



August 2010

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Newsletter

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

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this month's "From the Minister," from Almont Michigan where I have been gathered with Swedenborgians from around the country for the Almont New Church Assembly to study the "Life of the Lord," play, swim, and be in spiritual community together. It is Thursday, so the week is starting to wind down, and as I reflect on the month of August that lies just around the corner I can feel the sensation of the summer winding down as well. Appropriately enough we are also over half way through the study of the Lord's life, having spent a day considering his birth, one on his baptism, and then the miracles of the Lord and by tomorrow we will be looking at Holy week and the Easter story. His earthly life too will be winding down.

There's a sadness on the Thursday of camp, as the excitement of hellos and reconnection start to turn to thoughts of impending goodbyes. And the same in the month of August, as the water reaches the perfect temperature, the harvest of fresh vegetables and fruit are ripe for picking, summer is in full swing, and our minds are likely already turning to thoughts of shopping for school supplies and plans for the fall.

Much of our joy in life comes in the anticipation of what is coming next, what we are heading towards, what we are hoping for, and working towards that end. The Old Testament is almost entirely centered around the Israelites journey to and attempts to concur and inhabit the promised land, and yet contains nothing of them actually living there with abundance and joy.

Many of us spend more time looking to where we are headed than to reveling in where we are in part because the beauty of where we are is inherently fleeting, it can't stay, it can only be now. I'm not a gardener, but I imagine that certain crops ripen when they ripen and in that moment that is when they are to be enjoyed, that they not wither on vine. A fabulous August summer day is a joy, in part because of the way the sun is shifting, which is exactly what will beckon in fall.

Can we sit in the pleasure and love of a Thursday at camp or a summer day in August without rushing ahead to what will come next? These two experiences make me think of the fleeting nature of life in general, the years we may have upon the earth really only a fleeting blip in the scheme of eternity. How in that same way do we stay fully present to the blessings of God in each

**The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem**

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moment of our lives knowing that this life is not something we can hold onto?

I pray that as we enter into August together we might all revel in the joys and blessings of all that summer holds. That we may be fully present to the miracle of warm breezes, and ripe cucumbers and treasure the gift of this earthly walk together.

Many blessings,

*Rev. Sage*

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*Summer Worship Schedule*

**Family Worship 9:00 AM**

*Aug 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Luke 12:13-21 "Life does not consist of our material possessions"*

*Aug 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Communion Sunday "Keep watch"*

*Aug 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Luke 12:49-56 "I've come to bring fire"*

*Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Guest Preacher Rev. Andy Stinson  
Luke 13:10-17 "The Sabbath"*

*Aug 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Luke 14:1, 7-14 "Give this man your seat"*

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*Please welcome our friends and visitors from the Fryeburg New Church Assembly*

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*Church Report*

*The Trustees*

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 7, 2010 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**

- Patricia Swett, *Chair* 603-939-2262
- Cindy Priest, *Vice Chair* 935-3360
- Nels Liljedahl 935-3741
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- Scott Ferguson 925-3207
- Susan Wheaton Logan 603-694-3743
- Donnette Barnes, *Treasurer* 935-2130
- Women's Alliance Representative:*
- Sally Harnden 935-2546

*Women's Alliance*

The next Women's Alliance meeting will be on **Monday, September 20, 2010 at NOON.** Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2010 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

# *Fryeburg New Church Assembly*

*July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*(Rt. 302 across from Haley Town Road)*

## **LECTURE SCHEDULE**

*(All lectures are open to the public)*

### **WEEK ONE August 1-7: Doctrinal Theme: “Heavenly Community”**

Emanuel Swedenborg emphasized in his writings that the purpose of God’s creation of human life is the creation of a heavenly community. “A heaven from the human race is the purpose of the creation of the universe.” DP 332. Jesus bid that we follow the two greatest commandments, to love God and love the neighbor; simple to understand, but difficult to live, instructions on *how to build eternal heavenly community*, here and now on earth. In the first week of lectures, we will explore the many aspects of Swedenborg’s ‘heavenly community,’ and the Lord’s ‘kingdom of heaven’ and how to live them in our daily lives.

