



September 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

It's early morning on a bright and promising August day. Although the sun is shining and it promises to be a beautiful summer day, there is already a chill in the air reminding us that the seasons continue to change. I have finished twelve years of being your pastor. And finding importance in the correspondence of numbers (some might call it superstition!) I will say that I am now beginning the first year of a new season as pastor of the Fryeburg New Church.

Much has changed for me over the summer. Our daughter, Emily, is now truly out in the world on her own. She is living in San Francisco, has a job waitressing in a good restaurant, has auditioned for two movies and been given parts, albeit small, in both. Our son, Ethan, has graduated from High School. His launch into the world is experiencing some serious bumps in the road, but together we are dealing with them in the best way that we can. We pray for their well-being in a world with as many dangers as joys and welcome your prayers for them and for us as well.

My long time friend and fellow minister, Rev. Eric Allison, who has been minister out in Seattle for many years, suffered a very serious stroke this past summer. He is making very good progress in his recovery, but it has and continues to be a striking reminder to me that life here on earth is both fragile and finite.

Underlining that reminder is the fact that I have had my right arm in sling for close to three weeks now, with another three weeks to go. I fell this past winter, and after three months of physical therapy that was improving but not fixing the problem, an MRI showed I had torn my right rotator cuff. So I had surgery to repair my shoulder and am now very limited in my physical activities. Among the many things I cannot do, I cannot carry or split wood and that has been one of my most loved forms of physical and mental meditation!

Yet Among all of these hard lessons there has been a consistent string of blessings reminding us of the ever-present providence of God, the loving care and compassion of Jesus, and the caring goodness of the many people in our lives, and especially those of our church community. Laurie had a wonderfully inspiring experience at the Gathering Leaves conference this summer. I have enjoyed the support and gifts of a number of fellow ministers in a whole new way. Music has evolved in a direction I never would have predicted. And with all of the many and varied things that I am involved in, I am reminded that to gain your life, you must lose it; to be truly free, you must give yourself in service to God; to get what you need, must be willing to let go of what you want. And finally, that love without wisdom has no power. These are themes that we will be exploring in the coming church year. And I hope that you will join in and renew your place, connection and contribution to the

The Fryeburg New Church aka The Church of the New Jerusalem

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spiritual community we call the Fryeburg New Church. It is the beginning of a new season.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Worship Schedule
Family Worship 9:00 AM

8/31 "Labor Day Weekend" Rev. Ken

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

"The Beginning And The End"

9/7 Sunday School Family Breakfast 9:00 AM
Meeting Teachers
Visiting Classrooms
Family Worship 10:00 AM

9/14 "In The Beginning God
The Revelation of Jesus Christ"
Genesis 1; Revelation 1

9/21 "Seven Days of Creation,
Seven Angels of Revelation"
Genesis 1-2; Revelation 2-3

9/28 "Earthly Disobedience
Heavenly Worship"
Genesis 2; Revelation 4

Fryeburg New Church
Family Breakfast &
Sunday School
Registration



The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome back all last year's students and look forward to all new students 3 years old through high-school age. Classes will start September 14th.

We look forward to working with you and your children to build a solid Biblical knowledge and spiritual foundation for life here and hereafter.

Family Breakfast:	9:00 a.m.
Teachers' Introduction:	9:30 a.m.
Family Worship	10:00 a.m.

Maine Association Meeting

Sunday, October 19 at 1:00 pm

Portland New Church

302 Stevens Ave., Portland, Maine

Our guest speaker at this year's meeting of the Maine Association will be John Dieffenbacher-Krall. He will be speaking to us about Native American Affairs in the State of Maine. The title of his talk will be "A Possible Christian Response to the Plight of the Wabanaki". He will discuss the Wabanaki tribes in Maine, some of the injustices they have endured, and possible actions for reconciling people of European ancestry and the Indigenous people whose home we have come to share.

