



September 2007

Church of the New Jerusalem

Monthly Bulletin

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

Dear Friends,

What a summer it has been! A remarkable Convention which lifted our spirits and left us all looking forward with hope and expectation from and for new growth in our church, weddings and funerals left and right, the return of our daughter from a year in England inspired by the experience and carrying an aching heart for the boyfriend who is still 'over there', my first extended vacation in many years and a whole series of lay leaders who carried on with skill and grace, lots of music including the release of our seventh CD "Meditations on the Seven Angels of Revelation" and Laurie and The Blue Side finding a groove, births and deaths, beautiful summer weather and a triple homicide, two weeks of Assembly with old and new coming together and so many ministers and students wanting to lecture that we barely had space for them all, an inspirational and informative lecture series that traced the influence of New Church teachings from the birth of our nation through transformations in nearly every aspect of human society followed by an exploration of the spiritual depths of the Psalms, public celebrations and personal tragedies, a steady stream of tanker trucks hauling away water while three or four people get rich, and the dedication of a new High School gym which enriches us all, a new church secretary and the same old routine, and an amazing number of benefits in which the

community came together in loving support for those who have suffered, headlines that break your heart and unseen opportunities and events that fill you with hope for what might be. And now, as I sit here in the office, I see the beginning of the new church year speeding towards us and the Fryeburg Fair looming in the near future. And this is just my view of little old Fryeburg!?!?

You have to admit that life is at least interesting. In fact if you are bored, I would suggest it is because you are not paying attention! The wonderful and the horrific, joy and heartbreak, the humorous and the enraging: it is all there, all around us, all the time.

There are those who look out and claim that life is far worse than it ever was. And there are those who look out and exclaim that life is better than it has ever been. And I would suggest that they are both right. As the Second Coming of the Risen Lord has begun and insistently continues, the forces of evil and good are increasingly visible and polarized. Evil is perhaps more prevalent. It is certainly more visible and takes ever more forms. And good, as it so often is, is quietly growing and without seeking attention simply being and doing its work. That old saying: "a man sees what he wants to see" is true. That is because it is all there to see. And the outward world we see is to a great degree a reflection of the nature of our inward love. With the influence of heaven and

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hell all around us, the big question, in fact the very key to our spiritual salvation, is simply this: given everything going on around us, given all the people, events and influences that affect us, given all that we could and can't do, what choices do we make in how we express our being here in the world and so confirm within the depths of our hearts and minds?

We are, each one of us, in a process of becoming. And the roller coaster of events that takes place around us is the arena in which we make the choices of what to confirm within us. The presence of both heaven and hell is a balance which we tip one way or the other by what we choose to embrace and so ultimately become. Every choice has consequences to eternity. There is no good deed that goes unnoticed and there is no sin that is not forgiven by God. The gates to heaven are open and waiting, yet it is an intense struggle through a sometimes swirling storm and sometimes silently seductive sea of choices to get there and enter.

I hope, as we enter a new year, and each and every time we enter into the church, we will give thanks for the sanctuary that our spiritual community provides. I hope that entering into our church and any and all of its activities will bring you a measure of peace and surety within you. I hope you will enter knowing that the church is what we make it and that while it serves each one of us as we serve it, our church is also in so many ways seen and unseen serving the spiritual well-being of our entire community. It has been quite a summer and a new year in the life of the New Church begins. May we come together in worship, in prayer and in fellowship, and in the spirit of humble service and with the Lord's help and guidance be a strong and steady presence of love and wisdom amidst everything else that the world has to offer.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken

Summer Schedule Ends

Family Worship 9:00 AM

- 9/2** "Living In The Balance"
Malachi 3:1-4; Matthew 10:32-42
- 9/9** **9:00 AM** Family Breakfast
Sunday School Registration"
10:00 AM Family Worship
"Psalm One and the Lord's Message"
Psalm 1; Matthew 13:1-53

Winter Schedule Begins

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Family Worship 10:00 AM

"The Creation Story"

- 9/16** "In the beginning God,
In the beginning The Word"
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
Rev. Ken and Laurie are at the
Wilmington, DE Church
- 9/23** "Every Day's A New Day"
Genesis 1:6-2:2; Revelation 21:1-5
Fair Booth Cleaning Party!
- 9/30** **"Fair Week Begins"**
8:00 AM Interfaith Service at the Fair
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Family Worship
"The 2nd Creation Story: Adam and Eve"
Genesis 2:3-3:24; Revelation 20
- 10/7** **"Fair Week Ends"**
8:00 AM Interfaith Service at the Fair
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Family Worship
"The Flood and the Rainbow"
Genesis 6:5-9:18; Rev 12:10-17

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2007

Date	Adults	Children
July 1	34	5
July 8	32	0
July 15	32	2
July 22	23	1
July 29	32	2
August 5	68	8
August 12	85	14
August 19	43	7

Church Report

In the Hospital

Dean Harnden, Ludy Gallagher, Cynthia (Leach) Walsh, and Jodine Webster were in the hospital during the past couple of months. We wish them a prompt return to good health.