This year we are pleased to announce that we have added an optional community-building opportunity, an opening weekend retreat, for those who are interested in a new experience to start off camp!  
*(See flyer for more details)*

**Sunday Aug 1: Worship Service 9:00 AM  
Preacher: Rev. Sage Currie**

**Monday Aug 2: Chapel: Rev. Lee Woofenden  
1. Rev. Lee Woofenden - *Communities: The Basic Units of Heaven*  
2. Rev. Dr. George Dole – *World Community*  
Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Dr. George Dole**

**Tuesday Aug 3: Chapel: Rev. Susannah Currie  
1. Rev. Susannah Currie – *Angelic Community - The Angels of the Seven Churches*  
2. Rev. Dr. George Dole *Outside In*  
Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Dr. George Dole**

**Thursday Aug 5: Chapel: Rev. Sage Currie  
1. Rev. Sage Currie - *Loving the Neighbor : The task of heavenly community.*  
2. Rev. Gard Perry - *Mutual Love in Authentic Community*  
Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Gard Perry**

**Friday Aug 6: Chapel: Rev. Lee Woofenden  
1. Rev. Lee Woofenden  
2. Rev. Hugh Odhner - *The New Church -- a Model for a Heavenly Community*  
Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Hugh Odhner**

**Sat. Aug 7: Chapel: Rev. George Dole  
1. Rev. Dr. George Dole - *The Holy City: A Diagnostic Manual*  
2. Rev. Lee Woofenden - *Your Community is Too Small: Envisioning a BIG New Church*  
Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Dr. George Dole**

**Sunday Aug 8: Communion Worship Service at  
Fryeburg New Church 9:00 AM  
Preacher: Rev. Sage Currie**

### **WEEK TWO August 9-15: Biblical Theme: “The Minor Prophets”**

Emanuel Swedenborg wrote, in *Doctrine of Sacred Scripture*, “*It has been given me to know by much experience that by means of the Word man has communication with heaven. While I read the Word through from the first chapter of Isaiah to the last of Malachi, and the Psalms of David, I was permitted clearly to perceive that each verse communicated with some society of heaven, and thus the whole Word with the universal heaven.*” During this week’s lectures we too will open ourselves to communication with heaven through reading, study and discussion of the books of the Minor Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi. The theme will be introduced by the Rev. George McCurdy, who has written study guides entitled Minor Prophets: Major Messages, accessible on the internet at [www.dovepress.org](http://www.dovepress.org).

Monday Aug 9: Chapel: Rev. Dr. George Dole

1. Rev. Dr. George Dole - *The Minor Prophets in Sequence: Hosea-Micah*

2. Rev. George McCurdy - *Hosea*

**Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. George McCurdy**

Tuesday Aug 10: Chapel: Rev. Lee Woofenden

1. Rev. Lee Woofenden - *Apocalypse Then: The Book of Joel*

2. Rev. Susannah Currie - *Jonah*

**Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Susannah Currie**

Thursday Aug 12: Chapel: Rev. George McCurdy

1. Rev. George McCurdy - *Obidiah*

2. Rev. Gard Perry *The Book of Micah: Theory and Transformative Practice*

**Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Gard Perry**

Friday Aug 13: Chapel: Rev. George Dole

1. Rev. Dr. George Dole *The Minor Prophets in Sequence: Nahum - Malachi*

2. Rev. Sage Currie - *Habbakkuk*

**Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. Sage Currie**

Sat. Aug 14: Chapel: Rev. Lee Woofenden

1. Rev. Lee Woofenden - *On Comfortable Houses and Holy Temples: The Book of Haggai*

2. Rev. George McCurdy - *Malachi & A Review of the Minor Prophets*

**Lecture Discussion Group: Rev. George McCurdy**

Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service at

FNC 9:00 AM

**Preacher: Rev. Sage Currie**

## *Assembly Day Program*

*July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010*



The FNCA invites everyone at the Fryeburg New Church to join us at camp

this summer for as much or as little as you wish. We'd love to see you!

