



April 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

It's never too late to learn something new! Today my daughter, Emily, got me set up on "Facebook." For those who don't know what this is (which definitely means you are over thirty!), it is a program on the internet where you can post your picture and information about yourself and then communicate with other people who have done the same thing. You don't need to give any info you don't want to and you don't need to communicate with anyone you don't want to. On the other hand it is a simple and easy way to make contact with all kinds of people who you may know, may have known, or may just have something in common with. It is a completely new network for community building. And, I was told by Kurt our Youth Director, it is one of the primary ways teens communicate with one another these days. The phone, unless it is a cell phone, is rapidly becoming obsolete. I spent a couple of hours putting together my site and seeing who I might know who also had their listing up. Even for my age group there were a surprising number and, I must confess, it was a lot of fun making contact with people in this new way.

The world is growing and changing at an increasingly fast pace! The technological advances that are being made are coming faster and faster. CDs, which were not so very long ago the new and innovative way to store music and even photos, are going to be within a few more short years relegated

to the same status as vinyl records! Land-line phones as well! Cell phones, which not only serve as personal communicators, but also take photos, videos, store music, and keep calendars, take their place.

We must also be prepared for some major changes in our economy as the results of five years of war, and many more years of too many people in businesses putting profit above moral values, takes its toll. The balance of power in the world is beginning to shift. But all of this, as contradictory as it may seem, is nothing new. Human knowledge has been advancing for thousands of years. Nations have risen and fallen for thousands of years. People and societies have let greed and power get the better of them for thousands of years. But through it all, there are things that have remained constant: the healing and uplifting presence of the Lord; the wisdom and guidance of the Word; the loving support of spiritual communities and churches. And throughout the thousands of years that make up our history there have always been people who have clung to these and made them the foundation of their lives and as a result, have lived lives of love and wisdom, compassion and service, insight and inspiration. Many, in fact most, have been quiet people with modest ambitions. Some have lived lives of wide spread impact. But the common thread, and what we may all draw hope and strength from, is that the spirit of the Risen Lord is alive and well. Those who invite it into their lives know this.

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

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It has and continues to change the world, but perhaps more importantly, it changes the way those who love the Lord see and respond to the world. Believing this is our life-line to heaven. But as always, belief is not enough. We must live our beliefs. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." And in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all will know that you are my disciples." This commandment has not changed in thousands of years and its effect on those who keep it has not changed in thousands of years. Perhaps the end times are coming. There have certainly been earthquakes and famines, and wars and rumors of wars. Still all unfolds in God's time, not ours. Even so it is all the more important that we embrace the Lord and keep his commandments. This is the Easter message. It is the Lord's charge to the disciples. And it is the Lord's charge to each one of us. And not surprisingly, it is the way of the only life worth living. May the Lord's commandments be the guiding light for our earthly journey, and may the Lord's love be the light that shines out from within us to brighten this sometimes dark and confusing world. That love and that light are the one thing that remains forever constant.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Spring Schedule

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

- 4/6 "The Vision of John"
Revelation 1
- 4/13 "The Letters to The Seven Churches"
Revelation 2 & 3
- 4/20 "The Throne In Heaven"
Revelation 4
- 4/27 "The Multitude and The Benediction"
Revelation 7:9-17

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1, 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 will meet on **Monday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m.** Jean Cressy will be in charge of coffee. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. **Everyone who has *Mite Box Money*, please bring to the April meeting.**

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

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

Welcomers Needed!!

**I am looking to add some people to the list of Sunday Welcomers! If you are interested, please let me know.
 Thank you! ~Debbie Urgese**

In The Hospital

Dolores Dow and **Claudia Graves** both underwent surgery at Maine Med during the month of March. We wish them both a quick recovery and return to good health!

Passages

Kenneth Berg, son of Robert Berg (husband of Bonnie Berg), entered the spiritual world on February 23rd. A service is planned for late spring.

Al Sherman, our dear friend and life long neighbor from Sherman's Farm Stand, entered the spiritual world on March 18th after a brief illness. A memorial service was held on March 22nd at the First Congregational Church.

We wish their families comfort during their time of grief.

Choir



Adult choir will meet every Tuesday starting April 1st at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be working not only on Sunday morning worship music, but also music for

Music Sunday. If you like to sing, please plan to join us. Contact Laurie Turley at 935-4500 for more information.

Education

The next round of **Chinese Language and Culture Classes** will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 till 8:00pm starting on March 25th through April 29th. Cost of the class is \$40 with several payment options available including donation to the Amity Foundation and People to People International. Please contact Jenny Huang-Dale at 935-1054 for more information.

