) Thurston entered the spiritual world on March 1, 2007. Graveside services will be held at the Riverside Cemetery in North Fryeburg on May 12, 2007 at 11 a.m.

Our deepest sympathy is with their families.

Women's Alliance

Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church, except July and August. Our next meeting date is **April 16 at 6:30**. This month we will have "Game Night." Please bring your Mite Box money. Sally Harnden will be in charge of coffee. .

Calendar for April 2007 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Sun	Palm Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
4	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
5	Thu	Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service Charoset, Communion, Tennebrae at The Brownfield Community Church Potluck Supper Dinner	6:00 p.m.
8	Sun	Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast Fryeburg Harbor Church FNC Family Breakfast (No Sunday School) Family Worship	6:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
10	Tues	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
15	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <i>Blessing of the Bathroom</i>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00a.m after Church
16	Mon	Women's Alliance Meeting Sally Harnden, Coffee	6:30 p.m.
18	Wed	Rev. Ken at FHCC & Hicks Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
19	Thu	Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions Rte. 113	5 p.m.
20	Fri	Rev. Ken at Maine Council of Churches	
22	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
		Rev. Ken leaving for CAM (Committee for Admission to the Ministry) – Berkeley, CA	
28	Sat	Rev. Ken returns from CA	
25	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
29	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday Rev. Ken leaving for Peer Supervision, Duxbury, MA	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

The Trustees

The Trustees' next regular meeting is scheduled for **April 10, at 6:30 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
Debbie Dolley	935-2887
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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546
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meaningful gift for that special person in your life. Please visit our web site for more information and the mail order form:

<http://www.fryeburgnewchurch.org/orderform.html>

All proceeds from the sale of these prints go into our Capital Fund which makes many worthwhile projects possible. This truly is a gift that keeps on giving!

Youth Group

It's been a few months since the last Youth Group update. Here's what we've been up to.

In December the youth group gathered at the Fryeburg church to discuss Judaism and celebrate Hanukkah. The group played a Jewish matching game then we spun the dreidel, ate some great potato latkes, lit the menorah while reciting the blessings and celebrated the Festival of Lights by swapping gifts. It was a great holiday celebration, especially since we followed the wonderful children's Christmas Pageant.

Our January and February youth group meetings were held at the Portland New Church where we discussed the eastern religions of Hinduism and Confucianism. For our January

Hindu gathering we listened to traditional Indian Sitar music, ate Channa Masala, looked at pictures of the major Hindu Deities and talked about the primary Hindu beliefs. When we met in February to look at Confucianism, we dined on Chinese food, talked about Confucian beliefs and reviewed the life and teachings of Confucius.

In March, the youth group returned to the Fryeburg church to discuss the Islamic faith. We ate Mediterranean pizza and listened to Ian Wellinghurst guide us through the life of Mohammad, basic teachings of the Qur'an, Muslim beliefs and practices (including a Google Earth aerial photo of Mecca), and a review of the Five Pillars of Islam.

We are sad to report that youth leader Jane Fullerton has had to leave our youth group to pursue her advanced education. Jane has been a loyal and trusted youth leader with us for three years. Along with leading youth group, Jane has also been active in teen overnights, outings and retreats. We will miss her greatly and are so very grateful for her church service.

We welcome Lee Dyer as our new youth group leader. Lee was active in the church youth league when she was a teen. She currently teaches first and second grade Sunday School and has volunteered in prior youth group activities. Please join me in congratulating and supporting Lee in her new youth leader position.

Our next youth group gathering an overnight at the Fryeburg Church! We will start at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 28th and stay at the church through the April 29th Sunday Worship Service. Saturday afternoon will be spent cleaning and repairing the fencing in the church bell tower. Then we will continue our study of the religions of the world with a discussion on Taoism. In the evening, we will enjoy games and movies. Please wear work clothes and gloves for our church cleaning work and bring clean clothes to wear to church (along with your overnight supplies, PJ's and sleeping bag with pad). Please contact Lee Dyer at 935-4477 (email: ldmaine@hotmail.com) or Kurt Fekete at 892-4390 (email: kfekete@hotmail.com) to confirm your attendance. Hope to see all of you aged 12 - 18 at the sleepover!

Kurt