



February 2009

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

Back in the 60s and 70s there was a philosophical viewpoint that extolled us to live in the present moment. "Be here now" was the title of a very popular book. And living in the moment was put forth as the secret to happiness. As so many ideas from that era it was only partly true. It was a valuable thought, but incomplete. And as anyone knows, it is quite possible to have just enough information to be dangerous! The years have taught us that we must not live in the past, but neither can we forget the past or we are doomed to repeat it. Nor can we live in the future content with just dreaming, but neither can we ignore the future or we risk finding ourselves unprepared for what is coming our way. It seems the trick is a question of balance: being aware of both past and future as we fully engage life in the present.

With this thought in mind and with an entire spectrum of mixed emotions of my own, I would like to announce that in the next month or two I will be nominated for the position of President of Convention for the election that will be held this June in Seattle. If elected I will have some responsibilities during the coming year of 2009 as President Elect. And then, in June of 2010 I would begin the full-time job of President. This means that at some time before June 2010 I will be stepping down as pastor of

the Fryeburg New Church. Of course there is always the possibility that the election could result in someone else being elected into the position and that would change things. But at present that seems not likely.

So, I have been looking back at the past twelve, going on thirteen, years that I have been your minister. I feel very good about what we have accomplished together during that time. Most importantly we have re-built this community into a vibrant, caring, growing group of people of all ages including both long-timers and new-comers, bound together by the love God and each other and sharing together in the spiritual life of worship and community service. We are thriving and healthy church in a time when so many others are experiencing a steady decline in spirit if not numbers. It is a past we can be proud of and draw from as we move into the future.

I have also been looking ahead to the future. While change and entering into the unknown always brings up a certain amount of trepidation, there is every reason to believe that this church is going to continue on in spiritual growth and well-being. Within this community there is the wisdom of age and experience, the enthusiasm of youth and discovery, the functioning structure of administration and maintenance, and the means for financial self-sufficiency all well in place. And while it is least

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important in some ways, a not insignificant indicator of the health and direction of this church is that, even in these difficult economic times, while maintaining our regular expenses and contributions to others, we have purchased and installed a new elevator; re-modeled the bathroom and made it handicapped accessible; re-modeled the kitchen adding improved storage, sinks and dishwashers; received and cared for a parking lot with a new tool shed; upgraded the grounds and shrubbery; and last but by no means least, put in a beautiful new floor throughout the entire basement. With this momentum carrying us forward, the future of this church is as bright and hopeful as could be wished for.

So now, the challenge that we must face together is to remain fully engaged in the present moment as it unfolds, while we learn from and take courage from the past and keep in mind and prepare for the future. It is my sincerest hope and full intention to keep the life of this church thriving as it is, without interruption through my remaining time here. What is more, it is my hope that we will work together to plan for and undertake the transition in pastoral leadership in a way that is loving, caring, graceful and as smooth as possible. We have plenty of time. We have plenty of resources. We have mutual good will and the best interests of the church at heart. Together, we have faced challenges, difficulties and even disagreements in the past years with open communication, integrity and cooperation and over come every obstacle. It is my sincerest hope that we will be able to say the same about the challenge of this transition as well. It is my hope that our process may even provide a template for other churches as they face times of transition in pastoral leadership, as they inevitably will.

So my dear friends and parishioners, I ask you to be with me and to be with each other, living fully in the present life of this church as it unfolds over the next two years, never forgetting the past yet not being bound by it; and always looking into the future without getting distracted by dreams or fears. It will be a challenge, no doubt, but one by which facing and engaging together we may continue to grow this church and each one of us into stronger, wiser, more loving servants of God. As always, I welcome conversation, questions, comments, compliments and criticisms in this

and in all aspects of church life and my role as your minister.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Worship Schedule

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

- 2/1 Communion Sunday**
The Marriage in Canaan
John 2:1-11
- 2/8 The Parable Of The Sower**
Mark 4:1-20
- 2/15 To Inherit Life: The Good Samaritan**
Luke 10:25-37
- 2/22 The Test: A Parable of Two Sons**
Matt. 21:23-31

Membership Classes

Membership Classes will meet on Sunday, February 8, 15, and 22 at 9:00 AM in the church library.

Church Report

Youth Choir

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3, 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
Cindy Priest, <i>Vice Chair</i>	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
Deneane Frost	935-3344
Scott Ferguson	925-3207
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Donnette Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2130
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m and will hold a Silent Auction to benefit the Fryeburg Health Care Center Activities Program.** Sally Harnden will be in charge of coffee. 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

In the Hospital

Shirley Brown, Warren Cressy, Don Kiesman, Iva Hatch and Gordon Leach were all in the hospital and are recovering at home.

