



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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February 2016

Serving Our Church
Members & Friends
In Jackson, NH
And beyond!

January greetings!

We are the church in the center of Jackson Village. We are the only church in Jackson. We serve as the presence of 'the church.' WE are 'the church.' Much like any other philanthropic organization, we have a basic understanding of what connects us.

A common theme we share is our desire to nourish our spirits and souls in a supportive environment where we can talk about our thoughts and questions about the meaning of our own life as God calls into being among family, friends, neighbors, and perhaps especially among even strangers. We do this in an external environment of changing seasons-Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall - with our family and friends, in daily life, coming and going as snowbirds and summer vacationers. We do this in our internal environment of changing liturgical seasons-Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, etc.

Advent symbolizes a time of waiting for and welcoming new life. Epiphany symbolizes the necessary change that comes with that new life, whether it's a new relationship, a new baby or child, new employment, a new stage in life, or a new minister. Lent epitomizes the need for interior discipline as the joy and hope of new life wanes and becomes more routine, ordinary and disciplined. Easter brings the promise of new hope and life rising again; the stone of discontent or darkness is rolled away bringing a renewed sense of hope with every new day. We call it 'resurrection.' Change in life perspective is never simple; all changes require time, patience and action inspired by wisdom.

More than two decades ago, early in my seminary career, a highly esteemed mentor of mine addressed me with these words:

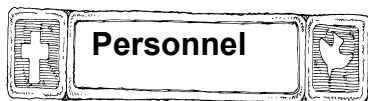
You have learned to live well in the world of atmosphere and intellect. Now it is time for you to live closer to the heart in the world of compassion and liturgical season. You must learn to trust the process and abandon the desire to control it. Your life will become imbued with new meaning. It is time for you to learn to live more deeply. Everyone must learn to live more deeply. You are not alone. Then he smiled warmly; knowingly. Ah, Grasshopper.

So I invite you to allow space to consider questions raised through the process of the changing interior seasons, a source far greater than your self, to come and perch in your soul. I invite you to allow each season to raise questions that will then nourish your soul with your considered answers guided by a source greater than your own personal desires. Many questions will come. Make time. Make space. Listen. Surrender. Choose well.

It is Epiphany. It is a very good time for a change in perspective.



Jackson Community Church



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Church Council

The Church Council meets once a month on the third Wednesday at 7:30pm. All Church members are welcome to attend. The council is made up of the Moderator, Pastor and all committee chairpersons. The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday February 17th. At 7:30pm.

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Our Search Team has had to learn to live with the questions associated with the processes of change. They have been required to observe their own ever present levels of anxiety and impatience for such change to find resolution. They have engaged the imposing necessity to look to the future with a new hope embraced in a generosity of spirit. They have forgiven themselves for wanting to hurry by naming the presumed truth of others in the congregation without certainty but then, without apology, taken the time to find the proclaimed truth from congregation members. They are required by the process to forgive others for their expressions of anxiety and impatience.

Change is a challenge, indeed, even for those who wholeheartedly welcome it..

If you can allow yourself to refrain from hurry, if you can allow yourself to refrain from impatience, if you have chosen well and can trust in those who are at the hub of the process - let your action and decision, advised by wisdom, allow you to surrender to those working on your behalf. Encourage them to make wise choices in the most appropriate time frame. They are serving you and thinking carefully for every member. . Gratitude is our very best response.

We are the church. Let us be the church every day for as we live and breathe together, today, we are more than we were and yet more to become each day before us. Let us give thanks for change.

Blessings and grace to all- Leslie

Make sure you check back..... Website Coming Soon!!!
Jacksoncommunitychurch.org
New email address: (available now)
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Inside-Out— March 2016 issue
Deadline: February 25, 2016

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the March issue is Thursday February 25th. Please send information to:

Jackson Community Church, Newsletter Editor
PO Box 381,
Jackson NH 03846
Email: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYERS



Feb. 5: Donovan Spaulding
Feb. 11: Marcia Hill
11: Caleb White
Feb. 21: Gabriel Scott
Feb. 25: Esmae Doucette

If you would like a special anniversary or birthday mentioned in the newsletter please let us know by signing the sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or call, write, or email the editor. In order to protect your privacy, we do NOT use the church records for these announcements and will only include them if you send it in!

