



January 2009

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,

It is the beginning of a new year and I hope your Christmas Season was filled with many special moments and memories, that the love of Christ was realized in the loves of your life both given and received. I hope that this year begins with the glow of the passing Advent Season and that you take something new with you into the coming year.

Every new year, even as every new day, is an opportunity for a new chapter in the ongoing saga of our spiritual regeneration, each new day a blank page upon which will be written all that we have done. It is so common, that we perhaps lose sight of the constant gift that God is giving us with each new day of our lives. And we have so much to be thankful for.

As I sat in the Maine Council of Churches meeting a couple of weeks ago I was listening to all of the different issues here in Maine that this organization is involved in. A partial list includes: 1.) working with legislators in Augusta on a wide range of issues; 2.) seeking to eliminate torture by holding our government agencies' treatment of prisoners to the same standard we hold others who are interrogating our soldiers; 3.) seeking fair practices in housing foreclosures and eliminating predatory lending practices; 4.) seeking fair and just treatment of Native Americans as they continue to struggle to find a place and way of

life in the homeland that is no longer theirs; 5.) the many groups that work with the poor and homeless and the growing number of refugees fleeing the poverty, warfare and chaos in countries that do not have stable governments; 6.) groups that are working together to find and build relationships around the things that the variety of faith traditions hold in common; 7.) churches struggling to recover from lost buildings or dwindling numbers or the shrinking economy.

It was almost overwhelming that here in the richest, most prosperous country in the world there could be so many people in need and so many issues that are calling out for the voice of faith to provide influence and direction. As always there are many who give of themselves to help, and there is always a small but dedicated few who give way more than is expected. And as always, the need far exceeds the people and resources that are currently being given. As I listened to report after report I wondered why it that so many so clearly hear the voice of God calling them to reach out in love, compassion and help and so willingly respond with open hands and open hearts, and at the same time so many in our society do not seem to hear the call at all, or perhaps even worse, hear the call and yet close their hearts and turn a deaf ear. There is no doubt it can be overwhelming: there is so much to be done it is hard to know where to

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start. And even when we would make an effort, it is obvious that what we can offer is so little compared to what is needed.

But what I realized is that God is not asking us to solve all of the world's problems, God is only asking us to do something to help. God is only asking us to find something that touches our hearts, to look around close to home and find something to which we can contribute. I suppose one of the clearest expressions of Christian charity is found in the literary classic "A Christmas Carol" written by Charles Dickens. It clearly portrays the spiritual delusion and unhappiness that comes from a life of self-centered greed and meanness, and the joy, inspiration and inner peace that comes from opening the heart and mind and hands to give of one's self for the benefit of others. As paradoxical as it may seem, that is the true wisdom found in the love of God.

It is a new year, and a new opportunity to grow spiritually. It is a new opportunity to take a look at our own spiritual health and well-being, our own relationship with God, so that we may in turn look to the health and well-being of the ever widening circle of "neighbor" who share life with us on planet earth.

So as we turn the page on the year just past, I ask this question: "What will be new about your life in the coming year?" The answer to that question can take any form, large or small. What a wonderful adventure it will be to discover the answer!

Happy New and God bless you all,

*Rev. Ken*

A person's life in the world is scarcely as a moment relative to their life after death; yet there are few who believe that they will live after death . . . But this I can assert, that a person is in the other life immediately after death, and that there, their life in the world is just continued . . .

Emanuel Swedenborg  
A.C. 5006(4)

## *Worship Schedule*

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

- 1/4 The Mind of the Magi**  
Matthew 2:1-12
- 1/11 The Flight To Egypt**  
Matthew 2:13-23
- 1/18 In My Father's House**  
Luke 2:41-52
- 1/25 The Baptism of Jesus**  
Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23

### *Our Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Fryeburg New Church is to illuminate the path for people seeking God in their lives. We offer a place for those seeking regeneration and spiritual growth. We support each other as well as those in need in the community.*

This Mission Statement was ratified by the congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Fryeburg New Church on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

### *From the Treasurer*



Anyone wishing to receive a copy of their contributions for the year 2008 for tax purposes, please contact Donnette Barnes.

# Church Report

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 6, 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, January 19, 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

**Mid Heath**, was in the hospital and has been moved to Sunbridge. **Ludy Gallagher, Shirley Brown, and Norm Ferguson** were all in the hospital and are recovering at home.

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

## Raffle Winners

The Christmas Cupboard raffle drawing was held on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. Congratulations to the following winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** Crocheted Afghan won by Carrie Cressy, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** Quilt Throw won by Anita Croteau, **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Handmade Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls won by Renie Chaplin, **4<sup>th</sup> place** Mystery Prize won by Edie Leach, **5<sup>th</sup> place** Audubon book won by Carrie Cressy, and the **6<sup>th</sup> place** Decorated Christmas Wreath was won by Melanie Farrington.

## Youth Choir



**Youth Choir** is back by popular demand! Our wonderful youth choir performed beautifully on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for the first time this year. A resounding vote of approval by the children made the

decision to resume our weekly youth choir meetings at the parsonage as we did last winter. Beginning on **Wednesday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, youth choir will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 at the parsonage at 22 Elm Street. We'll talk, laugh, drink hot chocolate, and share our love of God through music. All children who love to sing are welcome to join us. Contact Laurie Turley at 935-4500 for more information.