The Maine Association, which is made up of our churches in Fryeburg and Portland, the Assembly and individual members from Bath, is an active member in the Maine Council of Churches. We also need participation in the Business Meeting as we plan out the up-coming year. This is your church so come and be a part of the process!

Mark Your Calendar: FNC Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 26th after church!!

Church Report

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 7, 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

Special Notice from the Trustees

In October, there will be two openings on the Board of Trustees, and one opening for Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your name to the Nominating Committee; Billy Holt, Dede Frost, and Susan Logan, or to one of the trustees to be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 26th.

Women's Alliance

There will be no **Women's Alliance** meetings during July and August. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm.** Sally Harnden will be in charge of coffee. We meet on the third Monday of the month.

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

President.....Jean Cressy
Vice-President.....Sally Harnden
Secretary.....Claudia Graves
Treasurer.....Patty Swett
Chaplain.....Betty Baker

The Christmas Cupboard

Yes, the Women's Alliance is looking ahead to the Christmas Cupboard which will be held on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00am until Noon. We are in need of new hand made items of any type to replenish our cupboard. We are asking you to please make something and either send it to us as 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg ME 04037, or leave it in the office. The office is open Tuesday-Friday from 8:00am until noon. If you are away and plan to attend the Fryeburg Fair, items may be left at the Fryeburg New Church booth.

Fish and Game Supper

Sept 8,  6:30
2008 p.m.

Cindy Priest, Chair

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Passages

Alden Mendler, father of Bobbie Muse, entered the spiritual world on May 21, 2008. A funeral service will take place in East Rochester at a later date.

Muriel Barboza entered the spiritual world on June 30, 2008. A funeral service took place at Pine Grove Cemetery on July 11, 2008.

Our deepest sympathy is with their families.

New Tool Shed

We owe our deepest appreciation to *Chuck Priest, Herb Eastman, Stan Dolley, and Jim Gibson* for their hard work building our new tool shed over in the parking lot. We have been in need of some outside storage space for quite some time and greatly appreciate the time and effort they donated to building our new shed. Thank you so much Chuck, Herb, Stan, and Jim!!

Thank You

A big thank you also goes to *Scott and Dawn Ferguson* for their help mowing the church lawn all summer long. There are still a few weeks left to the "mowing season" and any other volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Choir



Adult choir will meet on Wednesday evening, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the church, and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. beginning on September 14th.

FRYEBURG FAIR

Fryeburg Fair will soon be here! The annual Fair letters have been sent out and the sign up sheet is also included at the back of the Newsletter.

Many shifts need to be filled at the booth. Maybe a group could get together for night shifts?

Also, please sign up and join us for pie making at the Church's kitchen, September 9 and 10 beginning at 9 a.m., and booth cleaning and set up on September 21 after Church.

As usual, a sign-up board will be available on the library table at the church. Please call Stanley Dolley at 935-2887 or Cindy Priest at 935-3360.

The Transforming Power of the Spirit

The Portland New Church invites you to an interfaith, interdenominational weekend retreat to be hosted at the Fryeburg New Church Assembly, September 12-14 (Friday 7:00pm to Sunday morning meal).

We welcome anyone who wants to renew and revitalize their spirits. We welcome our fellow Swedenborgians in Maine, as well as those from other religious affiliations, or in the interfaith community. Weekend spiritual programming includes; morning yoga, spiritual companionship, 12 step meetings, creative exploration, singing, chanting, personal time for spiritual reflection.

We will all contribute to meal planning, preparing, and cleaning. Please come prepared with your own sheets, pillows, and toiletries. Bring with you a poem or other reading to share during silent breakfast and noon time meals, or a musical instrument such as guitar or drums.

The fee is \$75 per person for 10 people for the weekend + the cost of food. This fee will be cut in half if we have 20 people. Families are welcome. Scholarships will be made available as needed. To register, please call Rev. Wilma Wake at (207) 985-8776 or 329-9730.