JCC Women's Group

The Women's Group would like to extend an open invitation to all women of the church and their friends to come for coffee and discussion. This group is open to all and it is not necessary to be part of the church, bring a friend!

Meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month and are hosted by various church members and friends.

The next meeting will be held at Irene Sullivan's house at 10am on February 24th. For directions please call 383-9603. In case of inclement weather there will not be a meeting.

JCC Men's Group

The Men's group has been meeting next door at The Wentworth for the Continental Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30am. The new location has been very welcoming with increasing attendance.

The next meeting will be Saturday February 13th at 7:30am - Please join us! You would be welcome and it is a great group. We always have a wonderful meal along with some very interesting discussions, with a wide variety of topics.

Something for everyone!

Flower Committee Easter Lilies



The Flower Committee will be once again collecting donations of \$10 for each lily to be placed at the altar during Easter. Checks can be made out to The Jackson Community Church and given to Flower Committee members: Lynn Lockard, Wendy McVey, Gloria Hutchings, Irene Sullivan or Joyce Allen

Please include who the Lilies will be in honor of or in memory of. Thank You!!!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

AT Last..the container with all our donated items has arrived at its destination in Zimbabwe! At a time when it is so desperately needed...

The following is from Connie Littlefield who is from NH and has been living in Zimbabwe off and on for about a year now. She is the person that organized the container shipments for the past several years. She was the one scurrying about to get the shipment finally delivered.



"Went to Social Welfare Office and they have no photocopier on the premises and are currently without "bond paper" (photocopy paper) and toner for their printers.

When they want to do a visit to the home they have to find an agency to provide fuel for their vehicle.

The drought is significant in Chipinge. People planted decent crops but with no rain since Dec. 19th, maize is withering and people are very, very worried. At Mt. Selinda, a bit of a higher elevation, we have received some rains so things are not so desperate.

Teachers who have been on leave this term have been called back to work because the government doesn't have money to pay their substitutes. (A benefit of school employment is that teachers get a contracted leave after a period of time).

EVERYONE is strugglingok, the common folks. EVERY SINGLE DAY I get a request for employment, to help a son or daughter find employment, to help a sick relative who has no money for medical care, or people who don't have enough food. Most of us, as Americans, simply have no idea of what it is like to live in a country without a safety net. I am learning new things everyday and I continue to be amazed at the resiliency of Zimbabweans."

Connie Littlefield

Recent Mission Committee Donations:

- American Cancer Society (Race to Beat Cancer) \$250
- Local Food Pantries-Jackson/Bartlett \$100
- White Mountain Community Health Center \$150 – for them to use for their greatest need
- 68 hours of Hunger



We have received nice Thank You notes from Angels and Elves and Honduras Hope.

Thank you to Dick Ayer and those that raced and/ or donated to the Race to Beat Cancer.

Christian Education

GREETINGS DEAR FRIENDS! HAPPY FEBRUARY!

This month I will take a quick look back at January, share a bit of our plans for this new month, and I also have some thank you messages to share! This is the time of year where in the commercial world we are seeing all the signs of love around us with Valentine's Day approaching. My heart is thankful for all the love in my life from my husband, friends, family, and the loving connections shared here at the Jackson Community Church! I am reminded of messages from Matthew about loving the Lord God with all of our hearts, but also loving our neighbors as ourselves. (From Matthew 22:36-40) This is a message we focus on in so many ways in Children's Church. We are a church that reaches out to help others in so many ways. The children see that reflected in the good works we speak of and they too are reaching out to others be it through a service project, kind words, or lending a helping hand to a classmate in need.

Thank you all for the wonderful examples you as the adults and mentors in our church share with our children! Thank you parents for sharing your loving and amazing children with me through Children's Church! They are a true love blessing! Let your love light shine this month as a beacon to all!

I am writing this toward the end of January. I have been so happy to have 4-6 children on average for our programs this month even though we are in the midst of the busy ski season where families enjoy this beautiful area we live in, sharing their love for it and for each other, thus church extends to the ski slopes! Smile!