Passages

Doris Lewis entered the spiritual world on July 13, 2007. A graveside service was held on July 20, 2007 with Rev. Tim LeConey officiating.

Elsie Hill entered the spiritual world on July 29, 2007. A memorial service was held at the FNC on August 4, 2007 with Rev. John Fillmore-Patrick officiating

Our deepest sympathy is with their families.

Marriages

Jennifer Leach and **Jeffrey Pelkie** were married at the Harnden Homestead on June 16, 2007 with Rev. David Rienstra officiating.

Stephanie LaPointe and **David Hartman** were married on July 7, 2007 with Rev. Kenneth Turley officiating.

Births

Molly Elizabeth Callaghan was born July 13, 2007. Parents are Katelyn Lord and Patrick Callaghan.

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 **Monday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.** Sally Harnden will be in charge of coffee. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Church.

FRYEBURG FAIR

Fryeburg Fair will soon be here! The annual Fair letters will be sent out shortly, however the sign up sheet is included at the back of the Newsletter. Please call Stanley Dolley at 935-2887 or Cindy Priest at 935-3360.

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 booth cleaning and set up (September 23 after Church), and for pie making at the Church's kitchen, September 18 and 19 beginning at 9 a.m.

As usual, a sign-up board will be available on the library table at the church.

Choir

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 2nd Choir will meet informally at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings until after the Fair.

Administration Change

Join us in welcoming our new secretary, **Jennifer Westerberg**. Please stop by, introduce yourself and welcome her to our church family. Jen's hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. till noon.

The Trustees

The Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 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
Debbie Dolley	935-2887
Susan Wheaton Logan	603-694-3743
Cindy Priest	935-3360
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



Fryeburg New Church
Family Breakfast &
Sunday School
Registration

The Fryeburg New Church

Sunday School year begins with breakfast on Sunday, September 9, 2007 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 16th.

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.

Welcomers for September

Sept 9 Debbie Urgese
Sept 16 Debbie Dolley
Sept 23 Martha Richardson
Sept 30 Sally Harnden

Ushers for September

Sept 2 Stanley and Debbie Dolley
Sept 9 Kevin and Bonnie James
Sept 16 Jean Cressy and Dean Harnden
Sept 23 Billy Holt and Stan Dolley
Sept 30 Claudia Graves and Herb Eastman

Coffee Hour for September

Sept 2 Jean Cressy
Sept 9 Family Breakfast
Sept 16 Kelly Lloyd
Sept 23 Bonnie James
Sept 30 Donnette Barnes



September flowers will be done by
Jen Richardson

Calendar for September 2007

(held at our Church unless indicated)



2	Sun	Adult Choir FAMILY WORSHIP Leader: Rev. Ken	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
3	Mon	Labor Day	
4	Tue	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m.
5	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
9	Sun	Winter Schedule begins Adult Choir Sunday School Breakfast and Registration Family Worship Leader: Rev. Ken <i>Saco River Clean up Day</i>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
12	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
14	Fri	Rev. Ken and Laurie in Delaware	
15	Sat	Rev. Ken and Laurie in Delaware	
16	Sun	Rev. Ken and Laurie in Delaware Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
17	Mon	Women's Alliance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
18	Tue	Pie Making	9:00 a.m.
19	Wed	Rev. Ken at FHCC Pie Making Dinner Bell North @ EAS	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
20	Thu	Brownfield Food Pantry Brownfield Lions Rte. 113	1 - 5 p.m.
21	Fri	Rev. Ken at Maine Council of Churches	8 - 12
23	Sun	Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Fair Booth Cleanup	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after Church
26	Wed	Dinner Bell North @ EAS	5:00 p.m.
30	Sun	Fryeburg Fair begins Chapel Service @ Fair Adult Choir Sunday School Family Worship Birthdays Bank Sunday	8:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

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 18th _____
 Wed. Sept 19th _____
- I can help clean and set up the booth Sunday September 23rd @ 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 29th _____
- Sun. Sept 30th _____
- Mon. Oct 1st _____
- Tues. Oct 2nd _____
- Wed. Oct 3rd _____
- Thurs. Oct 4th _____
- Fri. Oct 5th _____
- Sat. Oct 6th _____
- Sun. Oct 7th _____
- 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 ***