



December 2005

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Bulletin

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

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Dear Friends,

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!! As familiar as we are with the word Christmas, and as wonderful as all of the thoughts, feelings, memories and expectations it brings to mind, the word Advent is really more appropriate to the season. Advent means the coming, and it is the season for the coming of the Christ spirit and it is a reminder that the spirit of Christ is coming, not just in the season, but in all seasons. It is the gift of God and we are the receivers of that gift. Be grateful, be joyous and be generous.

I learned a number of very important lessons recently. I consider them gifts and I hope to receive these gifts, make them my own, and let them grow into something I can pass on to others. The first was that through funding from Convention's Council of Minister's for continuing education, and with permission from my home church, I was given the gift of being able to attend a weekend Christian Music Conference being held in Seattle and to attend and participate in the worship service of the

Swedenborgian Church of Puget Sound with Rev. Eric Allison and his wife and musical partner in worship, Lisa Cole Allison. Thank you to all that made this possible.

The first lesson I learned is that the love of the Lord is being sung with enthusiasm, skill and joy by people in every size church, in every denomination, in every style of music and with all kinds of instruments all over the country, in fact all over the world. Are we?

The second is that the Lord's New Church is coming into being via the Second Coming exactly as Swedenborg said it would. Not by the creation of some "new church" that is an earthly denomination, but by the emergence of a new spirit of Christ growing within the churches of various already existing denominations. It is happening all around us, even now. Even the conservative evangelical churches are talking about living their faith in their day to day lives, speaking about how the spirit of the Lord is in us and around us, and very much present and invested in

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all that is going on day to day here on earth. They are no longer trying to scare people into acting like good Christians, they are welcoming people with love into wanting to be good Christians. Are we?

The third is that it is a good thing to respect the musical and liturgical traditions of the past AND it is a good thing to welcome the innovations that speak to the younger people in the language and musical styles of their generation. And while not without struggle and compromise, this apparent conflict must be, and can be, compassionately resolved so that it is possible to honor both the traditional and the contemporary in one church. Are we?

There were many other things I came away from this experience with, but one of the most important thing I learned was something about myself: That while I do not fit comfortably in the role of parish minister, I do have something to offer. The vision I have had for the last twenty years of a vital church, active in it's community, and with a vibrant, inclusive and celebratory worship service that is uplifting and spiritually renewing is now happening all over the country in a wide array of different denominations. I have learned that my inner vision far exceeds my outward practice. I am left pondering the question: How do I bring to life the gifts that I have been given?

As we enter into the Advent season, I both invite and challenge you to spend some time thinking about what our church means to you, about what it gives you that is of value; and also what do you give to the church that is of value? Ask yourself, what is it about your church that keeps you involved? What is it that you would like to see even more of? What is there about your church that you would like to share with others? If being a member and/or participating in this church is good for

your soul, perhaps there is something here to share that will benefit the spiritual well-being of others?

God has and does give us so much. In this Advent Season, as we remember and celebrate the gift and gifts we receive from God, may we all ponder the question, How do I bring to life the gifts that I have been given?

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

### **COMPUTER CORNER**

If you are looking to learn more about what our church is all about, check out **[www.swedenborg.org](http://www.swedenborg.org)**

If you are interested in what the Sunday School Association is up to, or would like to explore some resources:

[www.swedenborgianresources.org](http://www.swedenborgianresources.org)

Rev. Ken and Laurie have a new website: [www.turleymusic.com](http://www.turleymusic.com) If you haven't had a chance to hear Laurie's new CD it's a chance to check it out.

### **Fall Choir Announcements**

New Church Jazz Ensemble practices on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the parsonage. Anyone with basic ability on an instrument and interested in learning and playing Jazz and other contemporary music is welcome. Call Rev. Ken at 935-3413 or 935-4500 for more info.

# Worship Services

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

- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent**  
Stars and Prophecy  
Isaiah 7:14-17; Matthew 1:22-23  
Isaiah 40:1-5; Matthew 3:1-5
- 12/04 Second Sunday of Advent**  
The Angels' Message  
Isaiah 40:6-11; Matthew 1:20-21  
Luke 1:3-38  
Hosea 11:1 Matthew 13-15
- 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent**  
O Little Town Of Bethlehem  
Luke 2:1-7  
**1:30 Maine Association Meeting**  
(see notice elsewhere)
- 12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
The Shepherd's Joy  
Luke 2:8-20
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Ecumenical  
Candle Light Service**  
7:00 PM First Congo Church
- 12/25 The Gift of the Magi**  
Matthew 2:1-12



