



November 2007

Church of the New Jerusalem

# Monthly Bulletin

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

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Dear Friends,

Life manifesting always has essence and it has form. The essence is, obviously, its essence, what it's made of, its essential elements. And form is the structural order in which this essence takes. The essence and the form together allow life to function and express, and in fact be. We all know to one degree or another, and are getting to know better, the people within this church community. The people, and the faith and love they share, are the essence of the church. That this community is called a church, is because of its form and the function the essence and the form together serve. In the case of our church, a spiritual community united in love to the Lord and service to the neighbor. Yet the external form by which we identify the community has internal form as well. We have the Board of Trustees who represent various aspects of the church people and make the business and directional decisions for the church. We have a treasurer who keeps the financial records and undertakes the handling of money. We have a minister who organizes and leads worship, music, Sunday School, committees, community activities and provides pastoral services. The committees that work with the Trustees include Buildings, Grounds, Worship, and Finances. Independent groups include the Choir, the Church Instrumental Ensemble, and

the Women's Alliance. Other groups and activities have and can take place as well.

Our church, as complex as it may seem, is only part of a larger organization called the Maine Association. This involves the Fryeburg New Church, the Portland New Church, the Fryeburg New Church Assembly (summer camp), and a number of Members At Large in Bath and NH/VT. The Association whose essence is the church groups and members, has an group of officers, i.e. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and together with Representatives of the churches and members at large function as the Executive Committee. All decisions of importance and/or impact are made at an Annual Meeting held in the fall.

Our Association, also complex in its way, is but one of a number of associations around North American that make up a larger organization called the General Convention of the Church of The New Jerusalem, aka General Convention. This body meets once a year, hosted by varying churches, and that meeting is called Convention. At that meeting representatives from all the Associations vote and take part in activities. There are a large number of Support Units which are committees with varying focus and purpose. They get called MinSU, EdSU, FPRSU (pronounced 'fippersue') and mean Ministries Support Unit, Educational

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Support Unit, Financial and Physical Resources Support Unit. Each of these Support Units functions independently but is accountable to General Council, which is the directing force of General Convention. General Council is led by an elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (all elected by delegates attending the Annual Convention), and includes representatives from the Council Of Ministers (COM) and lay people within the various churches. The Chair of the Council Of Ministers and the Dean of the Swedenborgian House Of Studies (the seminary for ministers of our church, part of the Pacific School Of Religion in Berkeley, CA) also serve on this committee and together with the officers make up the Executive Committee of General Council.

Now as complex as the form of General Convention appears, it is interesting to remember that the essence of General Convention is still the individual members of the churches and the spirit of faith and love that they share and manifest. And it is the spirit of life from the Lord which animates the essence which in turn gives life and meaning to the form. If this is true at the level of individual churches, it will be true at the level of Associations and so also true at the level of General Convention.

Now with that in mind, I also point out that General Convention, by way of the Maine Association and the churches and members that make it up, are part of a larger organization known as the Maine Council of Churches. This body is made of representatives from various denominations throughout Maine, of which we are by far the smallest. Yet we are part of an organization that has essence (the people and faith and love within their churches) and form (committees, employees, and a Board of Directors and an Annual Meeting much like Convention's). This organization is directly involved and quite positively influential in a wide array of social arenas.

If nothing else, I hope this rather pedantic but hopefully useful portrayal of forms and essence and their interrelatedness will remind you that as individual as we may be, we are also connected to all that is around us, and that all life is interconnected with God. Life may be

immense and incomprehensible, but we both matter because of the connection with all that is, and don't matter because of the immensity of all that is. Yet still, in the end, we are given the opportunity, and must choose how we are to influence all that we are connected to. What will you have contributed to the world with the life you have been given.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

### *PS "from the minister"*

Another aspect of the essence and form of Convention and the Council of Ministers who serve the people in the churches is CAM. As a minister, voted by Convention last summer, I serve on CAM, formally known as the Committee to Admission to the Ministry. This is a committee of Convention made up of the President of Convention, the Chair of the Council Of Ministers (COM), and elected representatives of ministers and lay-people. This committee supervises the educational process of seminary students seeking ordination in our denomination, and particularly the aspects of education that are other than academic, i.e. internships as chaplains, CPE's, a number of different kinds of practical experiences in both Swedenborgian and other types of church settings. It is CAM who recommends students to be ordained, or not, to COM (the Council Of Ministers) who in turn vote to recommend, or not, to the body of Convention at the Annual Convention those students to be ordained. Students are then voted on by the body and then ordained, or not, by the Chair of the Council of Ministers and President of Convention at the Annual Convention. It is an exciting process and an essential part of the form and function of all aspects at all levels of our churches, Associations and denomination. It is the Fall meeting of CAM at the seminary in Berkeley, CA, that I will be attending the first week of November.

