



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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



In this winter season, I'm just finding my balance ... on skis, that is. And in other ways, as my family makes connections and settles into our life in the Mt Washington Valley.

Like you, we came here, in part, because the people here are special. And this place draws us and holds onto us. We've been called here.

And yet, life is always in motion, and we're always responding, as individuals and a community, to new situations, aren't we? Isn't that true for all of us: finding balance and purpose in a changed landscape?

Of course, we're living through more than a simple new year. We're finding our way in a different world, addressing extreme domestic and international issues related to social and environmental justice: from healthcare and hunger to immigration and employment.

Many community members are also experiencing changes in personal situations. Relationships are shifting. Bodily and mental health and wellbeing may be different for ourselves or loved ones. Work and economics bring us closer or call us further away. Dear ones have died. Some folks must leave, while others return.

So many different challenges and opportunities affect our ability to be present and to participate as part of Jackson Community Church. It's a different time and place to live, work and play as a community of faith.

So what gives us the courage and conviction to keep going? What gives us strength and resilience?

If we try to imagine solving all the issues of this era, or even one of them, it may be too overwhelming. Such challenges can stop us in our tracks, cause us to throw up our hands, close our eyes, and stand still, immobilized.

So maybe finding our way into this new year and across this new terrain is something like a beginner's cross country ski lesson. My teacher this week urged me to find a position that kept my center of gravity low and responsive, not leaning too far forward or back. Bent knees, shoulders loose. Centered. Poles at the ready. Eyes forward. Relaxed.

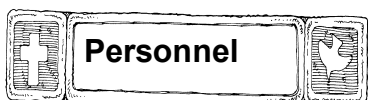
I was coached to take it one stride at a time. Just one kick, one glide at a time.

As for downhill, I had permission to make a pie wedge with my skis, hunker down, create some balance and tension, and go down as slowly as necessary. I also learned to fall, and work my way back to center, and slowly pick myself up again. And yes, I can make it uphill.

I have much to learn, but I'm not as nervous as I was a week ago. I can enjoy the flats anyway, and even gentle slopes, and explore and stretch myself. I'm not frozen with fear, unwilling to take any risks, because I might fall and be embarrassed, or trapped, or hurt.



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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. Instead of the regular monthly council meeting we will be joining together for our Annual Meeting. All members should attend.

(From the Pastor)

Perhaps entering this new year, and finding our balance and purpose in this changing world, is a lot like taking the first moves when learning a new activity. Do it with someone we trust. Learn what others have to teach. Take some chances, but give ourselves permission to rest and pace ourselves. Look up and around and breathe in deeply, savoring where we are and what brought us to this moment, and all that awaits us.

Know that life is always measured in one step, one stride, one breath at a time. No more, no less. And we are always in the company of a God that moves with us and through us.

See you out on the snow! – Affectionately, – *Rev. Gail*



A budget is just a budget unless it's not.....

People don't usually like to talk about budgets, especially church budgets. Why is that? Because it's often considered confidential? Because it's sometimes confusing? Because it doesn't make sense? Because it's boring?

Or is it because a church should be focusing on the work it does not how much it costs to do that work? Exactly! What if a budget could do both?

During the search process the pastor search committee was introduced to the concept of a narrative budget. This is a budget which expresses in words what it is the organization is doing in the life of the community. Sure there are numbers involved but the emphasis is on what the church has and hopes to accomplish, or answers the question 'why does the church exist?' Over the next several months as Jackson Community Church discovers our 'why', we will also be evolving our budget into a narrative picture of how that 'why' is brought about through the financial support of that vision.

The first step, which you will see in the 2016 annual report's proposed 2017 budget, will be a revision of the budget structure we are accustomed to seeing. By grouping line items together in a focused structure, we will more easily be able to see how our 'why' is accomplished.

This revised structure doesn't help solve the problem of a deficit budget, which like 2016, we are facing in 2017. But it does help us realize the importance of the work and 'happenings' of our little church within our community. And with that realization, the excitement grows! Plan to be a part of that excitement!

Jeanette Heidmann,
JCC treasurer & finance

Church Family News and Prayers



Jan. 4: Mona Chisholm
Jan. 5: David Gotjen
Jan. 7: Andrew Allbee
Alexander Allbee
Claire MacRae
Jan. 8: Margaret Miller
Jan. 15: Muriel Wolfe
Jan 16: Lee Phillips
Jan. 19: Dave Lamb
Jan. 31: Aidan Hagerty

Jan. 1: John and Jan Chernick

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!

Rev. Gail is making pastoral visits to homes and local care-giving institutions. If you're aware of someone who might benefit from a bowl of homemade soup and a visit, please let her

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with church members and friends who have recently lost loved ones... Phil and Shirley Gravink on the loss of Phil's sister Dee
Judith and Richard Shuman on the loss of their son Gregory
Lori Kinsey on the loss of her husband Michael Cline on Jan 3rd

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!

The January Women's group will meet on Wednesday January 25th at 10am at the church, hosted by Wendy McVey.

We are looking for a volunteer to host at the church on February 22nd.. Please call or email the church if you are available.

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 next meeting will be Saturday Jan 14th 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.

There is always something for everyone!



Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the
Jackson Community Church
will be held on Wednesday January 18, 2017.
Please mark this on your calendar as it is a
Very important meeting for all to attend.

Pot Luck Dinner: 6PM
Roll Call and Meeting: 7PM



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.
Jump right in and give it a try.



