



June 2007

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

This past year, the Maine Association was accepted into membership of the Maine Council of Churches. And for the past six months I have been serving as the representative of our combined churches as a member of the Board of Directors. It has been a very enlightening and challenging, and ultimately inspiring experience.

It has been enlightening because of the surprisingly large number of issues that the council is involved in. This includes everything from testifying in Augusta on behalf of legislation to control predatory lending aimed at the elderly and revising immigration laws, organizing efforts to aid the homeless and victims of domestic violence, moderating discussions concerning anti-Semitism in Portland, bringing compassion to the criminal justice system including religious freedom for Native Americans, opposition to gambling as a form of tax relief, support of local farming and clean industry, to generally educating people on how, as spiritual people who seek to honor the Lord, to best express their devotion to God in caring, giving and responsible actions in all areas of life.

Meeting once a month has been challenging because of the complexity of many of these issues. As always, in the important

issues that face caring Christians, the solutions to problems may be simple in concept, but are complex when it comes to actions. The most obvious example of this would be the war in Iraq. We are all against terrorism. We are all for peace. But when it comes to deciding what to actually do to accomplish these obvious goals, nothing is obvious. Another example would be immigration law. On the one hand we want to protect our country from illegal immigrants. On the other hand each one of us is from a family of immigrants. Owners of businesses benefit from cheap labor and that supports the economy. But blue collar workers get undercut by that same cheap labor and often end up unemployed and that does not help the economy. And what role does family play in prioritizing permission to immigrate or should permission be based on educational level? Should the government's limited financial resources be aimed at prevention of illegal immigration or at prosecution of illegal immigrants? Many of these questions seem simple from our position secularly established in the greatest, richest country in the world. But when you are face to face with good people desperately trying to escape poverty and political oppression and simply make a better life for themselves and their families, the issues get complicated in a hurry.

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

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

12 Oxford St. • Fryeburg, ME 04037 • Rev. Ken Turley, Pastor

Office: (207) 935-3413 • Email: Pastor@FryeburgNewChurch.org

Parsonage: 207-935-4500

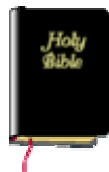
But what is inspiring and makes the effort so worthwhile is the commitment of this group of quality people that I have been sitting down with. To listen to the level of insight, compassion, caring and common sense in the remarks offered by this diverse group of people, whose only common thread is worship of Jesus Christ, is truly a remarkable experience. It is an honor to serve among them. The Maine Council of Churches motto is, simply put: "seeking common ground, working for the common good." It gives me hope and lifts my spirit to know that here there is one broad-based organization actively organizing people and resources to make this a better world without self-serving motives or agendas of any kind. It truly is a fulfillment of the Lord's words found in Matthew 25:31-45 and a living example of the life of Charity that we can all learn from. If you would like to know more, go to www.mainecouncilofchurches.org.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Spring Schedule

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



6/3 Music Sunday
 "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord"
 Psalm 150

6/10 Children's Sunday
 "Awards and Graduations"
 Revelation 12:1-6

Summer Schedule

Sunday School will resume in the Fall
Family Worship 9:00 AM

6/17 Father's Day - No Café Sunday
 Deuteronomy 6:4-9; John 14:1-11

6/24 New Church Sunday
 Guest Preacher: Sally Gibson
 The Turleys are attending Convention in Michigan

Ushers for June

- 3 Neal and Dolores Dow
- 10 Ian and Judy Wellingham
- 17 Billy Holt and Kevin James
- 24 Bonnie and Kevin James

Welcomers for June

- 3 Debbie Urgese
- 10 Debbie Dolley
- 17 Summer schedule – No Welcomers
- 24 Summer schedule – No Welcomers

Coffee Hour for June

- 3 Renie Chaplin
- 10 Jean Cressy
- 17 Debbie Dolley
- 24 Dawn Ferguson

**June flowers will be done by
 Claudia Graves**



WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Date	Adults	Children
May 6	50	11
May 13	43	3
May 20	42	0
May 27	62	0

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Date	Children
April 29	12
May 6	15
May 13	12
May 20	12
May 27	8

Church Report

In the Hospital

Warren Cressy, Caine Dutton, Ludy Gallagher, Dean Harnden, Isabel Moy (Karen Ela's mother), and John Perry have been in the hospital in the past month. We wish them a prompt return to good health.

