



May 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

Wow, what a winter it has been for me, and all of us. Near record breaking and long lasting snow. I've been down with an abscessed tooth that had to be pulled and a shoulder injury from falling on the ice that I am still recovering from. My family is going through that chaotic and often traumatic transition of kids leaving the nest. This time next month, our eldest, Emily will be on her way to live in San Francisco. And Ethan, will be working towards making his first steps toward independent life. Needless to say, Laurie and I will be going through "empty nest syndrome." All in all, the life side of things has been a real roller coaster ride and while the end is in site, it hasn't quite smoothed out yet.

But through all of this, life in the church has gone on in a slow and steady direction of positive growth and stability. New people are stepping up and taking responsibilities that have been cared for by elders of the church for, in some cases, thirty and forty years. This too is transition, and yet it seems to be unfolding in a calm and healthy way. This speaks so well of the people who are moving into the roles of responsibility. But it also speaks so well of the people who are handing over that responsibility. For most of us, in this society of hustle and bustle and constant change, it might be hard to

imagine being part of a church from Sunday School age all the way through the "golden years." But this church has quite a few people for whom that has been their experience. This church has meant a lot to them, and they have meant a lot to the church. There have been ups and downs, joys and pains, but throughout it all there has been a reciprocal relationship that has been a gift that goes both ways.

It is quite a challenge for people from different generations to co-exist in a world where our society is changing so fast. The lifestyles, the values, the view of the world, are so very different from the WWII generation and the up and coming Gen-Xers. And yet that difference is the reason why we have so much to learn from one another. It is a constant spiritual exercise in understanding, tolerance, compassion, and in some cases, forgiveness, for people of such different up-bringing to live together in harmony. We are all part of the same spiritual community, but in different ways, in different degrees, and in many cases, for different reasons. And yet held together with the common love of the Lord and the neighbor, the church lives on and serves us all. In a world that is changing so fast, it is a deep comfort to know that this building that has been here for over a hundred years; and this congregation that has been here through countless generations, the Faith and Charity that bind us

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all together, is a constant, steady and on-going presence. May we be thankful for this gift that we both give and receive to and from the Lord, and one another. It is a precious thing, truly a jewel in the crown of heaven. It is a joy, an honor, and a blessed relief to know this church is here and to be a part of its ongoing life.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

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

- 5/4** "Plagues and Angels and Witnesses"
Revelation 9 & 10 & 11
- 5/11** "The Woman and The Dragon,
Michael and The Beast"
Revelation 12 & 13
- 5/18** "Music Sunday: A Service of Song"
Psalm 150 Revelation 11:15-19
- 5/25** "War In Heaven"
Revelation 14 & 18



Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6, 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
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<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. for a Pot Luck Supper.** Jean Cressy, Edie Leach, and Sally Harnden are on Committee. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church.

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

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

In The Hospital

We've had quite a few people in the hospital during the past month. **Delores Dow, Claudia Graves, Gerald Kiesman, and Leone Dyer** were all in the hospital and are now recovering in the comfort of their homes. Also, **Iva Hatch** is recovering from a fall, but thankfully was not hospitalized. Please wish them all well when you see them!

65th Wedding Anniversary!!



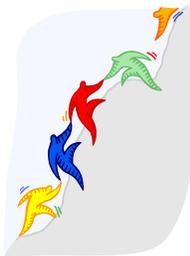
Richard and Anna (Nutter) Fox celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on March 29, 2008. An open house was hosted by their seven children at the Fryeburg Rescue Barn and catered by the FNC Women's Alliance. Congratulations Richard and Anna, you are an inspiration to us all!!

Gathering Leaves 2008

Travel Scholarships are still available for Gathering Leaves 2008 at Purley Chase Centre, U.K. To request a scholarship amount, you must register for the retreat with Lisa Hyatt Cooper at lhcooper@verizon.net or (if you don't have e-mail) call her directly at 215-947-1584. If you have already registered and made your travel arrangements, you can still request scholarship assistance by contacting Lisa with your travel information. Please pick up a flyer from the table at the church entrance for more information about the retreat.

