



March 2007

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

This past month I traveled to New Brunswick to attend my first meeting of the Maine Council of Churches Board of Directors. The Maine Association, at its last meeting, approved membership and I was elected our representative. There were nine other denominations represented, several regular representatives were not there because of the weather, but it was a warm and welcoming group. As we gathered people from the Catholic tradition, the Unitarian, UCC, Methodist and Episcopal traditions all introduced themselves and made me feel right at home.

The meeting began with an introduction to all of the things the MCC is involved in. It was a very impressive list. It has been in existence since 1938 and includes over 600 hundred congregations from around all parts of the state of Maine. It is mostly mainline churches, as the evangelical, 7th Day Adventists, and conservative Baptist churches have elected to not be involved. It was a group that we as New Church people have a lot in common with. The Mission Statement of the MCC reads: "To inspire congregations and people of faith to unite in good works that build a culture of justice, compassion and peace." The verse from

Isaiah 52:12 is their inspiration and says "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations, you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

The Council is actively involved in promoting Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue, and involved in helping with issues of Emergency Relief, Homelessness, Criminal Justice, Sustainable Community, Moral Leadership and Economic Development. Some of the specific activities involve promoting local foods and products and the patronage of local farmers and businesses, environmentally friendly technology and "cool cities", Juvenile Justice and lobbying for high moral and ethical standards in state legislation.

I came away feeling that this was a very well organized group of quality people with an challenging but inspiring agenda. It is going to be an education and a benefit for me to be involved, and I hope that we as a congregation and as an Association will find ourselves drawn to get involved with some of these concerns, and work to improve our spiritual well-being as we work to improve the quality of life for all here in Maine. So if you have specific areas of interest

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

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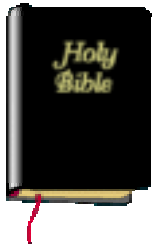
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and/or are looking to find some inspiring things to get involved in, please contact me in person, by phone or by email. It will be a blessing personally and to the church as we find ways to be a blessing to the larger community. This is the essence and fulfillment of Jesus' words in Matthew 7:21

Blessings,

Rev. Ken



Worship Schedule

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

Going to Jerusalem

- 3/4 "Feeding The Crowds"
Matthew from 14:13-21;15:29-39
Communion Sunday
- 3/11 "The Transfiguration"
Matthew 17:1-12
- 3/18 "Parable Of The Workers"
Matthew 20:1-16
- 3/25 "The Seven Woes"
Matthew 23:1-39

Charity and Faith make one as the will and understanding do, for charity is of the will and faith is of the understanding. In like manner, charity and faith make one as affection and thought do, for affection is of the will and thought is of the understanding. In like manner charity and faith make one as good and truth do, for good is of the affection which is of the will, and truth is of the thought which is of the understanding. In a word, charity and faith make one as essence and form do, for the essence of faith is charity and the form of charity is faith; from which it is evident that faith without charity is like form without essence, which is not anything, and that charity without faith is like essence without form, which also is not anything.

-Doctrine Of Faith 18 Emanuel Swedenborg

Birthday Bank

On the last Sunday of each month, anyone who has had a birthday is invited up to drop a penny for each year into the Birthday Bank. The funds from this are used by the Sunday School. This year the Sunday School teachers voted to purchase a new TV with VCR and DVD players built in for use in Sunday School, Childcare and Youth Group. The old set-up, with a TV and separate VCR player has served us well for many years, but like all things technological, has outlived its usefulness. This is another example of how saving our pennies together can add up to make a useful contribution to the life of the church! Thanks and Happy Birthday to all!

To rightly educate children is one of the general uses of charity.

- Emanuel Swedenborg D.W. 11:5

Church Report

Births

Hannah Jordan Graffam was born to Jeremy & Annie Graffam in Boston on February 7th. She is the grandchild of Andrea (Wheaton) Rivard, and the great-grandchild of the late Lou & Ola-Mae Wheaton.

Baptisms

Maeve Eliza-Rose James, the daughter of Martha James Steadman and Cory Jackson, was baptized on February 25th in a family service officiated by Rev. Ken.

In the Hospital

Bonnie Pierce, Scott Leach, and Billy Holt have been in the hospital. We wish them a complete recovery.