**Maine Association Annual Meeting**

After much negotiating, we have finally settled on a date for our Annual Meeting of the Maine Association. This should have happened in October, and, as President of the Association, I will full take responsibility for that not happening. We are now scheduled to meet here at the Fryeburg New Church on Dec. 11 at 1:30. We'll have light refreshments while people gather. Then begin with a short Communion devotional and then get into the meeting. The agenda will include reports from officers and each church, voting to disperse the funds, any old and new business, and then discussing an intentional program over the next several months to renew a sense of vision in our individual churches, in our association and in our denomination. Please come with some thoughts and suggestions to discuss. It is a pivotal time in the life of our church at all levels and we need input from everyone. The future of the church is resting in the hands of those who open their hands to both offer and receive. Thanks, Rev. Ken

## **Gift Idea**

**Church cookbooks are still available. This may be just the gift you need for that hard-to-buy for relative or friend, or for a gift exchange.**

## **About Our Monthly Newsletter**

As many of you know, our Monthly Bulletin is one of the primary

forms of communication within our church. It is also a way we keep in touch with past members and friends and sister churches around the country. It is one of our major efforts and one of our major expenses.

Lately we have been having serious difficulties with the mailing of the bulletin while at the same time the internet is rapidly growing as a viable form of communication.

Please know that we want to keep providing the monthly Bulletin to all of those who wish to receive it and we want to keep providing it to those people and organizations who have an interest in what goes on in our church. So, in order to improve service and reduce costs, we would like everyone who receives the Bulletin each month to consider the following options:

- 1.) Keep receiving your Monthly Bulletin in the mail at your current address.** (no action necessary, unless you want to call the church office and confirm or update your mailing address)
- 2.) Picking up your Monthly Bulletin at church on Sunday** and saving us the postage and you the wait for snail mail. (Please call the church office and let us know so we can take you off the monthly mailing list)
- 3.) Receiving the Monthly Bulletin as an attachment via email,** thus saving us postage, printing and time and you the wait for snail mail. (Please call the church office and leave your name and email address so we can add you to the email list)
- 4.) Reading and/or downloading the Monthly Bulletin from the church's website!** This newly constructed and regularly updated site is the result of a private donation of time and money and can now be visited at:

[www.fryeburgnewchurch.org](http://www.fryeburgnewchurch.org)

(Please call the church office and let us know so we can take you off the monthly mailing list)

Any of these options are viable and any of them, except #1, will save the church expense and guarantee you receive it as early as possible. If you receive it via the web, you will receive it in perfect condition and be able to access and copy it as many times as you would like. So please give this some thought and let us know if any of these options work for you. They will certainly “work” for the church!!! Blessings,  
Rev. Ken and the Trustees

## Website Announcement

By the time you read this newsletter, our new web site, [www.FryeburgNewChurch.org](http://www.FryeburgNewChurch.org), will be up and running!

The cost for web site development and hosting has been donated to our church so that members near and far can have easy access to information and news about The Fryeburg New Church. Sections on the site include *Sunday School & Sunday Worship • Teachings of the New Church • Emanuel Swedenborg • Trustees • Groups & Activities • Newsletters • Capital Fund*

The web site will be a work in progress, with new information added regularly. Suggestions are always welcome and may be addressed to Trustee Susan Logan, [swlogan@ncia.net](mailto:swlogan@ncia.net).

Please bookmark our site and visit it regularly for the most current news of interest to our congregation.

# Church Report

## Weddings

### *In the Hospital*

**Beverly Walker** is a hospital in Connecticut.

**Anna Fox** has been in the hospital. She is home now.

We wish both of these ladies our prayers and wishes for good health.

### *Confirmation of New Members*

**Robin Carlson Thurston** was confirmed into the Lord's New Church and voted into membership at the Fryeburg New Church at the Annual Church Meeting on October 30, 2005

**Lawrence Perry** was confirmed into the Lord's New Church and voted into membership at the Fryeburg New Church at the Annual Church Meeting on October 30, 2005

We welcome them into our Church family.

### *Births*

**Jordan Christopher Dutton** came into this world on October 10, 2005. Anxiously awaiting his arrival were his parents, **Christopher and Kristy Dutton** along with his sister, **Courtney Elizabeth**.

**Heidi Osgood** was born on November 2, 2005.

Her excited family includes her parents, **Timothy and Gretchen (Krim) Osgood**,  
Along with brothers **Jacob, Joshua, and Lucas**.

Our congratulations to the proud families.

