



February 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,

God is good! I can hardly contain the joy that I have felt since arriving at 22 Elm St. and settling into the parsonage of "our" Fryeburg New Church. Since my ordination in 2005 I have been hearing the call of the Lord to serve a parish and, while it has seemed a winding road, I now see only the hand of providence in the path that has led me here. It seems each endeavor has prepared me to receive the fullness of the blessing that it is to be making FNC my first solo parsonage. I am so excited to be here!

There is still unpacking to do, furnishings to buy and curtains to hem; settling into this church, the parsonage, and the rhythms of Fryeburg will take time. And, I look forward to enjoying each step of that unfolding. The most common question I hear is "Are you feeling settled yet?" And I will tell you, "Yes!" I was settled in the first day I arrived at the parsonage to find cut flowers on the table and on the first Sunday when I was greeted with so many smiling faces. And there is still much more to do. And there always will be! I am comforted to remember that there is no end to the settling process as there is always more to learn and explore, always more to perfect and improve, always more to discover. I look forward to enjoying the unfolding and enjoying it with all of you!

To that end, I would like to invite you to break bread with me. During the season of Lent it is my hope to host as many members and friends of the congregation as I am able in my home for a series of simple Lenten suppers of bread and soup. Breaking bread together has historically always been what made Christian community what it is in the sacrament of the Holy Supper, and during this time of "getting to know one another," I can think of no better way to come to know the Church and what the Lord's call for His church is than to get to know each one of you and for us to break bread with one another.

Each *Simple Supper* will begin at 6 and go until around 8, giving us time not only to eat, but to pray and to share with each other who we are, how the angels guided us to become a part of this church, what the church has been and continues to be for us, and how we may feel and hear the Lord nudging us forward.

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church or you can call the church office Tue-Fri 8-noon at 935-3413 and sign up for a time.

The suppers will be held at the parsonage, 22 Elm St., on the following evenings:

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

Church Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 noon Tuesday - Friday  
12 Oxford St. • Fryeburg, ME 04037 • Rev. Sage Currie, Pastor  
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Parsonage: 207-935-4500

Wednesday, February 17th, 6-8pm  
 Tuesday, February 23rd, 6-8pm  
 Thursday, March 4th, 6-8pm  
 Wednesday, March 10th, 6-8pm  
 Tuesday, March 16th, 6-8pm  
 Thursday, March 25th, 6-8pm

# Church Report

## The Trustees

If one of these times will not work for you or your family please let me know and I can think about adding another time. I will also add more times after Easter if these evenings fill up and there is still more interest. Please sign up with friends and family, invite others, or sign up by yourself and see what kind of gathering providence will create for you! I'd like to limit each supper to 7 adults, children on top of that number are most welcome.

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the parsonage**. 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.

I look forward to having you!  
 Many blessings,

### Rev. Sage

Office Hours: Tue-Fri, 8:00am-Noon  
 Email: pastor@fryeburgnewchurch.org  
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 Parsonage phone: 935-4500  
 Cell phone: 256-7529

### 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 15, 2010 at NOON**. Please 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

## Worship Schedule

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

- 2/7 **Communion Sunday**  
**"Fishers of Men"**  
 Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11
- 2/14 **"Transfigured by Love"**  
 Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36
- 2/21 **"40 days in the Wilderness"**  
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13
- 2/28 **"Why we must go to Jerusalem"**  
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Luke 13:31-35

## From the Treasurer



Anyone wishing to receive a copy of their contributions for the year 2009 for tax purposes, please contact Donnette Barnes.

## *Births*

*Watson Harnden Leach* was born on January 12, 2010. Parents, Jeffrey and Allison (Bogacki) Leach and big sister, Elsy, are also doing fine!!

## *In the Hospital*

*Edward Coombs* and *Melvin Eastman* were both recently in the hospital. We wish them both a quick return to good health.



## *History Sunday & Potluck Luncheon, Sunday February 7th*

Please join us on February 7th after church to share the *Story of the Fryeburg New Church* together. Each of us has a part of the story and in a circle format where each person has the choice to share either "*And what happened next,*" or "*Well before that,*" we will piece the story together of what the church has been in the collective memory of the community. This will be very helpful to catch Rev. Sage up to speed, and hopefully each of us will learn something we didn't know before! Feel free to bring pictures or mementos that *tell the story for you*, to share with the community as well.

## *Reminder*

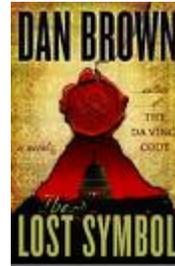
It's never too early to start getting your reports in to the Church Office for the 2009 Annual Report.

## *Welcome Rev. Sage!!*

Please join us for an Open House to welcome Rev. Sage to our New Church family and to our community!!

*Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Parsonage, 22 Elm Street, 12 Noon till 2pm*

## *Upcoming Book Discussion*



In March Rev. Sage plan's to hold a discussion of Dan Brown's latest novel The Lost Symbol. She recently finished this book (in a couple of sittings, it's *very* fast moving) and was blown away at the implications of its ending. Dan Brown has some very Swedenborgian things to say! If you liked his other novel The Da Vinci Code, you'll enjoy this read and she'd love to have others to talk about its startling conclusions with. She promises not to spoil the ending until March but no promises after that so get a copy and curl up with it soon!

## *Calling all book enthusiasts!*



Do you love old books? Especially old New Church books? Rev. Sage is building a library at the parsonage and would love help! There are shelves of old books in the attic of the parsonage, and boxes all ready to be displayed that have been donated to the church and not yet found a home. If you might enjoy pawing through old books and helping with some of the manual labor of getting them up on book shelves please let Rev. Sage know.



## Calendar for February 2010

(held at our Church unless indicated)

2	Tue	<b>Trustees' Meeting @ parsonage</b>	7:00 p.m.
3	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
7	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Potluck Luncheon &amp; History Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:13 a.m.
10	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
14	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>♥♥♥ Valentine's Day ♥♥♥</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
15	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance Meeting</b>	12 noon
17	Wed	Rev. Sage @FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
19	Fri	Rev. Sage @ Maine Council	8:00 a.m.
21	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
24	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
28	Sun	<b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship <b>Rev. Sage Welcome/Open House @ parsonage</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 noon

## Welcomers for February

Feb 7 Sally Gibson  
Feb 14 Martha Richardson  
Feb 21 Sally Harnden  
Feb 28 Debbie Urgese

## Ushers for February

Feb 7 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
Feb 14 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry  
Feb 21 Stanley Dolley & Chuck Priest  
Feb 28 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

## Coffee Hour for February

Feb 7 Jen Richardson  
Feb 14 Sally Gibson  
Feb 21 Jean Cressy  
Feb 28 Debbie Dolley

## WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JANUARY 3-24, 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
<b>January 3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>



February flowers  
courtesy of  
*Sally Harnden*