The first 3 weeks of January I taught lessons from our Progressive Christianity curriculum. Then ...as many have my husband and I came down with the upper respiratory illness prompting me to cancel plans including the annual meeting and teaching on Sun. the 24th. Special thanks to Church Ed. Chairperson Janice Nichipor for representing our committee at the annual meeting and to our awesome admin. Joanne for even making gluten free squash cakes for the dinner with me in mind! I am sorry I had to miss out on it all, but again, that caring and loving attitude was shining forth with thoughtful offerings and as people sent kind words for healing! Special thanks to Barry Chisholm from the Church Ed. Board for filling in for me on the 24th and sharing a lesson on kindness from the Fruit of the Spirit studies we focused on last summer. I am sure the 2 young ladies attending enjoyed it greatly! I am most appreciative!

The the first 3 Sundays as I taught included Children's Church Communion, lessons focusing on perseverance, truthfulness, and willingness, and each week from stories to scripture that we shared great discussions occurred and work in their Faith Reflection Journals (drawings for younger ones) took place. This week on the 31st I will teach the lesson planned for last week on "One Love" and a story on Marian Anderson. The affirmation will be "The Spirit within me is the One Spirit that lives in all!"

As we begin the month of February we will have our Children's Church Communion on the 7th. That day we will continue to play catch-up on Jan. lessons by doing the lesson on "Brother Wolf" with a focus on "Being an instrument for a blessing!" What a powerful thing to focus on with the children! We will read scripture from I Peter and Philippians. In addition to the story connecting to St. Francis that is a part of that lesson we will go back to my book "Circle of Our Days" which is all about the "Canticle of the Sun" by St. Francis. It was written in 1225 but wow...how fitting for us to focus on it today in our world!



Other lessons planned for February are as follows:

Feb. 14 Our lesson will be "Touching the Moon", focus on practicing humility, working with the affirmation "I know the Spirit of the Universe can do great and small things through me!" and then talking about how we can share more love, kindness, joy, and peace with others (journal/art work with that). I also intend to share an activity meant to encourage the love of Jesus flowing through us in humble ways by treating the children to hand or feet washing using my copper bowl and Reiki touch! Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb. 21 Our lesson is "Nothing Fancy" with a focus on "What is Success?" How do our children view times in their young lives that have been the most successful (ie doing well on a school assignment or winning that ski race) and how true success comes from that deep surety that we are so loved and supported by God who always wants the best for us! (Back to our special verse...Jeremiah 29:11) The affirmation is "My success is measured by happiness and peace within!"

Feb. 28 We will finish the month with the lesson "19 Dangerous Trips" with a focus on "Willpower!" We will work with Bible verses from John, Luke, and Ephesians. Our story will be "Harriet Tubman's Willpower" with the affirmation "I find within myself the power to do what is right!"

Each of our lessons with our regular curriculum opens our eyes, spirits, and hearts to not only important and specific Bible messages, but also to true life stories, quotes, and activities that work to encourage each child to believe in themselves! This is my true heart's desire... to encourage each child to know how awesome, amazing, and wonderful they are, to help them see and develop the gifts God has for them, and to encourage them in knowing they have so many willing to stand up for them and believe in them,

I am but one, they support one another and they do feel the support from all of you at church when you share positive words with them (ie "great job reading the scripture during service time for Messages from the Children's Church!") You each make a difference in their lives, then they make a difference in the lives of others!!! Paying it forward truly is pretty awesome don't you think?!

I am hoping for a healthy rest of the winter so I can be present to complete all the plans listed! May you and yours also be healthy, may you enjoy the beauty around us at this time of year, and may love overflow in your lives this month and beyond!

Blessings and love to you all, Miss Sher

Please Wipe Your Feet

In an effort to preserve our wonderful, old church please wipe your feet to remove as much sand and salt from your shoes upon entering the building. Thank you!!



