



November 2006

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

It is Tuesday morning, October 31, and I am in the office after taking the "red-eye" back from San Francisco. My nephew Keith's service was Friday afternoon and after spending two more days with my sister and brother-in-law decompressing from an intensely active and emotionally draining two weeks, I am now back home and it is business as usual. Only it is not business as usual and it never will be again. As a minister, I have been through countless burials, funerals and memorial services of all kinds. Some were a melancholy but blessed relief as the person had lived a long and full life and was now released from a lingering state of physical decline; others have left people reeling in pain and grief from the sudden passing of one too young; others have been unexplainable accidents, sudden illnesses, others slow but inevitable circumstances that no matter how hard we prayed could not be reversed. Each one of these deaths has touched me in some way, some more and some less, of course, and nothing in comparison to what the immediate family and friends have experienced. But the passing of my nephew Keith is different.

It is not just that he is closer in family, although not since my father twenty-three years ago have I been through the death of anyone this closely related to me; and it is not just that he was too young, although he was far too young; and it is

not just that he died in the service, although the loss of our young people who have the courage and the sense of appreciation and loyalty to our country to volunteer for military duty carries a special poignancy; it was all of these things, but it was something more. Keith was the only child of my sister Sue and Cliff, and the first of my mother's grandchildren to pass on. The depth of the grief and loss of parents for their child, and a grandmother for her grandson, was simply heart wrenching. And knowing that my children will never get to know their cousin and exchange stories about their parents, and that from here on any family gathering, whatever the reason for being together may be, whatever merry-making may be going on, will have, even though it may remain unspoken, an underlying current of loss and sadness.

As human beings, unless we live in the denial that our culture so relentlessly encourages, we know that all of us die at some point. And as people of faith, we believe that while the body dies, the spirit - the real person - lives on in a heavenly society created and maintained by a loving Lord. Today, with all of this swirling through my head and resonating through my heart, as I precariously balance between the edge of bursting into tears and laughing inappropriately at the silliest of things, today I know more than ever

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before just how precious life is. Today, I know how desperately important it is that we make the absolute most of every opportunity to cultivate within us and to share outwardly in both word and action the love we feel inside. There is nothing more important than this! For whatever we may accomplish while in the world, whatever money and possessions we may accrue, whatever monuments we may build to our existence here on earth, when it is our turn to die and we enter into the spiritual world, our worth will be measured in terms of what we did with the love that God has given us. Every moment is precious, every person is precious, every opportunity is precious. And it can all be gone in a heartbeat. It is not given us to understand the deeper purpose of Divine Providence. But we are given the opportunity to make our contribution. And however small and seemingly insignificant our contribution may seem to us, it is of inestimable value in the lives of those around us, and precious in the sight of God. Today, I know this to be true in a way, even after nearly sixty years of life, I have never known before. Keith, while I mourn your death, and my heart aches for my family, I thank you for that lesson.

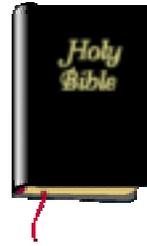
Blessings,

Rev Ken

A person's life in the world is scarcely as a moment relative to their life after death; yet there are few who believe that they will live after death . . . But this I can assert, that a person is in the other life immediately after death, and that there, their life in the world is just continued . . .

Emanuel Swedenborg
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Worship Services



Fall Schedule

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

- 11/5 Exodus from Egypt**
"The Journeys of Moses"
Exodus 1-20, 32-4
- 11/12 The Judges: Deborah to Gideon**
"Leaders As Needed"
Judges 2-8
- 11/19 The Judges: Samson and Delilah**
"The Most Famous Failure"
Judges 13-16
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**
Monday, at 7:00 PM
at the Fryeburg New Church
- 11/26 The Three Kings: Saul, David and Solomon**
"The Natural, The Spiritual and the Celestial"
1 Samuel - 2nd Chronicles

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Fryeburg New Church is to illuminate the path for people seeking God in their lives. We offer a place for those seeking regeneration and spiritual growth. We support each other as well as those in need in the community.

This Mission Statement was ratified by the congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Fryeburg New Church on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

The Trustees

The Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Their meetings are open to all, but you should contact one of the members prior to the meeting to get an item on the agenda. **Stew Frost** and **Judy Hatch** are retiring from the Board, and we thank them both for their time and efforts on behalf of the church. New officers will be announced shortly.

Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Deneane (Dede) Frost	935-3344
Nels Liljedahl	935-3741
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Cindy Priest	935-3360
Pat Swett	603-939-2262

Women's Alliance Representative:

Sally Harnden	935-2546
Treasurer: Stan Dolley	935-2887

Dinner Bell North

Dinner Bell North in Fryeburg is alive and well. Under the direction of Bebe Toor, it serves dinner to 80-120 patrons at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton church at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday. All of the help from shopping, prepping, setting up tables, cooking, serving, and cleaning up are volunteers. It takes quite a crew each week! It is truly an ecumenical and community involved activity. All are welcome to eat and/or help. If you would like more information, or would like to become involved, please call Bebe Toor at 935-2068.

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

We meet the third Monday of each month. Our November meeting will be rescheduled because of the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. The date will be announced in church shortly.

Gift Idea



With the holiday season upon us, our church print would make a beautiful and meaningful gift for that special person in your life. For more information, and for the order form, please visit our web site,

<http://www.FryeburgNewChurch.org>

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!

