



May 2006

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,

What a time for landmarks, sign posts, rites of passage, and growth! The physical building is responding well to an influx of good will and energy. The new paint jobs, a new bathroom going in as you read this, refreshed lawns and gardens, and a renewed vision of how the church looks.

While all of this work has been put into the external structure of the church, much energy has also been put into the internal structure of the church and how the church sees. Specifically, visioning workshop attended by twenty-one people on April 1<sup>st</sup> under the leadership of Rev. Rich Tafel has brought new and established people together in the decision-making and as a result, a renewed sense of vision has emerged. In this all-day session, as we clarified our values and loves, it became very clear that among all the different things that people in this church do, the core group of people at the workshop base its past identity, current strengths and future goals in the well-being of our children. With an active Sunday School and teachers, as well as a Youth Group with good leaders and up-and-coming kids, this is a great sign of regeneration.

## Our Vision

Out of these ideas and the other issues that follow, the following vision statement was distilled:

*The mission of the Fryeburg New Church is to illuminate the path for people seeking God's purpose for their life. We offer a place that nurtures those seeking regeneration and spiritual growth. We live out our mission by supporting each and those in need in the community.*

## Here are the goals that were set:

- Better communication
- Recognize all Sunday School students with pins, not just those with perfect attendance
- Increase Sunday School to 50 by 9/06
- Increase worship to 70 by 4/07
- Contact parents, invite to worship
- Recruit an additional Youth Leader

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

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Some of the other important aspects of the workshop were as follows:

**Common themes: What brought us here?**

**Why do we stay?**

- Time-honored vs. new people
- Inclusively
- Teachings
- Child care
- Youth spirit school
- Community/friendliness

**A Sense of Mission: each small group was asked to choose 3 verbs to describe**

- **Portland**  
Respect • Enlighten • Play
- **Fryeburg** (*Breakout Group 1*)  
Support • Respect • Illuminate
- **Fryeburg** (*Breakout Group 2*)  
Serve • Affirm • Nurture
- **Combined efforts of both groups:**  
*Illuminate • Support • Nurture*

**Respect:** Acceptance and respect of all religions, cultures, differences. Respect for each other's beliefs and choices (ex. old hymns vs. new music)

**Enlighten:** liberal, constant pathway to learning, teaching

**Play:** life, celebration, explore, look, seek, form of worship

**Support:** community wide – serving the community needs (outer & inner)

**Illuminate:** spiritual sense enlightening the people, teach, brighten the way we see, light in the dark, lighten path

**Serve:** uses, serve each other/community

**Affirm:** our faith, our community, each other, (encourage, validate, acknowledge) it is the anti of Condemn and Judge

**Nurture:** Inclusive, (regeneration, growth, regeneration, love) encompasses more, action oriented

**Values:** Love, health, respect, honesty, integrity, inclusiveness, kindness, peace, diversity, contribution, tolerance, honor, cherish, useful, Swedenborg – value teachings, worship, education, harmony, bible, sacred space, family, law-abiding, direct connection to spirit, celebration, ritual, ancestors, history, elders, youth, leadership, youth, play, respect, love thy neighbor, worship, usefulness, wisdom.

**Money** – Do we have an operating budget? Are we respectful of what people give and what we need to spend? Open to discussing financing?

Fryeburg: has been independent since the 70s, operates self-sufficiently. If we need money, we raise it; people vote when a decision is needed. Recognize need to give financially to national level; the need to acknowledge greater accountability exists at all levels.

As a whole, Maine Association is renewing itself as well as the individual churches. New people who represent both Portland and Fryeburg are deeply involved and doing excellent work. As an Association, we are well on our way to becoming an active member of the Maine Council of Churches and exploring ways to have more interaction and activities.

I am leaving this Thursday to attend a rather auspicious event. It is a General Convention project initiated by a woman minister, taking place with the support of General Church ministers at Bryn Athyn Cathedral near Philadelphia, involving music by a Convention minister and composer, and all to benefit a project that does not directly benefit either General Convention or General Church: a touring display of seven, 8-foot original Tiffany stained glass windows depicting the seven angels of Revelation. The windows will be displayed with appropriate lighting, explanatory notes, and originally-composed meditational music.