**CHILDREN\*** (ages 12 and under) are welcome to participate in the SPARKS PROGRAM: a RELIGION CLASS at 11:00 a.m. and lifeguarded

SWIMMING 2:30-5:00 Monday-Saturday (except Wednesdays); and SPARKS GAMES every evening at 7:00 p.m. If parents of children 12 and under would like to attend our morning LECTURE SERIES, there is also supervised childcare available 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**TEENS\*** (ages 13-17) are welcome to participate in the FLAMES PROGRAM: a morning LECTURE followed by a RELIGION CLASS at 11:00 a.m. Monday-Saturday (except Wednesdays); Flames plan their own schedule of AFTERNOON AND EVENING ACTIVITIES including volleyball, ping pong, swimming, canoeing, Flames Games, a weekly bonfire on the beach, outings to local attractions, etc.

**ADULTS\*** (ages 18 and up) are welcome to participate in the BONFIRES & EMBERS PROGRAM. Join us Monday-Saturday (except Wednesdays) for MORNING CHAPEL followed by our thought provoking LECTURE SERIES; plus there's afternoon swimming and special evening activities. Come for a single lecture or spend the whole day, or just pop by for an afternoon or evening visit - you are always welcome!

### DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
9:00	First Lecture
10:00	Second Lecture
11:00	Children & Teen Religion Classes and Adult Discussion group
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Rest Hour
2:30-5:00	Lifeguarded Swimming in the Saco River
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Sparks Games
8:00	Evening Activities

### The only charge is for meals:

Breakfast \$4.00

Lunch \$5.00

Dinner \$7.00

**\*SPARKS AND FLAMES MUST REGISTER. Please go to [www.fryeburg.org](http://www.fryeburg.org) for a registration form.**

<b>Calendar for August 2010</b> (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
4	Wed	Drumming with Redwing	7:00 p.m.
8	Sun	<b>Communion Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
11	Wed	Drumming with Redwing	7:00 p.m.
14	Sat	<b>FNC Alliance Yard Sale</b>	8am-2pm
15	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
18	Wed	Drumming with Redwing	7:00 p.m.
22	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
25	Wed	Drumming with Redwing	7:00 p.m.
29	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Family Worship	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

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**There will be no Dinner Bell North during the months of July and August.**

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**Summer Schedule  
No Welcomers**

**Ushers for August**

- Aug 1 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
- Aug 8 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest
- Aug 15 Jen & David Richardson
- Aug 22 Dede & Stew Frost
- Aug 29 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

**Coffee Hour for August**

- Aug 1 Reenie Chaplin
- Aug 8 Mary Dysinger
- Aug 15 Jean Cressy
- Aug 22 Lee Dyer
- Aug 29 Sally & Dean Harnden

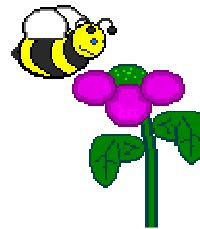
***FNC Alliance Yard Sale***

*Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 A.M. ~ 2:00 P.M.*



**LAST CALL!!** Please consider *donating* some of your "for sale" items to the Church for our mid-summer yard sale coming on *Saturday, August 14th*. Items can be brought to the church weekday mornings between 8:30 and 10:00am. Proceeds will benefit the Fryeburg New Church Alliance. **Please, no clothing or electronics!**

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE</b> <b>JULY 4 - 25, 2010</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>



*August flowers  
courtesy of  
Jean Cressy*

**\*\*\*Anyone who has garden flowers they would like to have in church during the month of August, please call Jean Cressy at 935-7093\*\*\***