



June 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

You know you can read nature the way you read the Bible. Just open your eyes, open your mind, and open your heart. You can see the presence of God everywhere! Perhaps it is a little bit easier when we experience a Spring Season as beautiful as this one has been. Mild temperatures, blue skies, just enough rain so that the flowers are blooming and the trees have leafed out with extra vibrancy. Especially having gone through a winter as harsh as this last one, spring is a reminder that life is a constant process of regeneration. Out of winter comes spring, out of dark and cold comes light and heat, out of death comes life. It is a sacred truth that is constantly repeated in the stories of the Bible and it is constantly repeated in the pages of nature. So take an extra moment in the next few days to drink in the colors and the freshness of the air, venture out and feel the renewal of life happening all around. And if you are a gardener, I don't have to remind you to enjoy getting your hands dirty as you help the earth give birth to the bounty God has prepared for us from the beginning of time. It is a wonderful time of year, and there are lessons from the Word unfolding everywhere you look.

And looking ahead just a bit, there will be a wonderful concert here at the church on Sunday June 15th as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our organ. Please invite your music loving friends, or even those interested in the history. It will be an entertaining and informative event.

And I can't pass up this opportunity to encourage you all to think about attending

Convention, even if just for a day or two if not the whole Wednesday through Sunday session. It is being held in Bridgewater, Mass just a few hours from here. There will be worship services in all three of our sister churches in the larger Boston area. And of course, there will be the business sessions with elections, all the min-courses and the special presentations. But perhaps most important of all, is the opportunity to meet and get to know fellow New Church folks from all over. If you are interested, see the registration form printed in this bulletin. If you could use financial assistance, please ask me, as the Association has some funds available to help people get to Convention.

And a little farther down the calendar but not too far to make plans, don't forget the Assembly family camp happening the first two weeks of August, just down the road. There are brochures in the front of the church and it is a wonderful way to spend a vacation, or just a leisurely afternoon or weekend.

So life is springing up all over in all realms. I hope you are feeling that energy and your blood is moving just a little quicker. Where ever you are in life's journey, enjoy the scenery along the way, enjoy the trip itself and don't forget to stop and smell the roses.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

Church Office Hours: 8 a.m.- noon Tuesday - Friday

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Parsonage: 207-935-4500

Worship Schedule

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

- 6/1 “Pulpit Swap with Rev. Bob Bossdorf”
Baptism and Communion
Revelation 19
- 6/8 “Children’s Sunday”
Presentations to students and teachers

Summer Schedule will begin on
Sunday, June 15th with
Worship Service starting at 9:00 a.m.

- 6/15 “New Church Sunday”
Revelation 21-22

100th Anniversary Organ Concert 3 PM
- 6/22 “Looking Back, Looking Ahead”
- 6/29 “Convention Sunday #1
Worship Led by Sally Gibson

Town Meeting and Dinner

The annual Fryeburg town meeting will be held on *Saturday, June 21st* at Molly Ockett Middle School at 9:00 a.m. Dinner will follow at 12 noon at the Fryeburg New Church. All are welcome to attend.

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees’ next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3, 2008 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
Stan Dolley, <i>Treasurer</i>	935-2887
<i>Women’s Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women’s Alliance

Women’s Alliance Dinner will be on **Monday, June 16th at 6:30 pm** at the **302 Smokehouse** on Main Street (across from Key Bank). The cost is \$10.00 per person with a choice of Baked Stuffed Haddock, Baked Stuffed Chicken, or Beef Tips for dinner. Please RSVP to Jennifer at the church office 935-3413 by noon on Thursday, June 12th and indicate which dinner option you would prefer.



Officers for the 2008 Women’s Alliance are:

PresidentJean Cressy
Vice-President.....Sally Harnden
SecretaryClaudia Graves
Treasurer.....Patty Swett
Chaplain.....Betty Baker

Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn at the church. This only takes about twenty minutes to do from start to finish. The people powered mower is located outside the church and since it does not make any noise, it can be used at any time according to your schedule. The lawn needs mowing approximately once a week, so if a few people are available, it does not require a huge commitment. Having volunteers do the mowing helps save the church lots of money! Please call Nels at 935-3741 if you are interested in helping out.



