



October 2008

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

Guardian Angels Are Here, Say Most Americans

“More than half of all Americans believe they have been helped by a guardian angel in the course of their lives, according to a new poll by the Baylor University Institute for Studies of Religion. In a poll of 1700 respondents, 55% answered affirmatively to the statement, “I was protected from harm by a guardian angel.” The responses defied standard class and denominational assumptions about religious belief; the majority held up regardless of denomination, region or education — though the figure was a little lower (37%) among respondents earning more than \$150,000 a year.”

By DAVID VAN BIEMA **TIME.COM, SEPT. 24, 2008**

There you have it! More than half of Americans say they not only believe in angels, but have actually experienced their presence and their workings in their own lives. It is a comfort for me to know that each one of us is accompanied by a number of angels whose sole purpose is to flood us with the influence of heavenly spirit in order to balance the flood of temptations and evil influences that come from the hells. The more we turn to the angels the closer they come to us and the stronger their influence. This is one thing we can do in the context

of our daily lives to deepen our spirituality and bring us closer to the Lord. In any given situation, think of and call into your heart and mind the angels sent to you by the Lord. Just their presence alone will help you in making the choices that lead to heaven, here on earth as well as in the hereafter.

It was only a few minutes after reading this, that I received a personalized email letter from the grieving wife of the former President of Liberia, who had recently undergone a soul transforming conversion to Christianity, offering to split \$5,000,000.00 if I would just find it in my heart to donate the remainder to some charitable organization of my choice! I declined. In fact I did not respond at all. I thought about angels, and I thought about just how subtle and deceptive the hells can be. And I thought about that old phrase: “You can’t cheat an honest man.” That may not be absolutely true, but all too often it is our own greed and desire that lead us into making bad choices and make us vulnerable to influences we would do better to avoid.

In times of trial, call your angels to mind, tell the demons to leave, and pray to the Lord for strength and guidance. Also pray for the humility and courage to accept the help that is offered. It is also a good idea to pray for the wisdom to recognize the help when it comes, for quite often it comes from places and people and at times and in forms that we

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would not expect. God does work in mysterious ways.

And one last thought: each and every person we serve at the Fair Booth in the coming week is an opportunity to be a blessing. They all come to us hungry for food, but they all have spiritual needs as well. They may be happy and cheerful, they may be tired and worn out, they may be carrying some inner wound. Take the opportunity to give each person a smile and the most loving courteous service you can. Let yourself be a vessel for God's love when you give them their change and provide their food. You never know what a smile and a simple act of kindness may mean in another person's life.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken



Winter Schedule

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

"Second Stage"

- 10/5** *Last Sunday of the Fair*
"Noah: Before and After"
Genesis 5 – 11
- 10/12** "The Three Patriarchs:
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"
Genesis 12 - 36
- 10/19** "Joseph, Moses and Joshua"
Genesis 37 - Joshua
- 10/26** "The Judges: Deborah and Samson"
Judges 4-5; 11-16

Please Note...

The Annual Meeting of The Fryeburg New Church will be held on October 26, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

This is a written notice that a change in the constitution and by-laws will be voted on at that time.

Article V- Meetings, Section I:
....change Annual Meeting from October to April.

Reminder...

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!



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
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Deneane Frost	935-3344
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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

The **Women's Alliance** will meet on **Monday, October 20th at 6:30 pm**. Jean Cressy will be in charge of coffee. We meet on the third Monday of the month.

Officers for the 2008 Women's Alliance are:

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

Thank You

A special thank you goes to **Tommy Hutchins and Muriel Adams** for donating many bushels of apples which were baked into delicious pies for the fair. Stop by the Fair Booth any time during the Fryeburg Fair, Sept 28th – Oct 5th, for the many different pies that are available for sale. They are truly legendary!!



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!



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.

In The Hospital

Bev Walker had a brief stay in the hospital and is now resting comfortably at home.

Phyllis Guptill is also home after a brief stay at the hospital.

Claudia Graves continues in her recovery from surgery over the summer.

We wish them all a quick return to good health.

Choir



Please welcome **Greg Huang-Dale** as our new *Choir Director!* After many years as choir director, Laurie Turley has resigned her post to Greg who will be leading

the choir this year. Laurie will sing in the choir and accompany as needed, and continue on as church organist, as well as continue to direct the Children's Choir.

We look forward to the fresh new approach Greg will bring as he works with Rev. Ken to lead our choir in worshipful song. We also give our deepest thanks to Laurie for all her years of wonderful song. Sing God's praise!!



Pot Luck Luncheon

Please join us for our annual pot luck luncheon immediately following Worship Service on Sunday, October 26th before the FNC Annual Meeting.

Youth Group

Columbus Day Weekend Retreat for ages 13 – 18.

Our theme...

**Friends are Friends Forever ~
Living in Heavenly Community**

Sponsored by:

The Cambridge Church of the New Jerusalem,
Massachusetts Association and the SCYL

Dates and times:

7:00 PM Friday, October 10, 2008
(pizza supper at 7:30 pm)
through Monday Breakfast, October 13
(leave by 10:00 am)

Location:

Blairhaven Conference & Retreat Center
Howlands Landing, S. Duxbury, MA

Staff:

Rev. Kevin Baxter
Rev. Lee Woofenden
Kurt Fekete
Others TBA

Cost:

\$50.00

(Financial assistance is available if needed)


Interested?

Contact Kurt Fekete – 802-345-0169 or
kfekete@hotmail.com

Kurt can drive teens from Maine!

From the Office

The church office is in need of blank *sympathy cards* and *get well cards*. If you have any you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Boxed or individual cards are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar for October 2008 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
Sept 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.
Oct 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.
7	Tue	Trustees Meeting	6:45 p.m.
8	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS Financial Meeting with A.G. Edwards	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
12	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
15	Wed	Rev. Ken @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
17	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
19	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Maine Association at Portland New Church	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
20	Mon	Women's Alliance	6:30 p.m.
22	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
26	Sun	Birthday Bank Sunday Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship FNC Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Aft. church

Welcomers for October

Oct 5 Martha Richardson
 Oct 12 Sally Harnden
 Oct 19 Debbie Urgese
 Oct 28 Debbie Dolley

Ushers for October

Oct 5 Cliff and Marie Archer
 Oct 12 Kevin and Bonnie James
 Oct 19 Billy Holt and Donnette Barnes
 Oct 28 Herb Eastman and Dean Harnden

Coffee Hour for October

Oct 5 Fryeburg Fair
 Oct 12 Sally and Dean Harnden
 Oct 19 Maine Association
 Oct 28 Open

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2008		
Date	Adults	Children
August 31	34	0
September 7	49	3
September 14	--	--
September 21	36	0



October flowers courtesy of
Renie Chaplin