New Address

SCI –SW Leach, Michael, Navy CRM
130th F.A. BDE UNIT 42027
Camp Victory Complex
APO AE 09342

Women's Alliance

Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

President Jean Cressy
Vice-President Sally Harnden
Secretary Claudia 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 **March 19 at 6:30**. This month coffee will be done by Jean Cressy.

Calendar for March 2007 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
4	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship and Communion	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
5	Mon	Fish & Game Supper Cindy Priest, Chairperson	6:30 p.m.
6	Tues	Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
11	Sun	Daylight Savings begins Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
14	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
16	Fri	Rev Ken @ Maine Council of Church Meeting	
		Voting Day for Town Offices at the Legion Hall	9:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
17	Sat	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Town Meeting (Note new starting time)	9:00 a.m.
		Town Meeting Dinner	Noon time
18	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
19	Mon	Women's Alliance Meeting Jean Cressy, coffee	6:30 p.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Ken at FHCC & Hicks Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
25	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
28	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.



Special March Dates

March 11: Daylight Savings begins
March 17: Saint Patrick's Day

**Remember to set your clocks
ahead on Sunday, March 11.
Spring ahead is 3 weeks earlier
this year!!**



The Trustees

The Trustees' next regular meeting is scheduled for **March 6, 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

ANNUAL REPORTS

Anyone that is responsible for a report in the Annual Report booklet, please have your reports in the office by **April 1, 2007**. Thank You.



EASTER LILIES

Please order lilies through the Church Office,
Tel: (207)935-3413.
Orders should be in by
March 30, 2007,
and each lily will be \$8.00



Gift Idea Reminder!

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!

Thank You!

- ❖ **Chuck Priest** for doing the finish work on our new bathroom and for installing the fixtures
- ❖ **Cindy Priest** for decorating the bathroom and over-seeing the installation of the new floor
- ❖ **The Painting Crew: Debbie Dolley, Karen & Naomi Ela, Susan Logan, and Debbie Urgese**
- ❖ **Nels Liljedahl** for restoring and painting a vintage New Church sign to put on Oxford Street for our parking lot

Dinner Bell North

Dinner Bell North in Fryeburg is alive and well. Under the direction of Bebe Toor, it serves dinner to 80-120 patrons at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton church at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday. All of the help from shopping, prepping, setting up tables, cooking, serving, and cleaning up are volunteers. It takes quite a crew each week! It is truly an ecumenical and Community involved activity. All are welcome to eat and/or to help. If you would like more information, or would like to become involved, please call Bebe Toor at 935-2068.

Ushers for March

- 4 Donnette Barnes & Jean Cressy
- 11 Chuck & Cindy Priest
- 18 Stan & Debbie Dolley
- 25 Judy & Ian Wellinghurst

Welcomers for March

- 4 Debbie Urgese
- 11 Karen Ela
- 18 Martha Richardson
- 25 Sally Harnden

Coffee Hour for March

- 4 Debbie Urgese
- 11 Sally Harnden
- 18 Sally Gibson
- 25 Jean Cressy



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

February 2007 Sunday School Attendance

Jan. 28	9
Feb. 4	9
Feb. 11	13
Feb. 18	4

February 2007 Worship Attendance

Date	Adults	Children
Feb. 4	42	2
Feb. 11	49	1
Feb. 18	36	1
Feb. 25	51	2

March

It's passing dead of winter,
Right at the breaking point;
One day icy cold and harsh,
Warm, wet and muddy, the next.
It is a time of in-dwelling,
Repairing and preparing.

Appleseed John would be sorting seeds,
In cold and lonely tediousness,
Yet a task left undone now,
Means no apple blossoms in the spring.

More times in March than June,
Given deep cold and stunted growth,
Johnny traveled around and visited,
Trading evenings of stories and Bible
readings,
And the "Good News right fresh from heaven"
And spirited theological discussion,
All for a night on the floor by the fire
and a single helping of cornmeal mush.

Sometimes he offered labor,
Or quiet company and a listening ear,
Or the sale of apple seedlings and parcels of land
For books and pamphlets and such
That explored the reach and farthest edge
of the spiritual frontier.

He was a strange one,
That Allegheny John,
Coming by unannounced,
Then just as quickly gone,
But through the lonely hardship,
He helped to change the wild,
To homesteads, farms and orchards
Leaving trees and friends both red and white.

The Ides of March, then and now,
A time of transition and change,
Of challenge, hardship and golden opportunity,
for those hardy souls back in time,
And for each one of us, today.

Ken Turley 2/28/07