Youth Group

Our next youth group gathering will be an overnight on *Saturday, May 3rd* starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Fryeburg New Church. We will have dinner, continue our discussion on living in the afterlife, play some games, maybe do a brief work project and watch a movie. If any teens from Portland would like a ride, please let me know. Portland teens can arrange to meet me at the North Windham Hannaford at 3:00 p.m. I have room for four teens. Please e-mail me if you plan on attending or need a ride at kfekete@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there! ~Kurt



P.S. Don't forget to visit the SCYL blog at youthleague.blogspot.com

Choir

Adult choir will continue to meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at the church. We are working on Sunday morning worship music, and also preparing for Music Sunday which will be on May 18th. If you like to sing, please contact Laurie Turley at 935-4500. We would love for you to join us!



Benefit Supper

Marcy Gilman, Eighth Grader from Kennett Middle School, has been accepted to the **People to People Student Ambassador Program** to *Europe* this summer. There will be a Benefit Supper to help her raise money for the trip on Saturday, May 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the East Conway Community Hall. There will be hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. There will also be a *50/50 drawing* and *dinner music* while you eat. Please join us to help Marcy have this amazing opportunity!

Transitions Memorial Day Retreat

A retreat for recent SCYL graduates, and anyone ages 18 to 28. Rev. Andy Stinson will lead the program which is entitled, "The Sacred Story: Where we come from, Where we are, and Where we are going". Andy will lead a discussion of our personal story as reflected in the biblical narrative, from Genesis to Revelation, looking at where we have come from and where we are now, to setting goals and commitments about where we are going and who we are becoming.

Where: Temenos Retreat Center outside Philadelphia, Pa.

When: May 24 – 26, 2008

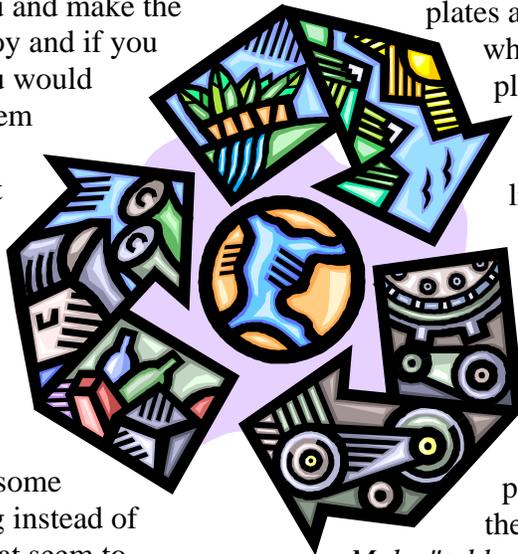
Cost: **FREE** thanks to the Philadelphia Swedenborgian Church and funding from the General Convention!! All you need to do is get there and we can help with that too! Please contact Kelly Wohlgemuth at 216-403-9463 or e-mail scyl.transitions@gmail.com

East of Eden

Since the time when Adam and Eve were ushered out of the garden to some place East of Eden, God has provided everything we need and it is up to us to find ways to make use of what is given and, at the same time, minimize our destructive impact on the environment. 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. As with all things in this church, you are not required to accept everything, only take what is useful to you and make the most of it in your life. So enjoy and if you have some good ideas that you would like to share, please deliver them to the office in one form or another, and we'll see they get included so others have the opportunity to benefit from your good idea.

First Idea: Use canvass or reusable bags! As you may already know, many grocery and clothing stores now offer some sort of canvass or reusable bag instead of those annoying plastic bags that seem to accumulate all over the house! For example, just last week, Hannaford® was giving away a free reusable bag to all who walked into the store. The idea was to let customers know these bags are available and very convenient. I believe the usual cost is around 52¢ per bag and buying just one bag each time you shop won't increase your shopping bill by much at all!. I personally was impressed by the amount of groceries just one bag held. Having 4 or 5 of these bags will hold almost a whole cart of groceries, and after you unpack your bags, just put them back in your car so you don't have to worry about remembering to bring them with you on your next trip to the store.