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Prepared to Serve

Prepared to Serve is a special training event that welcomes participants with fellowship, inspiring worship and education, faith-building workshops on a variety of topics, including stewardship, church leadership, church finances, global missions and Christian education. There are over 70 workshops with a wide range of topics.

Prepared to Serve will take place on Saturday February 20, 2016 at The Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, NH and includes lunch and refreshments. If you are interested you can check out the workshops and registration information [here](#) or visit NHUCC.org. Registration fees will be paid for by the Jackson Community Church for all those who wish to attend.

Dinner for 7/8 Begins in March

A review: If you would like to participate you need to sign up every year and it is a commitment for one year, but you are not obligated to rejoin. If you are away a lot please consider joining as most groups try to work around everyone's schedule.

In march, groups of 7 or 8 people will be assigned . Each group will have a "leader" who will organize the first dinner. You have all year to get together for dinner 4 times during the year, once at each home or location of the host/hostess's choice. The hostess provides the main course and each individual or couple brings either dessert, hors d'oeuvres or a salad. Some groups combine bread and salad or a side dish, but it is generally easier for a hostess to provide all of the entree main course. Each group can make their own decision as to how they wish to proceed. Everyone gets a turn to bring a dish from each category.

If you would like to participate please contact: Kit Griffin 383- 7042 rgkggriff@gmail.com
Linda Hastings 383-9375 jimlindahastings@roadrunner.com

Inside Out Address Changes, News Updates, Thoughts and Prayers

We strive to keep our church family, near and far, connected through this newsletter. We would love to hear from you!! Please send us information about yourself or other members of our church community, thoughts and prayers, and notices of pertinent community events. Please also let us know if your address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list. Send any correspondence or changes to Jackson Community Church, Attn. Newsletter Editor, PO Box 381, 127 Main St. Jackson, NH 03846 or email to jcchurch@ncia.net

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ telephone: _____

Thoughts/Prayers: _____

Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Jackson Community Church's Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. The food was fabulous and the meeting was filled with music, worship and praise.



**Your Help is Needed!!!
Sign Up Today!!!!**

Please sign up to Host Fellowship Hour and/or be a Greeter. They are both quick and simple tasks and are a part of your ministry to the church. Pick a Sunday—Sign up in Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.



Save The Date

**Tin Mountain First Season Auction and Dinner
Saturday March 12, 2016
Fryeburg Academy Ada Wadsworth Arena**

The real start of spring here at Tin Mountain is marked with the First Season Benefit Dinner and Auction. To be sure not to miss this event, mark your calendars today for the 30th Tin Mountain First Season Benefit Dinner. There will be a fabulous new chef with options for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan. Support environmental education while ushering in spring by having a stupendous time, with over 400 items up for bid, a fabulous meal, great music, and interesting company. Tickets are \$50 each and checks can be mailed to Tin Mountain, 1245 Bald Hill Road, Albany NH 03818 or given to Linda Hastings or Lori Kinsey.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 5:30Pm PSC Meeting	4 6pm AA Meeting	5	6
7 9am Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service	8	9	10	11 6pm AA Meeting	12	13 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ The Wentworth
14 9am Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service	15	16	17 5:30Pm PSC Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting	18 6pm AA Meeting	19	20
1st Sunday in Lent						
21 9am Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service	22	23 4pm Deacon's Meeting	24 10:30am Women's Group @ Irene Sullivan	25 6pm AA Meeting	26	27
2nd Sunday in Lent						
28 9am Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service	29					
3rd Sunday in Lent						

2016 Annual Pledges

If you have not turned in your Pledge for 2016 you still have time. What is a pledge? A pledge is a promise, a commitment, an "I hope to", and "I'll try my best" - It is not a legally binding note—it just lets us know we can count on your financial support to help with the everyday expenses to keep the church running. Pledge cards can be found in Fellowship Hall and submitted in the Sunday offering plate or to PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846

Thank you in advance!!!!

Steeple Light

If you would like the steeple lit in memory or in honor of a loved one, family member, friend or organization, please mail your request to:

Jackson Community Church
Attn: Steeple Lighting
PO Box 381
Jackson NH 03846

A suggested donation of \$30.00 is appreciated.

Sunday Worship
10:30 AM
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