Fish and Game Supper

April 7,

2008



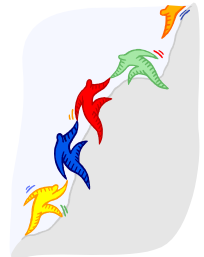
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p.m.

Cindy Priest, Chair

Youth Group

Kurt Fekete and Lee Dyer continue to lead our lively youth group for all youth aged 12 – 18. We encourage you to join us. We meet once a month, usually on the third Sunday of the month, from 4:00- 7:00 pm for dinner, games and engaging conversation. ***We have fun!***



Our theme this year is Death: The Next Great Adventure. Although this topic may sound a bit morbid, it has generated some great conversations and activities. We will continue to do activities, hold discussions, read literature and investigate Swedenborgian perspectives on death, dying and the afterlife at our dinner meetings. At our last meeting we discussed what happens in the first moments after you die and then went on to talk about the changes your spirit undergoes after you awaken in the next life. In the remainder of our meetings we will look at how you find your new community in heaven (or hell!) and some steps you can take now to make sure your young earth-bound soul is on the right path to heaven.

In April (right now it looks like the weekend of April 11 – 13) we will be holding a retreat in Boston at the Cambridge Swedenborg Chapel. If you would like to go to this retreat or begin attending our youth group meetings and are not currently on our youth group email list please contact Kurt Fekete at kfekete@hotmail.com. I look forward to seeing all of you soon! ~Kurt



A huge thank you to all who contributed to the **Easter Breakfast** with their time and food items! We had a tremendous turnout and the breakfast was a great success. These gatherings wouldn't be possible without the generosity of those who contribute their time and effort and we are so grateful to you all!

A special thank you also goes to **Jim & Sally Gibson** for all the shoveling they have done for us this winter...and what a winter it was to be our designated shovelers!! All your hard work is very much appreciated.

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 us. You'll find helpful hints others are closely with the earth improve the life. As with all 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.



God has given creative ideas, and things doing to keep connected and generally quality of things in this

Second Idea: With gas becoming so outrageously expensive, it seems apparent that the oil companies have one concern: their own profits. Even if it drives the entire economy into a recession they are not going to reduce the price until the demand for their product goes down. To save on gas consumption, which of course saves on emissions and pollution, do not warm your car up overly long. In fact the Tappit Brothers on NPR said it isn't really necessary to warm your car up as long as you drive easy for the first few minutes. Secondly, cars get the best mileage somewhere between 35 and 50 miles per hour. A little research might narrow that down for your specific car. And finally, give a second thought as to whether you need to drive. Perhaps you can combine trips. Perhaps the walk will do you good, or perhaps car pooling will give you a few minutes to spend with a friend or loved one.

Third Idea: Spring is coming! It is time to think about your yard and gardening. Flowers add beauty and pollen for the bees. Vegetables do the same as well as contribute to your table. Although gardens are wonderful, you don't have to do a whole garden if that is too much. Even a few isolated tomato plants or snow pea vines can add interest to your landscaping and save a few purchases at the grocery store. And when you do purchase vegetables, try to patronize your local farmers. Our local economy will benefit, and the produce will be so much fresher!



First Idea: Go to www.churchworldservice.org and click on the picture of the Water Buffalo CWS Best Gift Catalogue. This was in last month's newlsetter, but it is such a good idea, it bears repeating.



Welcomers for April

Apr 6 Debbie Urgese
 Apr 13 Debbie Dolley
 Apr 20 Martha Richardson
 Apr 27 Sally Harnden

Ushers for April

Apr 6 Billy Holt and Donnette Barnes
 Apr 13 Kevin and Bonnie James
 Apr 20 Stanley Dolley and Jean Cressy
 Apr 27 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for April

Apr 6 Debbie Urgese
 Apr 13 Sally Gibson
 Apr 20 Billy and Gail Holt
 Apr 27 Jean Cressy



Calendar for April 2008

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1	Tue	Board of Trustees Meeting Adult Choir	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
2	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.
6	Sun	Communion Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
7	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
8	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
9	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.
13	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
14	Mon	Rev. Ken @ CAM (Berkeley, CA)	All week
15	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
16	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS <i>Saving Jesus @ 1st Congo</i>	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
20	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
21	Mon	Women's Alliance	6:30 p.m.
22	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
23	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.
27	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
28	Mon	Rev. Ken at Blairhaven	Mon-Wed
29	Tue	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
30	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.

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE MARCH 2 – 23, 2008

Date	Adults	Children
March 2	26	3
March 9	45	3
March 16	50	17
March 23	97	3



*April flowers
 courtesy of
 Edie Leach*