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



UPDATE!! Youth Choir will now meet beginning on **Wednesday evening, February 25th**, from 5:30 to 6:15 here at the **church** (not at the parsonage as previously announced). All children who love to sing are welcome to join us. Contact Laurie Turley at 935-4500 for more information.

Local Food Fairs

Meet your local farmers and fishers at a church near you on February 8!

Maine Council of Churches has been advocating the ecological, economic, and social benefits of local foods for years. This year our annual **Local Foods Fairs** are coming to 11 communities on Saturday, February 8th from 1:00-4:00 PM.

You don't have to wait for farmer's markets to open. Learn how to support your community's farmers and fishermen by purchasing shares of their harvest. You can pick up your local food directly at the farm, or have it delivered all summer – or all year – long. Learn more at the fairs:

- Belfast** - Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, 37 Miller St.
- Brunswick** - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 Pleasant St.
- Canaan** - Union Church, Rt.2
- Ellsworth** - Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, 121 Bucksport Rd.
- Farmington** - Fairbanks School Meeting House, 508 Fairbanks Rd.
- Hallowell** - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 18 Union St.
- Newcastle** - Second Congregational Church, River Rd.
- Norway** - Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris St.
- Orono** - Orono Senior Center, Birch St.
- Portland** - First Parish Church of Portland, 425 Congress St.
- Saco** - First Parish Church UCC of Saco, 12 Beach St.

Welcomers for February

Feb 1 Debbie Urgese
 Feb 8 Martha Richardson
 Feb 15 Sally Harnden
 Feb 22 Debbie Dolley

Ushers for February

Feb 1 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Feb 8 Kevin & Bonnie James
 Feb 15 Lawrence Perry & Mary Dysinger
 Feb 22 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

Coffee Hour for February

Feb 1 Debbie Urgese
 Feb 8 Jen Richardson
 Feb 15 Mary Dysinger
 Feb 22 Donnette Barnes

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 28, 2009 THRU JANUARY 18, 2009		
Date	Adults	Children
December 28	30	1
January 4	31	2
January 11	25	4
January 18	28	1



*February flowers
 courtesy of
 Sally Harnden*

Calendar for February 2009 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
Tue	3	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:45 p.m.
Wed	4	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun	8	Adult Choir Sunday School and Membership Class Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Wed	11	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
Sat	14	Valentine's Day ♥	
Sun	15	Adult Choir Sunday School and Membership Class Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Mon	16	Women's Alliance Meeting and Silent Auction	6:30 p.m.
Wed	18	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fri	20	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
Sun	22	Birthday Bank Sunday Food Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School and Membership Class Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Tue	24	Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet - downstairs	5:30 p.m.
Wed	25	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Youth Choir at the church	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Sat	28	Downstairs in use- P. Swett	10am-4pm

Solution to last month's Christmas puzzle

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Sweetheart

by Dave Fisher

Across

1. It may go off
6. Not Dem.
9. Angry look
14. It's expressed as a quotient
15. Hole-in-the-head?
16. Hunky-dory
17. Treat for 10 Down
19. Egg-shaped
20. Topnotch
21. One of twelve
23. Fancy
25. Utmost
26. Rum cake
30. Always, to Donne
31. Agcy. that gives the President financial advice
33. Tragic king
35. Fastener
37. _ whiskey
38. Time for 10 Down
42. Poison
43. Things in Tijuana
44. Keys
47. Hormuz or Georgia, for instance (abbr.)
48. Unit of resistance
51. Pigeon-__
52. Unfold, poetically
54. Not yet a fetus
56. "One Day at a Time" actress, Fabray
59. Slack
60. __fish (manta ray)
63. Drink for 10 Down
65. Speak out
66. Keystone member
67. Sampled
68. Apparel for super heroes
69. Serpent sound
70. Posts

Down

1. Video __

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2. Capital city of Pakistan
3. One who makes amends
4. Prepares potatoes, perhaps
5. Low
6. Harvest
7. Shirley of "Goldfinger"
8. Magician's word
9. Wormwood Scrubs, e.g.
10. They bill and coo
11. Alias
12. Tattle
13. __ opener
18. Commoners
22. Definite article
24. Lacking in humor
27. Capital of Western Samoa
28. Like the proverbial beaver
29. Type of tray
32. At __ (up)
34. Confiscate weapons
35. Destination for 10 Down
36. Spasm
38. Disallow
39. Wager
40. Negative responses
41. Admiration
42. Tub
45. Two eras
46. Spots
48. Pedigree
49. Praised in song
50. Hybrid bikes
53. Disposition
55. Cacophony
57. Some beers
58. Lights-out
60. What's up __?
61. Pollution watchdog
62. CEO, e.g
64. N, E, S & W