## Thank You

Thank you to Herb Eastman for his donation of greeting cards to the church office. Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated, Herb!



## Welcomers for January

Jan 4 Debbie Dolley  
 Jan 11 Sally Harnden  
 Jan 18 Debbie Urgese  
 Jan 25 Martha Richardson

## Ushers for January

Jan 4 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes  
 Jan 11 Kevin & Bonnie James  
 Jan 18 Stanley Dolley & James Harrington  
 Jan 25 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

## Coffee Hour for January

Jan 4 Martha Richardson  
 Jan 11 Jodie Hesslein  
 Jan 18 Debbie Dolley  
 Jan 25 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 23 THRU DECEMBER 21, 2008		
Date	Adults	Children
November 23	47	2
November 30	46	--
December 7	unrecorded	
December 14	85	--
December 21	64	22



*January flowers will be done by  
 Jean Cressy*

Calendar for January 2009 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Thu	<b>New Year's Day</b>	
4	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
6	Tue	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:45 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	5:00 p.m.
11	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
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16	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
18	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
19	Mon	<b>Women's Alliance Meeting and Silent Auction</b>	6:30 p.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Dinner Bell North @ SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
25	Sun	<b>Swedenborg Birthday Birthday Bank Sunday Food Bank Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
28	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ SEAS Youth Choir at Parsonage	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.



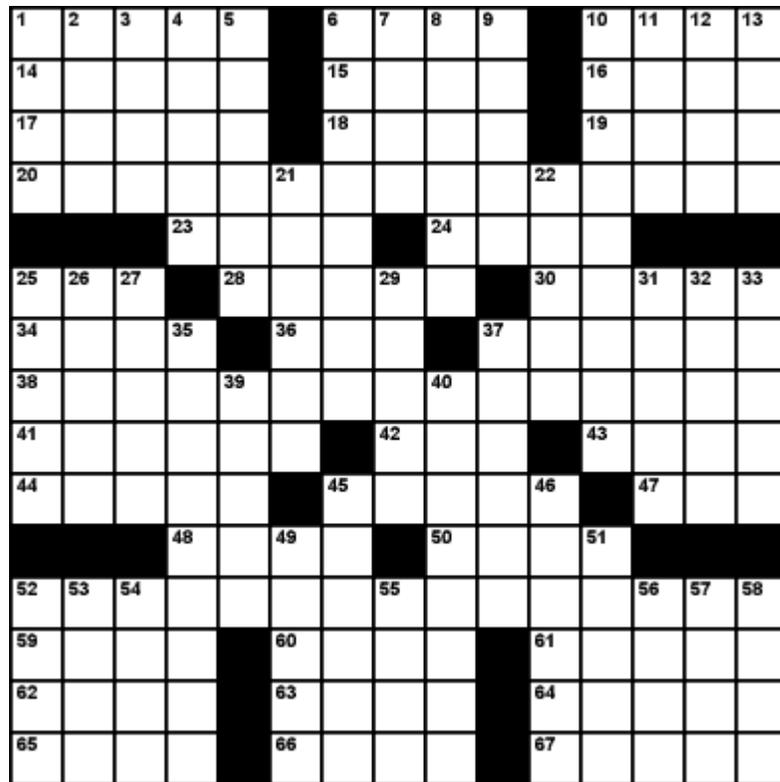
## Christmas Crossword Puzzle by Dave Fisher

### Across

1. Holiday pie
6. Santa's load
10. With 'the', syndrome causing missed putts
14. Key or corner
15. "Holiday In Harlem" singer
16. Young land?
17. Paper money
18. It may be found in 25 down
19. Blue-collar name?
20. Creche figures
23. Longest division of geological time (var.)
24. No ice
25. Dot's follower, often
28. Homeless ones
30. Panorama
34. West Point, i.e. (abbr.)
36. Big \_\_\_ (Cal.)
37. Lots
38. Holiday decoration
41. Holdups
42. Rangers' org.
43. Dam's opposite
44. Wipe out
45. Time before life
47. Indian bread
48. Organic compound
50. Anthem opener
52. Holiday song, "Oh, little..."
59. Go over a manuscript
60. Big name in detergent
61. Mountain ridge
62. Penny \_\_\_
63. Tech. grad.
64. Girders
65. One who ogles
66. Negatives
67. Fills

### Down

1. Attention getter
2. Engrave
3. Heart
4. With 53 down, singer from Chicago
5. Sibling's son
6. Element found in photocells
7. Succulent plant
8. Performers with a lot of makeup
9. "Dawson Creek" actor, Holmes
10. Holiday seasons
11. Detail
12. Coat
13. Tibia locale
21. Good natured teasing sessions
22. Enjoy
25. Place for 18 across
26. Earthy color
27. West Side Story gal
29. \_\_\_ Kafka
31. Killed
32. Aquarium fish
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35. Objector
37. Wise-looking (like Harry Potter, perhaps)
39. Office worker
40. Quick drinks
45. White elephant, for instance
46. Chunnel town
49. Many times
51. \_\_\_ Buena (evergreen plant)
52. Distant prefix
53. See 4 down
54. Kir ingredient
55. Slight advantage
56. Miami hoopsters
57. French 101 verb
58. GI's chow