**Michael DeLucia and Julia Lanser Berg** were joined in holy matrimony on October 26, 2005 in Brownfield, ME with Rev. Ken officiating.

### *News of the Season*



The Turleys will be having a pot-luck gathering at their home on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll kick off the party with some Christmas caroling at 5:30. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Just come to the parsonage at 22 Elm St. dressed in your warm walking clothes, and we'll go around the neighborhood and sing our favorite carols. After the caroling, come back to the house for some food, merriment and Christmas cheer. Those who prefer not to go caroling are welcome to join us at the house at 7:00.

## YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> the Fryeburg and Portland youth groups gathered for a fun-filled sleepover. Jane Fullerton and I led the overnight held at the Portland Church. We ate a big pizza dinner and then met to discuss youth group business. The youth fundraiser God's Creation calendars are now on sale at both the Portland and Fryeburg Swedenborgian Churches for \$8.00. We also agreed to sell candy bars as a second fundraiser effort. Sales of candy bars will begin around Christmas time. We then discussed plans for the upcoming winter retreat in Almont, Michigan, future overnights, service work and our Christmas party. After taking care of youth group business, we launched into our theme of "Pop Culture". We talked about what popular culture is and how we respond to and react to it. Conversation about the winter retreat topic "The Five Senses" lead into a discussion about our sixth sense, dreams and possible encounters with spirits, angels and demons. We might not always stay on topic, but we sure do have interesting conversations! We ended the

evening by playing some games and then falling asleep while watching the movie "Being There". The overnight went great and we offer a special thank you to Lisa Rice of the Portland Church for providing the TV and DVD player.

I met with Fryeburg Congregational pastor Tim LeConey about youth work and possible future combined youth group activities. Rev. Tim LeConey is a great guy and I hope we get a chance to meet with the teens for his church soon. I extended an offer to all of his interested teens that to join us for our Christmas party this month (see below).

Please remember to register with Kurt if you wish to go to the winter retreat this year. Flyers and forms are available at both the Fryeburg and Portland church. Contact Kurt at [kfekete@hotmail.com](mailto:kfekete@hotmail.com) or 207-892-4390 if you need a form or more information/encouragement.

We will meet back at the Fryeburg New Church on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00 – 8:00 pm** for our **Yankee Swap Pancake Dinner Youth Christmas Party**. Come to the party in breakfast gear (PJ's, slippers and/or robe) and leave with a cool new gift. I offer a special present to the youth who brings the funkiest present! All youth are asked to bring a \$5 - \$10 gift to swap. Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Kurt

### 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*

Our next meeting date is **December 12<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.** when we'll share a pot luck supper and exchange gifts (\$5 - \$10). Jean Cressey, Edie Leach, and Sally Harnden are on committee. All ladies are welcome!

### ... and the winners are!!

The Christmas Cupboard Raffle took place on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The winners of the wonderful prizes were:

Wreath	Autio
Music Box	Gibbs Ferris
Old World Santa	Jill Baldwin
Sweater	Holly Strange
Scarf	Edie Leach

### CHOIRS

During the month of December, the three choirs will meet at the following times, on the following evenings:

**Wednesday: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Youth choir: 6:00 - 6:45**

The children will be singing in church on Sunday morning, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult choir: 7:00 - 7:30**

**Ecumenical choir: 7:30 - 8:00**

All are welcome to join us!

### The Trustees

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The new Board of Trustees is listed below:

- Chairman:** Stew Frost
- Vice-Chairman:** Debbie Dolley
- Secretary:** Patty Swett
- Treasurer:** Stan Dolley
- Trustee:** Judy Hatch
- Trustee:** Susan Logan

The Trustees' next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.** Please note that 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	935-3344
Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Pat Swett	603-939-2262
Judy Hatch	935-2223
Susan Logan	603-694-3333
<i>Women's Alliance Representative</i>	
Cindy Priest	935-3360
<i>Treasurer</i> Stan Dolley	935-2887

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**November 2004 Sunday Service Attendance**

<b>Nov. 6</b>	35 adults, 2 children
<b>Nov. 13</b>	40 adults, 2 children
<b>Nov. 20</b>	36 adults, 1 child

**November Sunday School Attendance**

<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>24 children</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>16 children</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>12 children</b>

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**Treasurer's Tidbits**

Did you know it's a federal law that the treasurer of a non profit organization keeps a record of all donations and collections for each individual? If anyone would like a copy of their donations for 2005, let me know and a copy will be mailed to you.

The final tally for Fryeburg Fair is not complete due to late bills. There will be a report by next month.