Passages

Rev. Ken officiated at graveside services for **Violet H. Thurston** at Riverside Cemetery on May 12th, 2007, for **James H. Kiesman, Jr.** at Pine Grove Cemetery on May 15th, for **Matthew J. Finn** on May 19th, for **Marion B. Hobbs** on May 26th both also at Pine Grove Cemetery, and for **Doris P. Sparks** on May 22nd, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy is with their families.

Confirmations

Greg and Jenny Huang-Dale and Bonnie and Kevin James received their confirmations from Rev. Ken on Sunday, May 6.

Thank You

We are extending our warm thanks to the following people for their help with the Church Landscaping Project: Nels Liljedahl, Kelsey Liljedahl, Jesse Liljedahl, Jen Richardson, Elise Richardson, Erin Richardson, Donnette Barnes, Renie Chaplin, Jean Cressy, Stew Frost, Rev. Ken Turley, Liz Dyer, and Jen Huang-Dale.

Volunteering Opportunities

The church needs volunteers to mow the lawn in the front and side of the building, which takes about 20 minutes per week. A new, non-motorized push mower is available at the church to use (great exercise!). Anyone interested? Please call Nels Liljedahl at 935-3741. Thanks in advance!!

Women's Alliance

Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church, except July and August. Our next meeting date is **June 18th**. We will be meeting at the church at 6:00 p.m. to dinner at the *302 Restaurant* in Bridgton. Please call the office by June 13th to make your reservation and let us know your choice of menu (fish, beef or chicken).



Gift Idea Reminder!

With wedding and graduation season upon us, our limited edition, colored, 11"x14" matted print would

make a beautiful and meaningful gift for that special person in your life. Please visit our web site for more information and the mail order form:

<http://www.fryeburgnewchurch.org/orderform.html>

All proceeds from the sale of these prints go into our Capital Fund which makes many worthwhile projects possible. This truly is a gift that keeps on giving!

The Trustees

The Trustees' next regular meeting is scheduled for **June 5, at 6:30 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
Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Cindy Priest	935-3360
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
Deneane Frost	935-3344
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546
<i>Treasurer:</i> Stan Dolley	935-2887

Calendar for June 2007 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sun	Music Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
5	Tue	Board of Trustees' Meeting	6:30 p.m.
6	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
10	Sun	Children's Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fryeburg Academy Graduation	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
13	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
15	Fri	Rev. Ken at Maine Council of Churches	8 – 12
17	Sun	Father's Day Family Worship	9:00 a.m.
<i>It is hoped that Rev. David Rienstra will be in Fryeburg and will participate in an extended coffee hour today.</i>			
18	Mon	Women's Alliance Meeting Dinner at 302 Restaurant	6:00 p.m.
20	Wed	Rev. Ken at FHCC & Hicks Dinner Bell North @ EAS	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
21	Thu	Summer Begins Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions Rte. 113	1-5 p.m.
23	Sat	The Turleys leaving for Convention Town Meeting Town Meeting dinner	9:00 a.m. 12 noon
24	Sun	The Turleys are attending Convention in Michigan till July 3 rd Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	9:00 a.m.
27	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Bathroom

A blessing of the new handicapped bathroom was held on April 15th, 2007. Rev. Ken expressed thanks to the many volunteers who worked on creating and finishing this much needed project, which came well under budget at about \$2000. A plaque honoring the occasion, made by Susan Logan, graces the bathroom wall.

Congratulations!



... to each and every one graduating this June. Our best wishes for the future!

Almont Summer School

July 15-20: "Work and Play" Week
July 21-29: Summer school

Almont New Church Assembly
 (www.ancarc.com)

This year's theme, "Holy Holidays," is more than fun. It is also a theme that will instruct and challenge every one of our campers, from our youngest campers who do not even understand what a present is to our most experienced campers, who have celebrated a lifetime of holidays. Throughout the week we will learn about and celebrate New Church Day, Passover, Thanksgiving, Purim, Christmas, and Easter. Our youngest campers will focus on the stories and events within the Bible or history that gave rise to the holidays. For our more experienced campers, we will be looking at a deeper sense or purpose behind these holidays. Holidays and seasons go hand and hand because the holidays mark the passage of time from one season to the next. In a deeper sense, they also mark the seasons or stages of our lives. What better way is there to experience these shifts than to celebrate our holidays one day after the other?