To All Dads

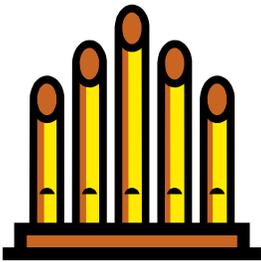


The research is clear -- fathers play a vital role in the formation of their children. The presence or absence of fathers, and the relative quality of the dads' engagement with their children, makes a huge difference in the lives of both boys and girls. Boys need to see dad as a role model for the man they should become. Girls also need dad, and it shows. You really see a difference in the attitude of kids whose fathers are involved in their lives. And by the way, you don't have to live with your kids to still be an awesome dad! On Father's Day, don't forget to tell Dad how important and needed he is!!

Children's Sunday

June 8th is Children's Sunday! Please join us as our children and their teachers are recognized for a year of hard work, exciting learning, and spiritual growth.

Estey Pipe Organ 100th Anniversary Concert



On Sunday June 15th, at 3:00 p.m., the Fryeburg New Church will present a concert in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the installation of the Estey Pipe Organ still in use in the sanctuary. Featured

performer will be Mr. Ray Cornils, Municipal Organist for the City of Portland and professor of music at Bowdoin College, USM in Gorham, and the Portland Conservatory of Music. The program will include pieces by Handel, Bach, and Pachelbel as well as a number of contemporary selections. There will also be a presentation on the musical and historical significance of the instrument. All are welcome, a good-will donation is requested.

Fish and Game Supper

June 2, 2008  6:30 p.m.

Jean Cressy, Chair



East of Eden

Earthquake News from Abroad

This section is offered to help us with the task of being stewards of the earth, the sacred trust God has given us. You'll find creative ideas, helpful hints and things others are doing to keep closely connected with the earth and generally improve the quality of life. Please share your ideas with us and we'll see they get included so others have the opportunity to benefit from your good idea!

First Idea: Donate old electronics. Have you recently upgraded your computer system but still have working components from your old one? Think about donating your old monitors and hard drives, printers and fax machines to schools, churches, or libraries. It will not only be better for the environment, but will help out your community too!

Second Idea: Change those light bulbs! The kitchen tends to be the most frequently used room in your house which also means you probably have the light on in the kitchen much of the time. And how often do you need to change the light bulbs? 2 or 3 times a year? Switching to those twisty looking CFL bulbs will not only save energy and reduce carbon emissions, but last up to 5 times longer than "old fashioned" light bulbs.

Third Idea: Increase your humidity! Is your house freezing in the winter? Are you keeping the thermostat low to save on oil consumption? Even though summer is just around the corner, with oil prices nearing \$5.00 per gallon, now is the time to work on increasing heating efficiency for the coming winter. At my house, we have been trying all sorts of ways to keep our house warm in the winter without burning more and more oil....weatherproofing, insulating, sealing windows. While all these ideas are important, you may not see an immediate reduction in your heating cost. The solution? Humidity! Notice how your bathroom gets nice and toasty while you're showering? It's not that you've put more heat into the room, but that you've increased the humidity! With dew points that drop into the single digits during the winter, keeping the relative humidity inside your house at about 50% by using humidifiers (either stand alone units or one hooked directly into your heating system), you will feel a noticeable difference in the warmth of your home and as an added bonus will help relieve dry winter skin!



May 14, 2008

Dear Friends:

As you may remember, Greg and I taught English at Chengdu College of Education from 2003-2005. Many concerned friends have asked us what we've heard from people in Sichuan province since the earthquake. Here is a personal account from our friend and colleague Ran Yisong, who was our downstairs neighbor when we were in Chengdu. (When he says "playground" he is referring to the college's athletic fields.)