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You  **Jackson Community Church NH**



Inside-Out— February 2017issue
Deadline: January 27th, 2017

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the
February issue is Friday January 27th.

Please send information to:
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



40th Anniversary
Hope on The Slopes
A Race to Beat Cancer
Sunday, February 12, 2017
Love on The Slopes
Whether you're a recreational skier, hotshot snowboarder, downhill racer, or just want to help in the fight against cancer, please join us for 40th Anniversary of the Race to Beat Cancer.
A fun-filled day on the slopes
All ages and abilities welcome

Register:
www.HOTSNH.org

Registration 8:30am
Raise \$100 receive a race shirt

CRANMORE
MOUNTAIN RESORT north Conway

Questions: 603.471.4112
bianka.beaudoin@cancer.org

The poster features a central white heart shape on a blue background with a snowy mountain scene. Logos for 'HOPE ON THE SLOPES Ski & Ride for a Cure' and 'American Cancer Society' are in the top corners. A red heart in the bottom left contains the registration info, and another red heart in the bottom right contains a small photo of a skier. The Cranmore Mountain Resort logo is at the bottom center.



Let's make this years 40th Anniversary Race the biggest and best ever. All church friends and members who join the Jackson Community Church team will receive a \$25 contribution from the Mission Committee towards their fundraising goal.

Also, there will be a "Dine To Donate" night at the Shannon Door on Thursday, January 26th. One dollar for every pizza sold, either eat-in or take-out, will be donated to the Race To Beat Cancer. Enjoy a pizza and check out the raffle that evening with many great prizes!

To All who helped with the Christmas Stocking Project.....

A heartfelt thanks for all the beautifully wrapped presents that served to make Christmas bright for two very needy little girls.

From Catherine Kyle





Cars for Homes

Donating a car, truck, boat or plane to Habitat for Humanity's car donation program is a great way to support our work in your local community.

All net proceeds from the sale of your car donation provide strength, stability and self-reliance for families across the United States.

Why should I donate my vehicle?

- 100 percent of the net proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will be used by your local Habitat for Humanity to build and repair affordable homes.
- You may qualify for a [tax deduction](#) for donating a vehicle.
- It's fast and easy.
- 30 percent of cars donated to Habitat are recycled for materials or sold for reusable parts.
- Recycling steel uses less energy and natural resources and produces less carbon pollution.
- Taking an inefficient older car off the road helps save gas and improves air quality.

For more information or to receive the Mount Washington Valley Habitat Newsletter email them at office@mwv-habitat.org

Advance Care Planning **FREE help is available to:**



- ♦ Explain your options
- ♦ Help you start the conversation with your family
- ♦ Complete a notarized Advance Directive and Living Will or review your current document.

Give yourself the gift of knowing your family understands your wishes and relieve them of the burden of having to make difficult healthcare decisions when you are unable to speak for yourself.

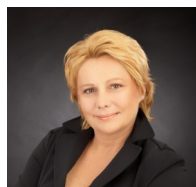
Call for an appointment today with Joan Lanoie at the following locations:

Wednesdays: Visiting Nurse Home Care & Hospice - 356-7006 ext.23 - 1-4pm

or

Mondays: Saco River Medical Group 447-3500, ext. 225—1-4pm

Whitney Center Activities



Position to Lead- Getting Women into the Board Room
Friday January 13th 6pm—Free and open to the public

A look at the worldwide initiatives: what companies and women themselves need to do

Kimberli Lewis, Board member of the Search and Information Association Europe, and leadership trainer for Europe's 2020 movement, will speak about why such stretch initiatives are necessary and what companies need to do to prepare for the 2020 movement. She will talk about which challenges and opportunities women in leadership face and what initiatives they need to take to prepare themselves for leadership positions.



Winter film Series at the Whitney Center **Films start at 4pm and open to the public**



Sunday, January 22nd	The Walk ~ Every dream begins with a single step	PG 2h 3min
Sunday, February 12th	Race ~ The true story of gold medal champion Jesse Owens	PG-13 2h14min
Sunday, February 26th	The BFG ~ The world is more giant than you can imagine.	PG 117 min

Films are free to attend . You are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs

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@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

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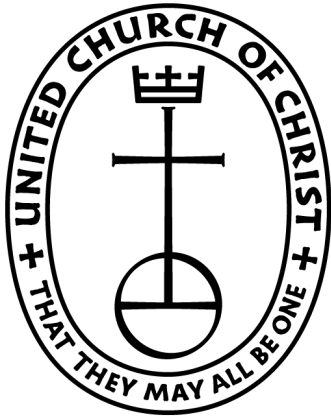
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Thoughts/Prayers: _____

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 Blessing Boots 9am Choir 10:30a Worship	2 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs Wedding Rehearsal	3 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs 4pm Wedding	4	5 6:30p AA	6 Avalanche Course	7 Avalanche Course
8 8:15 Blessing Boots 9a, C/E Meeting 9am Choir 10:30a Worship	9 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs	10 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs	11	12 6:30p AA	13 Ipswich Youth Group Sleepover	14 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth Ipswich Youth Group Sleepover
15 8:15 Blessing Boots 9am Choir 10:30a Worship	16 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs MLKing Day	17 9-12 Gail's Office Hrs	18 6pm Potluck Dinner 7pm Annual Mtg	19 6:30p AA	20	21
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Steeple Light

The Steeple will be lit in the month of January in memory of Gregory Shuman ~ Judy and Richard Shumans son ~ from the Jackson Community Church Choir.

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
Child Care Provided
Church 383-6187



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