For questions or information, contact Barb Tourangeau at gmabarb373@aol.com.

Kindness is an inner desire that makes us want to do good things even if we do not get anything in return. It is the joy of our life to do them. When we do good things from this inner desire, there is kindness in everything we think, say, want and do.
 ~ Emanuel Swendenborg ~

Fryeburg New Church Assembly

August 4th – 19th, 2007

Themes:

Week 1 (August 4th – 11th): *The History of New Church Doctrine*

The doctrines (i.e. teachings) of the New Church have been passed to us from the Lord in heaven through the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg and have influenced countless people ever since. This week we will look at the way the writings have influenced the progression of thought and action in philosophy, religion, ethics, education, and society as we look at some of the important people who were influenced by the writings and in turn, reached out and influenced the world in which they lived.

Week 2 (August 11th – 19th): *The Psalms: Biblical Poetry and Song*

In this week we look at the Psalms, the collection of one hundred and fifty poems, or more accurately song lyrics, and how they speak to us. The Psalms are beautiful and powerful poetry that touch on the complete spectrum of human emotion and thought, but they are also, at both literal and correspondential levels, an important source of theological and spiritual inspiration. This week, we look for spiritual regeneration in the artistry, poetry and music of the Word.

Registration:

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis with consideration given to the best use of available space, family size, physical needs, and length of stay.

The deadline for registration is June 15th, 2007. If you have any questions about registration or housing contact Nancy Little (littlenancyf@yahoo.com) or 413-247-0046.

Moving Meditation

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 6:45 a.m.

Start your day with praise through dance & movement

No experience necessary – Just a willingness to move!

We will meet at 6:45 am, before breakfast, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to begin the day warming up our bodies with gentle stretches and movement to two gentle and simple liturgical dances set to the songs “Use Me” by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and “Holy Spirit, Rain Down” by Alvin Slaughter. Both dances were choreographed by Diane Matthews. All are welcome to participate however the Spirit moves you!

(For those arriving during the COM meetings, we’ll also be starting the day with Moving Meditation on Monday and Tuesday morning)

For those who wish to, there will be an opportunity to share one of these dances during the Sunday worship service!

(If you are interested in doing these liturgical dances during worship, please bring a dark skirt or pants and a solid colored short sleeved T-shirt.)

For more information, email Rev. Susannah Currie at revscurrie@yahoo.com or call 484-888-4946. Please consider joining us for this meditative morning activity!

Create Your Next Step—In Movement and In Life

Peace, joy and the manifestation of our dreams is our birthright. Along with Spirit, we are constantly co-creating our lives. In this very moment—right now—you possess the power to more fully come into “Divine Alignment” to create the changes you desire in your life.

By using visualization, meditation and the innate wisdom of your body and then moving into your “next steps,” you will create you own expression and movements/dance to invoke Divine Alignment with your passion and joy. This powerful process provides the opportunity for healing and transformation, making space for the new to emerge.

Hope Merkret and Rev. Susannah Currie will present, dance and share personal experiences of using movement to shift from “the pit to passion” in a way in which Spirit flows freely. (No experience is necessary. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing.)

Biographies

Hope Merkert, a member of West Chester Dance Works’ *Anointed Dance*, has danced since the age of five and, at the age of nineteen, God’s plan led her to liturgical dance. Since then, Hope’s journey has included choreographing, leading workshops and dancing at Masses, worship services, and conferences throughout New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania.

Rev. Susannah Currie began dancing with *Anointed Dance* Director Diane Matthews more than two years ago and has recently joined the liturgical dance group. Describing the experience of dance as a release of the “flying and dancing spirit,” she has become passionate about including dance and movement in worship at the Swedenborgian Church at Temenos, where she serves as pastor, as well as in Convention worship.