**Stanley Dolley, Treasurer**

***Fund Raiser***

**As a fund raiser, the youth group is selling 2006 calendars, "God's Creation". They are \$8.00 each and are available in the rear of the church.**



**Poinsettias for Project Graduation**

If you would like to order poinsettias from Project Graduation, please contact **Jane Dutton** at 935-2818. You will need to make arrangements for picking up your flower as they will no longer be kept at the church.

Please call the church office if you would like to remember someone with a memorial or an honorary listing.



## *The Fryeburg New Church Print Order Form*

This past summer, Mt. Washington Valley artist, Sally Dinsmore was commissioned to by the children of the late Lou & Ola-Mae Wheaton to create a watercolor of the church in their memory. The original artwork was donated to the church and now hangs in our entry hall.

A Limited Edition Giclée Print (matted size: 11"x14") of the original watercolor quality is available for \$29.00 per print. All proceeds from the sale of these prints will be used for repairs and improvements to the Parsonage and Church.

This is an archival inkjet print, printed and signed by the artist. It would make a wonderful gift for the holidays. Prints can be purchased at the office 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Tuesday through Friday, or after church on Sundays.

**For \$35.00, we will ship this wonderful memento of "home" to anywhere in the Continental USA. Order must be received by December 9th to guarantee Christmas delivery. Rate includes packaging, postage, and insurance. *We will be happy to gift-wrap, too, and enclose a card that you provide!***

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Town*

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*State*

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*Zip Code*

Person to whom print is to be sent (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

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*Town*

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*State*

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*Zip Code*

A card is enclosed

Please write the following greeting to include with gift:

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Please make checks payable to the **Fryeburg New Church**, and write "**Capital Improvement Fund**" on the memo line. Please mail payment and your card to enclose (if applicable) to the Fryeburg New Church, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg, ME 04037.

For more information, please call Trustee Susan Wheaton Logan, tel: (603) 694-3743 (Chatham, local call from the Fryeburg area), or email her at [swlogan@ncia.net](mailto:swlogan@ncia.net).

*Thank you!*

**CALENDAR**  
**for December 2005**  
 (held at our Church unless indicated)



4	Sun.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday School Christmas Communion <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
6	Tues	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church <b>New Jazz Ensemble</b> <i>At the Parsonage</i> <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir</b> <b>Ecumenical Choir</b> <i>At the Church</i>	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
11	Sun.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b>Maine Assoc. Meeting</b> At the Church	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
12	Mon.	<b>Women's Alliance Meeting</b> Pot Luck Supper and exchange of gifts (\$5 - \$10)	6:00 p.m.
14	Wed	Dinner Bell North St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church <b>New Jazz Ensemble</b> <i>At the Parsonage</i> <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir</b> <b>Ecumenical Choir</b> <i>At the Church</i>	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
15	Thu.	Rev. Ken at FHCC/Hicks Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions – Rte. 5	4 – 5 p.m.
17	Sat.	Pageant Rehearsal <i>At the Church</i>	9-10:00am.
17	Sat.	Christmas Caroling Turley's Open House	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p
18	Sun.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> Christmas Pageant Youth Group Xmas. Party <i>at the Church</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5 – 8 p.m.
21	Wed.	<i>First day of Winter</i>	
21	Wed	Dinner Bell North St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church <b>New Jazz Ensemble</b> <i>At the Parsonage</i> <b>Youth Choir</b> <b>Adult Choir</b>	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

		<b>Ecumenical Choir</b> <i>At the Church</i>	7:30 p.m.
24	Sat.	<b>Christmas Ecumenical Service</b> First Congregational Church	7:00 p.m.
25	Sun.	 <b>Christmas Day</b>	
		No Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b>CHRISTMAS COMMUNION</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
28	Wed.	No Dinner Bell North No Choir Rehearsals No Jazz Ensemble	
31	Sat	New Year's Eve	

**CHILD CARE**

Each Sunday, during Worship Service, Child Care for children up to 8 years old is provided in the downstairs room; for children 8 to 11 in the room off the Library.

**FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER**  
Advent Wreath

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

- 4 Stanley and Debbie Dolley
- 11 Chuck Priest & Herbert Eastman
- 18 Judy Gallagher
- 25 Claudia Graves and Iva Hatch

**WELCOMERS FOR DECEMBER**

- 4 Debbie Urgese
- 11 Karen Ela
- 18 Debbie Dolley
- 25 Open

**COFFEE HOUR FOR DECEMBER**

- 4 Debbie Urgese
- 11 Jean Cressey
- 18 Claire Kiesman
- 25 Debbie Dolley

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

-- Oren Arnold