Second Idea: Reuse your newspaper! We all try our best to recycle cans, bottles, and cardboard. But what about that other R? Reuse. Whether an item is destined for the trash can or the recycling bin, try to use things one more time before they get tossed for good! Newspaper is an easy place to start. Here are five ways to give your daily news a second life:



Clean your windows. Don't ask why, but crumpled newspaper makes mirrors and glass shine. Just spray the surface with your favorite glass cleaner and use them as you would regular paper towels. One caveat: Since newspaper isn't terribly absorbent, it's best to use less cleaning spray. You won't need much, anyway.

Substitute shredded or crumpled paper for Styrofoam. Instead of using non-recyclable, petroleum-based Styrofoam peanuts to pack items for shipping, run sheets of newspaper through a paper shredder to create stuffing material, or just crumple them into loose balls for extra padding.

Store fragile dishware. When putting away fine china, place folded squares of newspaper between plates and bowls to protect them. Wrap the whole stack in another sheet before placing them in fabric cases or boxes.

Start a barbecue. Charcoal chimneys are inexpensive and make lighting the grill a breeze. But instead of soaking the briquettes in chemical lighter fluid, as many do, try lighting them using newspaper instead. Just crumple a few sheets and stuff them in the bottom section of the chimney, then fill the top portion with charcoal. Light the paper and the briquettes will light themselves.

Make "tablecloths." Sloppy meals (such as boiled lobster or crab legs make a legendary mess) and kids' art projects call for casual table coverings. Just spread out a few sheets of the Sunday comics, set your fixings on top, and feel free to leave your manners behind.

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Third Idea: Recycle the rain! With spring and summer upon us, it will be time to start watering lawns and gardens. By keeping a rain barrel outside to collect rain water, you can save on excess water consumption over the summer months. Collected rain water can be used for watering indoor and outdoor plants and gardens, washing the dog, or washing the car (remember to use eco-friendly soap!). Two important tips to remember about collecting rain water: Use containers that *block sunlight* because sunlight increases algae and bacteria growth and may taint your water; and remember to *keep a lid on your container* when it's not raining to inhibit mosquito growth.

Calendar for May 2008 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
3	Sat	Benefit Supper for Marcy Gilman at E. Conway Community Hall	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
4	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
6	Tue	Board of Trustees Meeting Adult Choir	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
7	Wed	Instrumental Group Practice Dinner Bell North @ EAS <i>Saving Jesus @ 1st Congo</i>	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
11	Sun	Mother's Day Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
13	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
14	Wed	Instrumental Group Practice Dinner Bell North @ EAS <i>Saving Jesus @ 1st Congo</i>	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
16	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
18	Sun	Music Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
19	Mon	Women's Alliance Pot Luck Supper	6:30 p.m.
20	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Ken @ FHCC Instrumental Group Practice Dinner Bell North @ EAS <i>Saving Jesus @ 1st Congo</i>	10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
24	Sat	FNCA Work Weekend SCYL Transitions Memorial Day Retreat @ Temenos	
25	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
26	Mon	Memorial Day	
27	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
28	Wed	Instrumental Group Practice Dinner Bell North @ EAS <i>Saving Jesus @ 1st Congo</i>	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.



Welcomers for May

May 4 Debbie Urgese
 May 11 Sally Harnden
 May 18 Sally Gibson
 May 25 Martha Richardson

Ushers for May

May 4 Billy Holt and Marie Archer
 May 11 Kevin and Bonnie James
 May 18 Donnette Barnes and Cliff Archer
 May 25 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for May

May 4 Donnette Barnes
 May 11 Chuck Priest
 May 18 Mary Dysinger
 May 25 Sally and Dean Harnden

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE		
MARCH 30 – APRIL 20, 2008		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
March 30	49	14
April 6	45	3
April 13	45	3
April 20	34	2

*May flowers
 courtesy of
 Jean Cressy*