## Worship Services

### Winter Schedule

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

### "Guiding Principles"

- 11/4 Communion Sunday**  
"Joseph, the Dreamer and Egypt"  
Genesis 37, 39-50; John 3:1-15
- 11/11 "Moses and The Ten Commandments"**  
Exodus 1 – 19, 20; John 3:16-21
- 11/18 "Joshua Enters The Holy Land"**  
Joshua 1-12; John 4:1-42
- 11/19 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**  
7:00 PM at Fryeburg New Church
- 11/25 "The Three Kings, Saul, David and Solomon"**  
1 Samuel – 1 Kings 11; John 5

## Church Report

### In the Hospital

**Bev Walker**, took a fall and had a short stay in the hospital, and **Rena Gallagher** is in the hospital in Rochester, NH.

We wish a quick recovery for them both.

### Passages

**Isabel Moy**, mother of Karen Ela, joined the spiritual world on October 2, 2007 after an illness.

**Catherine "Kaye" Seavey** entered the spiritual world on November 11, 2007. A graveside service was held at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Our deepest condolences are with their families.

## The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 6:30 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
Susan Wheaton Logan, <i>Sec</i>	603-694-3743
Scott Ferguson	925-3207
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
Deneane Frost	935-3344
<i>Women's Alliance Representative:</i>	
Sally Harnden	935-2546
<i>Treasurer:</i> Stan Dolley	935-2887

## Women's Alliance

*Officers for the Women's Alliance are:*

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

Women's Alliance will meet on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Edie Leach will be in charge of coffee. Please note, we are meeting on Tuesday, not Monday, due to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Monday evening.



**Reminder!!**  
Turn clocks back  
before bed on  
Saturday November 3

## *Special Thanks from the Fair Committee*

Thank you all of you who came and.... mixed, rolled, peeled, sliced, and baked the pies...all who trucked, bagged, peeled and chopped the vegetables...all who stewed the stews, chillied the chilies, and baked the beans....all who came each morning and got us going for the day...all the egg crackers, home fry cookers, toasters, coffee brewers, oatmealers and deliverers...all who worked the windows...from early in the morning 'til late at night...all the chowder cookers, chowder dippers, pie cutters, grill cookers, hot dog fillers...thank you to the cleaners and suppliers !!!

We had another successful year, clearing \$27,900! It takes a lot of hands to make this go and we appreciate every one of you...Thank You All...What a team effort!!

### *Important Dates to Remember!!*

#### *Church Clean Up Day*

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> after church

#### *Fish and Game Supper @FNC*

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Cindy Priest, Chair

#### *Christmas Wreath decorating*

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> after church

#### *Christmas Cupboard Set Up*

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

#### *Christmas Cupboard*

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-12:00 pm

There will be a **Benefit Supper** for  
**Mary Libby Johnson** on  
**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm**  
**at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

## *Thanksgiving Basket Sunday*

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Basket Sunday! Please bring in your canned, boxed or other non-perishable items and let's get that basket filled to the rim!!! It's an easy way to help a family in need and you'll feel great doing it.

## *Choir*

**Adult choir** will meet on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Ecumenical choir** will meet immediately afterward (dates, times above) to rehearse for Thanksgiving. Yes, this is only 2 rehearsals for ecumenical choir, but never fear! We can do it! (As long as you come to rehearsal!)

**Youth choir** will start up after Thanksgiving to prepare music for the Christmas Season. (First youth choir rehearsal: Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.)

Please call Laurie Turley at 935-4500 for more information.

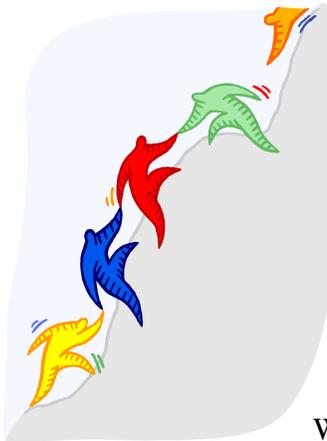
## *Church Clean Up*

We will be having a **Church Clean Up** day on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> after church (rain date Sun, 11/11). Bring a lunch and a change of old clothes, and stay to help do some "fall cleaning" around the Church...inside and out! Hot drinks provided.

## Youth Group

Youth Group is alive and active! Kurt Fekete and Lee Dyer are leading the group and all youth aged 12 – 18 are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet once a month, usually on the third Sunday of the month, from 4 pm - 7 pm for dinner, games and engaging conversation.