I'm also forwarding a message from Amity Foundation, the China-based NGO we worked for for four years. Amity had staff in Sichuan just 5 hours after the first quake and is now conducting aid efforts. The Amity message includes instructions on how you can donate to their earthquake relief fund. Having seen Amity's projects and disaster relief work first hand, I can attest to their effectiveness and trustworthiness as well as their ability to work cooperatively with people in need, churches, governments, experts, and the people of China and the international community. For more info on Amity, their web site is linked below.

Thank you for your concern. Please continue to keep the people of Sichuan and the rest of China in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Jenny Huang-Dale

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May 13, 2008 10:28:01 PM EDT

Dear Greg and Jenn

I'm fine in Chengdu.

When the earthquake happened in the afternoon the day before yesterday, I was teaching in the third floor. I just heard a big noise like a huge machine hitting the building, (the wave is coming again now) and the whole building is shaking. After 3 seconds, I realized it's an earthquake, I immediately ordered the students rush out of the building to the playground, and rushed down with the last student. Just I stepped on the ground, several ceramic tiles fell down. The water in the

small pond down the building waved like it was boiled. Within one minute, almost all the students and teachers gathered in the playground. Some students obviously just awake from bed had nothing on but underpants. The first wave is the strongest, and longest, lasted about 4 minutes.

All teaching suspended. Most of the people in our campus spent the first part of the night on the playground, and forced to get inside buildings because of the rain. Aftershocks are frequent. There're more than 3000 aftershocks during these 40 hours after the first shock.

Chengdu is about 100 km from the center of the earthquake, Wenchuan town, the mountain town with a population over 100,000. All the highways to Wenchuan were totally cut by the huge rocks fell down from the mountain. No news came from the town till yesterday.

Our government has quick and efficient methods to organize the saving work. The prime minister flew to Dujiangyan, the nearest city to Wenchuan but also badly damaged, right after the first shock, to command on the first spot. Armies, rescue teams, and volunteers already working in areas seriously damaged, and about 7 hours ago, the first army arrived Wenchuan.

Up to now, the official death number is 12012, 959 in Chengdu. But the number is just for the bodies we found. At least 50 percent of people in very center of the quack areas were buried inside of the ruins. With the traffic problem and bad weather, the chance for them to survive is hard to say.

Helps from home and broad arrived, others are on the way. Though the disaster is fierce, I trust our government, I trust our people. God tested us with difficulties, we took it, and we will be fine.

Sorry I can only give you this much. I got to go to Dujiangyan to give my help as a volunteer. Thank you again for your concern. Chinese people appreciate helps from the U.S and the rest of the world.

Ran Yisong

Dear Friends,

An earthquake of intensity 7.8 on the Richter scale devastated parts of Sichuan and surrounding areas on 12th May at 2.48 p.m. The intensity of the quake is equivalent to that of Tang Shan some 30 years ago which killed 240,000. Schools, hospitals, factories and other buildings have collapsed killing

thousands. The death toll is expected to reach 10,000 at least.

The earthquake destroyed up to 80% of buildings in the hardest-hit region, which was also affected by landslides, power failures and a near-total breakdown of communication. Since communication lines and roads have been destroyed, it is difficult to get precise information from Wenchuan, the epicenter of the earthquake, 90 km. from Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province.

Amity has started releasing CNY 1 million in emergency funds as a first step. Mr. Yue Yaomeng, an Amity staff, arrived in Chengdu five hours after the quake and has set up an Amity Relief Office there. Amity will be coordinating its relief efforts with local partners and other Chinese NGOs. Relief efforts will cover the provision of food and water, medicines, sanitation, quilts and temporary shelters for earthquake victims.

Since the earthquake has hit mountainous areas it will take a long time before local communities can recover from the devastation. Amity hopes to raise 10 million RMB for earthquake relief and rehabilitation. We are appealing to all our friends and partners in Hong Kong and overseas to provide any assistance possible to help those in pain and suffering from the earthquake. Your compassion will go a long way to bring hope and help to the many people less fortunate than us.

May God bless you and keep you in these challenging times.