The goal is to bring people, if only for a few moments, to a focused attention on angels, heaven and the Lord – where through the beauty of light coming through the windows, the corresponding meditational aspect of the music and a quiet, comfortable, safe place, visitors can engage at a deeper, more spiritual level. If the trial run generates enough funding to make a traveling exhibit possible, this could be a most beneficial effort on many different levels.

Blessings,

*Rev. Ken*

## **One Last Reminder**

We are happy to continue mailing out to all those who value receiving our church bulletin. But after ten years, it is time to cull from our mailing list the addresses that are no longer active or interested in receiving the Bulletin.

If you are currently receiving the Monthly Bulletin by snail mail, and haven't already done so, please contact us to confirm that you want to continue receiving it as you have been, or **you will be removed from the mailing list as of May 15<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to snail-mailing the Bulletin, we can email it to you, or you can download it from our new website:

<http://www.FryeburgNewChurch.org>

Just let us know which of these options will work best for you. Thanks for your help and understanding.

Blessings,

*Rev. Ken and the Trustees*

## *What's New*

At last May's special all-church meeting, it was voted to paint the parsonage building and roof, replace the parsonage windows and have a handicapped-accessible bathroom in the church. All of the above work has been accomplished, with the bathroom now in progress. The money for these huge projects came from the church's investment portfolio. We are replenishing this fund through a Capital Campaign Fund. To date, almost \$300.00 has been donated to this fund, and we have raised more than double that through the sale of our church prints.

The new kitchen floor and new dishwasher have been purchased with memorial funds given in memory of Calvin Harnden. What a great way to honor him! You may give money to the Capital Campaign in memory of someone or just make a donation. It will be greatly appreciated by the church community.



## Reunion Sunday

All are invited to join in worship on May 7, 2006 for a Reunion Sunday! We have celebrated this special occasion before, and it is successful because we see you and your friends at church! Invite a friend, or bring someone who used to come and hasn't been in a while.

Let's see who is the oldest, youngest, when to Senior League or Junior League with Mrs. Briggs, were in the Johnny Appleseed Group with Carole Reinstra, had Mrs. Salley in Sunday School, rode in Rev Briggs' Saab, went to Gott's Island or Friday Night dances in the basement, helped with bottle and paper drives, or sang in the Junior Choir with Carol Reinstra.

Whatever connection you have with the church, it is valued and special. **Reunion Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**: Come celebrate your memories while we make new ones!

## ***Thank You!***



A heartfelt ***Thank You*** to all the people who have helped with the bathroom project:

**Nels Liljedhal (Research and Design)**

**Chuck Priest (Foreman and Design)**

**Herb Eastman (Master Laborer)**

**Carl Magee (Head Plumber)**

**Shane Hatch (Assistant Plumber)**

**Ed Wilkey (Electrician)**

**Bob Potter (Electrician)**

**Billy Holt, Lawrence Perry, and**

**Stanley Dolley**

***Thank you all!!***

# Worship Services

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

## *The Teachings of the Parables:*

**5/07 “Reunion Sunday”**  
“Man does not live by bread alone...”  
“Where ever two or three are gathered  
together in my name...”

**5/14 “Mother’s Day”**  
“A Love Supreme”

**5/21 “Music Sunday”**  
“Sing to The Lord A New Song”  
Psalm 150

**5/28 “Memorial Day”**  
“Warriors Of The Heart And Mind”



## Looking A head:

**6/04 “Children’s Sunday”**  
Awards and Recognition  
All Church Picnic: *to be held at the Assembly grounds immediately after church*



**6/11 “A Parable for the Ages”**  
**Fryeburg Academy Graduation**

**6/18 Father’s Day: Café Sunday**  
Meet informally downstairs

**6/25 The Last Parable**  
**The Turleys gone to Convention**

## April 2006 Sunday Service Attendance

March 26	47 adults 4 children
April 2	No attendance taken
April 9	42 adults 3 children
April 16	91 adults 15 children
April 23	28 adults, 2 children