At our September meeting we gathered at the Fryeburg church and then headed over to Sherman's Farm to twist our way through the challenging corn maze. After negotiating the maze, the teens enjoyed playing in the giant corn kernel box (Naomi is probably still finding corn kernels in her hair). Then we went back to the church to decorate our youth group donation cans for the Fair Booth windows and make a "support the youth group" fair sign. Over our pizza dinner, we talked about upcoming retreats and discussed our yearly youth group theme. After much deliberation the group decided to explore the topic of death. Death: The Next Great Adventure will be our theme throughout the year. We will do activities, hold discussions, read literature and investigate individual, cultural and religious perspectives on death, dying and the afterlife. This is going to be an intriguing and worthwhile theme that will benefit everyone.



Youth Group earned \$242 from the donation cans at the Fair Booth! Thank you to all the teens who worked at the Fair Booth and to everyone who helped with the collection cans.

We will be holding two sleepovers, one in the late fall in Fryeburg and one in the spring, possibly on the road at another Swedenborgian church in the New England area. If you would like to be on our youth group email list, please contact Kurt Fekete at [kfekete@hotmail.com](mailto:kfekete@hotmail.com). I look forward to seeing all of you at youth group!

Kurt

*Christmas*  
**Saturday,**  
**Nov. 17th**



*Cupboard*  
**9:00 a.m. till**  
**12:00 noon**

The Women's Alliance is once again gearing up for the annual **Christmas Cupboard!!** Donations of anything handmade, such as knitted or crocheted items, crafts, woodworking, etc. are appreciated. Items for sale should be brought to the Church no later than set up day, Friday, November 16th at 9:00 a.m.

### Candy and Fudge Table and Bake Sale

As in previous years, homemade candies and fudge will be one of the attractions at The Christmas Cupboard along with baked items!! Food items may be brought in on Friday, November 16 or by 8:00 am on Saturday Nov 17 to be marked.

### Christmas Wreaths

Christmas Wreaths will be decorated on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> after church. Prices will be announced in an upcoming weekly bulletin.



### Christmas Cupboard Raffle

Items for this year's Christmas Cupboard raffle are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Handmade Raggedy Ann & Andy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Handmade Afghan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Folding Tote Bag on Wheels
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: Decorated Christmas Wreath

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The handmade Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, and the Tote on Wheels were donated by the late Elsie Hill. By donating those items before her death, Elsie ensured her spirit would be here even if she couldn't. We miss you, Elsie!



## Welcomers for November

Nov 4 Debbie Dolley  
 Nov 11 Martha Richardson  
 Nov 18 Debbie Urgese  
 Nov 25 Sally Harnden

## Ushers for November

Nov 4 Donnette Barnes and Dean Harnden  
 Nov 11 Kevin and Bonnie James  
 Nov 18 Stan Dolley and Billy Holt  
 Nov 25 Claudia Graves and Herb Eastman

## Coffee Hour for November

Nov 4 Leone Dyer  
 Nov 11 Mary Dysinger  
 Nov 18 Jennifer Richardson  
 Nov 25 Jean Cressy

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 30 THRU OCTOBER 28, 2007		
Date	Adults	Children
September 30	30	0
October 7	21	3
October 14	60	5
October 21	35	3
October 28	47	1



November flowers will be done by Edie Leach

Calendar for November 2007 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
			
2	Fri	Rev. Ken at MCC Annual Assembly	8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3	Sat	<b>Benefit Supper for Mary Libby Johnson @EAS</b> <b>Turn clocks back tonight</b>	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
4	Sun	<b>Daylight Savings Time ends</b> Sunday School Family Worship <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Church Clean Up day</b>	2:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. After church
5	Mon	Rev. Ken @CAM-Berkeley <b>Fish and Game Supper</b>	All week 6:30 p.m.
6	Tue	Church Office Closed <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	8 am -noon 6:30 p.m.
7	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS Adult Choir Ecumenical Choir	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
11	Sun	<b>Veterans' Day</b> Sunday School Family Worship <b>Thanksgiving Basket Sunday</b> <b>Christmas Wreath decorating</b>	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. After church
14	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS Adult Choir Ecumenical Choir	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
15	Thu	Rev. Ken @ Bridgton Chaplain's Meeting	12:00 p.m.
16	Fri	Christmas Cupboard Set-Up	9:00 a.m.
17	Sat	<b>Christmas Cupboard</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
18	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
19	Mon	<b>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service @ FNC</b>	7:00 p.m.
20	Tue	<b>Women's Alliance Meeting</b>	6:30 p.m.
21	Wed	Rev. Ken at FHCC Dinner Bell North @ EAS	10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
22	Thu	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
25	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
28	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS Youth Choir	5:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.