Warm regards,  
Theresa Carino  
Coordinator, Amity Foundation Hong Kong Office

For more information, please visit the Amity Foundation website:  
[www.amityfoundation.org/wordpress/index.php](http://www.amityfoundation.org/wordpress/index.php)  
(English version)

**Donations can be made through the website above or by check.**

Checks should be made out to:  
"The Amity Foundation, Hong Kong Ltd." (include the word "The")

The Amity Foundation, Hong Kong Ltd.  
13/F, Ultragrace Commercial Building  
5 Jordan Road  
Kowloon, Hong Kong



| <b>Calendar for June 2008</b><br>(held at our Church unless indicated) |     |                                                                                                                     |                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                      | Sun | <b>Communion Sunday</b><br>Adult Choir<br>Sunday School<br>Family Worship                                           | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m. |
| 2                                                                      | Mon | <b>Fish and Game Supper</b>                                                                                         | 6:30 p.m.                            |
| 3                                                                      | Tue | <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>                                                                                    | 6:45 p.m.                            |
| 4                                                                      | Wed | Instrumental Group Practice<br>Dinner Bell North @ SEAS                                                             | 3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.               |
| 8                                                                      | Sun | <b>Children's Sunday</b><br>Adult Choir<br>Sunday School<br>Family Worship                                          | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m. |
| 11                                                                     | Wed | Instrumental Group Practice<br>Dinner Bell North @ SEAS                                                             | 3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.               |
| 15                                                                     | Sun | <b>Father's Day</b><br>Adult Choir<br>Family Worship<br><b>Estey Organ 100<sup>th</sup><br/>Anniversary Concert</b> | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>3:00 p.m.  |
| 16                                                                     | Mon | <b>Women's Alliance Dinner<br/>@ 302 Smokehouse</b>                                                                 | 6:30 p.m.                            |
| 18                                                                     | Wed | Rev. Ken @ FHCC<br>Instrumental Group Practice<br>Dinner Bell North @ SEAS                                          | 10:30 a.m.<br>3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m. |
| 20                                                                     | Fri | Rev. Ken at Maine Council                                                                                           | All day                              |
| 21                                                                     | Sat | Town Meeting @ MOMS<br>Town Mtg Dinner @ FNC                                                                        | 9:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.              |
| 22                                                                     | Sun | Adult Choir<br>Family Worship                                                                                       | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.               |
| 25                                                                     | Wed | Instrumental Group Practice<br>Dinner Bell North @ SEAS                                                             | 3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.               |
| 29                                                                     | Sun | <b>Birthday Bank Sunday</b><br>Adult Choir<br>Family Worship<br><b>Rev. Ken &amp; Laurie at<br/>Convention</b>      | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>All week   |

### Welcomers for June

June 1 Debbie Urgese  
 June 8 Debbie Dolley  
 June 15 Sally Harnden  
 June 22 Martha Richardson  
 June 29 OPEN

### Ushers for June

June 1 Billy Holt and Donnette Barnes  
 June 8 Kevin and Bonnie James  
 June 15 Lawrence Perry and Mary Dysinger  
 June 22 Cliff and Marie Archer  
 June 29 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden

### Coffee Hour for June

June 1 Renie Chaplin  
 June 8 Dawn Ferguson  
 June 15 Jen Richardson  
 June 22 Jean Cressy  
 June 29 Debbie Dolley

| <b>WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE</b><br>APRIL 27 – MAY 25, 2008 |               |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Date</b>                                                  | <b>Adults</b> | <b>Children</b> |
| <b>April 27</b>                                              | <b>35</b>     | <b>0</b>        |
| <b>May 4</b>                                                 | <b>46</b>     | <b>2</b>        |
| <b>May 11</b>                                                | <b>43</b>     | <b>2</b>        |
| <b>May 18</b>                                                | <b>62</b>     | <b>4</b>        |
| <b>May 25</b>                                                | <b>53</b>     | <b>--</b>       |



*June flowers  
courtesy of  
Sally Gibson*