



September 2009

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

Spiritual salvation is the ongoing process of spiritual regeneration. That is a premise upon which our church is founded. We understand spiritual regeneration to mean the initial birth into relationship with the Lord and then, by living life in faithful worship of God and loving service to the neighbor, the progressive coming into a deeper and fuller harmony in all aspects of life with all that is heavenly and divine.

We do not do this by ourselves. Even though we must choose and act as if we are on our own, we in fact can only choose to confirm and realize through outward action the influence for what is good and true and loving and wise which comes from God, or the influence for what is evil and false and hateful and hurtful which is all that is good from God distorted by the hells. We must take responsibility for our choices, seeming to be living from ourselves, acting in freedom but in reality if the Lord were not present with us and within us we would simply not exist. Anything that is good within us, that is accomplished by us, originates with, and comes into being by, the grace of God.

Life here on earth is a gift of God and the natural world, with all of its blessings and dangers, is the creation of God. Life on earth is both heavenly and hellish. It is at times pure joy and at times pure agony. It is at times soul-soothing peace and at times soul-shattering struggle. Without

pretending to understand all the why's and how's I do know that it is our training ground for growing and developing into the citizens of heaven. And it is for this that we were created.

As we learned at the Assembly Session this past summer, the trials and temptations we face are the very means by which we choose, establish, strengthen and define our personal connection with the Lord. Each moment is an opportunity to choose what is heavenly or reject it and choose what is hellish. And each crisis is an opportunity to cling to and strengthen the hold between us and God or to abandon our connection to God and try to do it depending on something else, which ultimately and inevitably succeeds only in taking us further and further away from the good things of life. And as we all know through personal experience, throughout life, there are seasons and surprises and changes and chapters, all of which are opportunities for our own personal and communal spiritual growth.

All of this is my way of preparing myself and all of you for the coming year. As most of you already know, it will be a time of transition as I end my time here as your pastor and move on to take up the position of president/pastor of the denomination. It is a time of ending what has been and in the same moment a time of beginning of what is to come: the precise definition of death and rebirth. As is almost always the case, this will be a deeply layered and complex experience for us in all aspects of our life together. There are the memories and thoughts of

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the past, the questions and concerns for the future; there are the trust and affection and friendship that have developed over the past years and the separation and loss and grief as these transform. There is the saying "good-bye" to what was and the opening to and welcoming of what is to come. It is a moment of passage that we will all feel deeply and remember and hold within us as part of who we are for the rest of our lives. It is all of this and, in being a moment of death and rebirth, a moment of crisis in which is possibility, an opportunity for spiritual growth for us all.

In the unfolding of the coming year, we all have the opportunity of growing into a deeper understanding of life and the presence of God in all things. We have the opportunity of growing into the ability to be more open and present to one another even as we are preparing to let go. We have the opportunity of letting the contradictory thoughts and feelings of all that we experience in the next year, draw us closer to our family and friends and especially to this church community of which we have come to be a part.

It is a crisis of a kind, but more importantly it is an opportunity. It is a chance for each of us individually, and for all of us communally, to grow in our relationship of faith to God and in love and fellowship with one another. It is our opportunity to realize why Jesus called these two things the greatest of all the commandments. And it is, in all that unfolds in the coming year, our opportunity to discover why he also said, that in understanding and fulfilling these two commandments, "you are not far from the kingdom of God."

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Worship Schedule

Family Worship 9:00 AM

09/6 Last Sunday Service of Summer

Winter Schedule Begins

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

09/13 SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST 9AM

Creation: The Seven Days

O.T.: Genesis 1 -2:3; Psalm 8

N.T.: Mark 8:27-38;

09/20 Noah and the Rainbow Covenant

O.T.: Genesis 8; Psalm 1

N.T.: Mark 9:30-50

09/27 The Call of Abraham

O.T.: Genesis 12:1-10; Psalm 133

N.T.: Mark 10:1-12

Fryeburg New Church
Family Breakfast &
Sunday School
Registration



The Fryeburg New Church Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 13, 2009 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 on Sunday, September 21st.

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.

Church Report

Passages

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 1, 2009 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, September 21, 2009 at NOON.** Bring a bag lunch. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church. All ladies are welcome!!

2009 Officers for the Women's Alliance are:

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

In the Hospital

Tommy Hutchins, Sally Harnden, Claudia Graves, Warren Cressy, and Cindy Alden were all in the hospital over the past few weeks. We wish them a quick recovery and return to good health.

We've lost a few friends over the summer. **Shirley (Brownie) Brown** entered the spiritual world on July 22 with a funeral service taking place at Pine Grove Cemetery on July 29. **Frances Patten** entered the spiritual world on March 19. A funeral service was held on May 22 at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy goes to their families.