Community Giving Tree

Trees can be found starting this month throughout Fryeburg, including at our church. Please jump into the holiday spirit and help put a smile on a child's face. Take a tag or two, purchase a gift, wrap it and put a blank "To: and From:" sticker on it and return it to the location where you picked it up. What a difference you can make, one gift at a time.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

In the hopes of attracting more people, this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at our church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, November 20th**, instead of the traditional Thanksgiving Eve. Participating churches include Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church (aka **Fryeburg Harbor Methodist Church**), the **Brownfield Community Church, Fryeburg New Church**, the **First Congregational Church** of Fryeburg, and the **Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church** in Fryeburg. The ecumenical choir has been preparing beautiful music to perform that evening. Please plan to join us for this lovely service.

Church Report

Passages

Samuel S. Hawley, husband of Beverly McElroy Hawley, entered the spiritual world on October 4, 2006. A memorial Service was held on October 26th in Falls Village, CT.

Keith Jesse Moore, son of Sue (Turley) and Cliff Moore, and nephew of Ken Turley, died on October 14, 2006, a casualty of the war in Iraq. A memorial service was held on October 27th in Pacifica, CA.

Our sympathies are extended to the families.



Baptisms

On October 15, 2006:



Heidi Neilan Osgood, daughter of Gretchen (Krim) and Timothy Osgood, was baptized by Rev. Ken. Godparents are Steve and Jody Buzzell.

Lucas Timothy Osgood, son of Gretchen (Krim) and Timothy Osgood, was baptized by Rev. Ken. Godparents are Bill Krim and Charlene Rosco.

Fair Booth News

We had a banner year this year at the booth. The weather was great, and everything seemed to run smoothly. We'd like to thank everyone for their help, be it working a shift or two in the booth or helping Renie in the kitchen. Before expenses we took in \$50,700.00 and we hope to clear around 30,000.00. The Fair Committee will be meeting on November 14th @ 7:00 to go over next year's plans. Anyone with complaints, ideas, or who would like to join our group, please contact Cindy Priest or myself. Again thank you.

- Stan Dolley



The Christmas Cupboard

is on November 18, 2006 at the Fryeburg New Church, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We need crafts of all types for our sale.

This is our big fund raiser for the year

and helps us donate towards cleaner's and organist's salaries for the church. If you can make something, please drop it off at the church on Sunday November 12th or Friday November 17th. Thank you. And plan to stop by on the 18th for a great selection of handmade items, crafts wreaths, fudge, baked goods and more!

ALSO, wreaths will be decorated on November 12 right after church. We need people to do this with Renie Chaplin. Please help if you can.



From the Choir Director

Adults:

The adult choir is preparing for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, to be held at our church on Monday, November 20th. Practice takes place Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the church, and Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Come on over and join the choir!



Youth:

Youth choir will hold our first rehearsal on Tuesday evening, November 7th, from 5:30 to 6:15. We'll begin preparing our songs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hot chocolate will be the featured drink of the evening, and if it's cool enough outside, we'll sing by the lighted fire! So come on over if you're between the ages of 5 and 12! We'll look forward to singing with you!

Please call me at 935 – 4500 with any questions.

- Laurie Turley

Calendar for November 2006 (held at our Church unless indicated)			
1	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seaton	5:00 p.m..
5	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship Communion Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 am
6	Mon	Fish & Game Supper	6:30 p.m.
7	Tues	ELECTION DAY – Please vote! Youth Choir Trustees' Meeting Community Giving Tree	5:30-6:15 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
8	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
11	Sat	Veterans Day	
12	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship Food Basket Sunday Giving Tree Tag Sunday Wreath Decorating Grounds Work Party	9:00 a.m. 10:00 am right after church
15	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.
17	Fri	Setting up for Christmas Cupboard	9:00 a.m.
18	Sat	Christmas Cupboard	9-12
19	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship	9:00 a.m. 10:00 am
20	Mon	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	7:00 p.m.
22	Wed	NO DINNER BELL this week	
23	Thur	Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	
26	Sun	Sunday School Family Worship Birthday Bank Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 am
29	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EA Seton	5:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Our office hours are **Tuesday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

Ushers for November

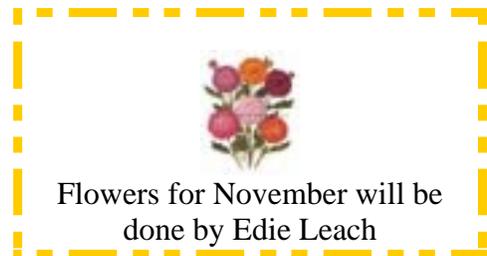
5 Jean Cressy
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19 Stew & Dede Frost
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Welcomers for November

5 Sally Harnden
12 Debbie Dolley
19 Debbie Urgess
26 Martha Richardson

Coffee Hour for November

5 Jean Cressy
12 Debbie Dolley
19 Lee Dyer
26 Sally Gibson



Thank You!

- ❖ To Burton Chaplin for changing the outside lights
- ❖ To Waneeta Marquis for donating a chair for the Library

Fish & Game Supper

This month's supper is on Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. It is being organized by Cindy Priest with helpers Sally Harnden, Betty Baker, and Jean Cressy.

Grounds Party

A "Grounds Work Party" has been scheduled by Nels Liljedahl for Sunday, November 12th, immediately after church. Jobs include pruning, raking, and cleaning up the lawns in preparation for winter. Please plan to bring a sandwich and join us for this important work. Thank you!

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Please
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to join us
in making
decisions
that will
affect our
church in
the year to
come.
Drinks
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provided.

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Debbie Urgese

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Brenda Brackley

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Donnette Barnes

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Debbie Dolley