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If you are between the ages of 12 – 18 we welcome you to come join the

New Church

Youth Group

What do we do?

We hold monthly gatherings and sleepovers. We cook or order dinner, have lively and interesting discussions, play games, plus plan outings and weekend retreats. We have FUN!

Our group also goes on outings, travels to retreats around the country, holds fundraising activities, and does projects to help the church and our community. Teens from the Portland New Church often join us too. You'll meet some great friends and open your life up to a whole world of new possibilities. Come check us out and discover what you have been missing.

When do we meet?

Our regular monthly dinner gatherings are usually scheduled for the third Sunday of the month. Our first dinner gathering is **Sunday, September 21st, 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm**. We'll order pizza, discuss our upcoming activities and launch into our new youth group annual theme.

Where do we meet?

We meet at the Fryeburg Church of the New Jerusalem, 12 Oxford St., Fryeburg, Maine.

For more information or to confirm your attendance please call Kurt Fekete at 802-345-0169 or email kfekete@hotmail.com.

Fryeburg Fair Sign-Up Sheet

This year, as in the past, we need help in many areas...pie making...veggie peeling and cutting at the Church mornings during the fair...cooking at the Church during the fair...Morning pick ups and delivery of goods to the fair booth...and of course, working in the BOOTH!! (A pass will be provided, if needed, to work at the fair booth).

There are four shifts per day at the fair booth:

- Shift #1 -- 6:30 am to 11:00 am
- #2 -- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- #3 -- 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- #4 -- 6:30 pm till Close (9 or 10 pm)

Please sign up for any and all you are able to!!

Name and phone # _____

- I can make pies at the Church 9:00 am (lots of jobs...peeling..mixing..rolling!!)
Tues. Sept 9th _____
Wed. Sept 10th _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 21st @ 1:00 pm.
- I can help peel and cut veggies at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can help cook (stews, beans, chili, and/or pies) at the Church during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can do morning pick ups and deliveries during the fair:
What day(s)? _____
- I can work at the booth during the fair:
What day(s)? and Shift(s) ****Pass Needed ? _____
- Sat. Sept 27th _____
- Sun. Sept 28th _____
- Mon. Sept 29th _____
- Tues. Sept 30th _____
- Wed. Oct 1st _____
- Thurs. Oct 2nd _____
- Fri. Oct 3rd _____
- Sat. Oct 4th _____
- Sun. Oct 5th _____
- I will be able to help with a monetary donation \$ _____

Please return this promptly to: FNC Fair Committee, 12 Oxford Street, Fryeburg ME 04037

*** THANK YOU ***

Calendar for September 2008 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Mon	Labor Day	
2	Tue	Back to School	
3	Wed	Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.
7	Sun	Sunday School Registration and Family Breakfast Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
8	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
9	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
10	Wed	Pie Making Dinner Bell North @SEAS	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
14	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
15	Mon	Women's Alliance	6:30 p.m.
17	Wed	Rev. Ken @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
19	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
21	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Clean-up	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church
24	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
28	Sun	Fryeburg Fair begins Chapel Service @ Fair Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
October			
4	Sat	Ken & Laurie and the Blue Side Band @ Old McDonald Stage	4:00 p.m.
5	Sun	Last Day of Fair Chapel Service @ Fair Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
26	Sun	FNC Annual Meeting	Aft. church

Welcomers for September

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

Ushers for September

Sept 7 Billy Holt and Donnette Barnes
 Sept 14 Kevin and Bonnie James
 Sept 21 Stanley Dolley and Jean Cressy
 Sept 28 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 7 Family Breakfast
 Sept 14 Dede and Stew Frost
 Sept 21 Jen Richardson
 Sept 28 Sally Gibson or Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JUNE 29 – AUGUST 24, 2008		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
June 29	34	0
July 6	30	1
July 13	27	2
July 20	37	3
July 27	36	0
August 3	52	5
August 10	73	3
August 17	58	5
August 24	34	3



September flowers courtesy of
Sally Harnden