Congratulations Rev. Ken!!

Please join us in congratulating **Rev. Ken** on being elected *President* at this year's Convention. We wish him the best of luck in his new position and all his future endeavors. He has served as our Pastor since 1996 and will be missed, however he will be with us for a bit longer, so don't say goodbye yet!!

Happy 100th Birthday!!



Mid Heath will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 15, 2009!! Please send your congratulations and well-wishes to her at:

Mineral Springs Health Care & Rehab
Champney Wing Room 312H
1251 White Mountain Hwy.
North Conway NH 03860



Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

We are going to hold our first *Sunday School Teachers' meeting* after church on **Sunday, August 30th**. Rev. Ken has e-mailed an agenda for the meeting and also attached the first draft of a curriculum for Sunday School/Worship service subjects for the coming year. The subjects for the dates for September are set, after that the subjects are set through Christmas, although the specific scripture references might not be accurate. The New Year and the New Testament are still very nebulous.

If you have anything to add to the agenda, please let Rev. Ken know. If you can't be there, please let us know. Rev. Ken is back to regular office hours so please feel free to visit for no reason at all!!

Community Giving Tree



The Community Giving Tree is getting geared up for all the wonderful work they do around the holidays for our local families in need. There's so much that needs to get done to make this the amazing success it has been in past years. Please consider attending the next Giving Tree meeting which will be held at FNC on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. It's a lot of fun and you'll really feel good about doing it!!!

Donations and Volunteers Needed

CareNet Pregnancy Center located at 24 Pleasant Street in Conway is in need of donations of baby clothes and diapers and is also looking for volunteers. For more information please call the Center at (603) 447-1118, Monday 9-4, Tues-Fri 1-5.

Fryeburg Fair

Fryeburg Fair will soon be here! The annual Fair letters have been sent out and the sign up sheet is also included in this 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 22 and 23 beginning at 9 a.m., and booth cleaning and set up on September 27 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.



Day of Peace Celebration

Our community will be celebrating the *International Day of Peace* on *Monday, September 21st* at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg. This day of peace was designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1987. It is intended to be a vigil for peace and nonviolence in every house of worship and place of spiritual practice. Readings, poetry, reflections, and songs will be shared, including songs by Rev. Ken and Laurie. The service should last about 45 minutes. All are welcome.

Fish and Game Supper

Sept 14,
2009



6:30
p.m.

Cindy Priest, Chair

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

Fryeburg New Church

Youth Group

What do we do?

We hold monthly gatherings and sleepovers. We cook or order our own 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 sometimes 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 27th, 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm**. We'll order pizza, discuss our upcoming activities and decide our new youth group annual topic.

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 22nd _____
Wed. Sept 23rd _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 27th @ 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. Oct 3rd _____
- Sun. Oct 4th _____
- Mon. Oct 5th _____
- Tues. Oct 6th _____
- Wed. Oct 7th _____
- Thurs. Oct 8th _____
- Fri. Oct 9th _____
- Sat. Oct 10th _____
- Sun. Oct 11th _____
- 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 2009 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Tue	Board of Trustees	6:45 p.m.
6	Sun	Adult Choir Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
7	Mon	Labor Day	
13	Sun	Sunday School Reg. & Family Breakfast Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
14	Mon	Fish and Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
16	Wed	Rev. Ken @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
18	Fri	Rev. Ken @ Maine Council	All day
20	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
21	Mon	Women's Alliance Int'l Day of Peace @SEAS	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
22	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
23	Wed	Pie Making Rev. Ken @FHCC Dinner Bell North @SEAS	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
27	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday Fair Booth Clean-up	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. aft. church
30	Wed	Dinner Bell North @SEAS	5:00 p.m.
October			
4	Sun	Fryeburg Fair begins 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.
10	Sat	Ken & Laurie and the Blue Side Band @ Old McDonald Stage	4:00 p.m.
11	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.

Welcomers for September

Sept 6 OPEN
 Sept 13 Debbie Dolley
 Sept 20 Martha Richardson
 Sept 27 Sally Harnden

Ushers for September

Sept 6 Billy Holt & Donnette Barnes
 Sept 13 Jen & David Richardson
 Sept 20 Mary Dysinger & Lawrence Perry
 Sept 27 Dean Harnden & James Harrington

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 6 Sally & Dean Harnden
 Sept 13 Family Breakfast
 Sept 20 Donnette Barnes
 Sept 27 Renie Chaplin

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE JUNE 28 – AUGUST 16, 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
June 28	27	2
July 5	29	2
July 12	25	3
July 19	21	2
July 26	22	0
August 2	50	0
August 9	91	9
August 16	37	3



September flowers courtesy of
Sally Harnden