## April 2006 Sunday School Attendance

March 26	17 attendees
April 2	19 attendees
April 9	12 attendees
April 16	Easter
April 23	12 attendees

## Gift Idea



With graduation and wedding season upon us, our church print would make a beautiful and meaningful gift for that special person in your life. This limited edition, colored, 11”x14” matted print is signed by the artist and is of archival quality. The cost per print is only \$29.00 if picked up at the Church, or \$35.00 mailed, insured, to any address in the U.S. We’ll even wrap it for you! 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!

# Church Report

## *Thank You*

Thank you to **Susan Logan** for donating a set of Bible stories on tape for Sunday School use.

Thank you to **Delores Dow** for the gift of all occasion cards for church use.



## *Choir: Change of Schedule*

Adult choir will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 8:15. We will practice for the day's service as well as for future services. Come and join us! Until further notice, youth choir will not be meeting this spring. Thanks for your understanding....*Laurie Turley*



## *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 Monday, **May 15, at 6:30 p.m.** Edie Leach and Sally Harnden will be on coffee.

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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 ~

## *Attention All Ladies of the Church*



We will be having a food table at the Black Fly Festival on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Academy. We will try to personally call everyone, but if we miss you, we would appreciate anything you can make for the food table. Please have donations at the Academy between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. rain or shine.

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## *Annual Ladies Night Out*

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to our annual Ladies Dinner Night Out. This event will be held at the *302 Restaurant* in Bridgton. There is a choice of beef,



chicken, or fish for the entrée. The cost for each lady is \$10.00, and the Alliance will pick up the remaining \$10.00 fee. This is to thank everyone for all the work that has been accomplished throughout the year.

**Please notify the office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** to reserve your seating and your meal choice.

All ladies are welcomed, so won't you please join us. Call the office now at 935-3413 while it is on your mind.



## Calendar for May 2006

(held at our Church unless indicated)



2	Tues	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
3	Wed.	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	5:00 p.m.
7	Sun.	<b>Reunion Sunday</b> <b>Bring a Friend to Church</b> Adult Choir Sunday School Communion <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
10	Wed.	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	5:00 p.m.
11	Thur	<b>Fair Committee Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	<b>F. A. Black Fly Festival &amp; Women's Alliance Bake Sale</b>	10 a.m. to 3p.m.
14	Sun.	<b>Mother's Day</b> Adult Choir Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
15	Mon.	<b>Women's Alliance Ladies Dinner Night Out</b> Meet at the Church for the Carpool	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
17	Wed.	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	5:00 p.m.
18	Thu.	Rev. Ken at Hicks/FHCC Brownfield Food Pantry	10a.m.- 5 p.m.
21	Sun.	<b>Music Sunday</b> Adult Choir Sunday School <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
24	Wed.	Dinner Bell North Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	5:00 p.m.
27 28	Sat- Sun	<b>FNC Assembly</b> <b>Clean-Up Weekend</b>	
28	Sun.	Adult Choir Sunday School Birthday Bank <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
29	Mon.	<b>Memorial Day</b>	

## CHILD CARE

Each Sunday, during Worship Service, Child Care for children up to 8 years old is provided in the downstairs room on the right and children 8-12 will be in the room across the hall on the left.

## USHERS FOR MAY

- 7 Jean Cressey & Claire Kiesman
- 14 Chuck Priest & Herb Eastman
- 21 Donnette Barnes & Dean Harnden
- 28 Patty Swett & Iva Hatch

## WELCOMERS FOR MAY

- 7 Sally Harnden
- 14 Martha Richardson
- 21 Debbie Dolley
- 28 Debbie Urgese

## COFFEE HOUR FOR MAY

- 7 Claire Kiesman
- 14 Jean Cressey
- 21 Martha Richardson
- 28 Mary Dysinger



## FLOWERS FOR MAY

Flowers for May will be done by Edie Leach every Sunday.

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER THE BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT AND STILL  
FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM**

