



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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July—August 2016

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

Greetings All!

This is one of my favorite times of year! It's the time that I watch most everyone have a little more breathing room and a little bit more space! On the church calendar... It's called Ordinary Time. And it's called Ordinary Time because there are no celebratory holidays on the church calendar. It is simply life in the slow lane. Folks make time for summer activities: festivals, outdoor activities and concerts, and spending time with new and seasoned friends. We all rest a bit and are nourished by spending time with people we care about and with whom we build solid relationships.

As our search team is currently interviewing candidates - it's a good time to make even a simple plan for how you're going to go about getting to know your new minister. Since all ministers are not the same (not really a surprise, is it?) it might be helpful to think about how you want to go about getting to know this new person who will be among you as your spiritual guide, partner and/or leader.

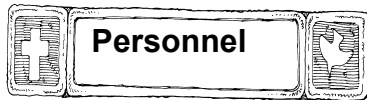
Of course, for starters you will want to have a sense about their closest allies. This could be their partner, their spouse, their children, if they have any, or maybe even grandchildren. With whom do they spend their down time? Do they like animals? Dogs? Cats? Farm animals? What do they do to entertain themselves or to relax? Is your new minister an avid reader? Sports fan? Gardener? Hiker? Golfer? Runner? Painter? Zen Tangler? Cyclist? Musician? Skier? Traveler? Carpenter? Sailor? Camper? Canoer? Kayaker? Do they like theater, the ballet, the symphony or jazz? How might such interests connect to the congregation at large? How might those interests help grow the congregation from the community?

Your minister will bring their particular gifts among you to serve you. Ministers are encouraged to share their gifts with their congregation; and, just like in any close relationship, the sharing of interests is always a way to build a good and strong connection especially if you are seeking a long term relationship. If you know what their interests are you will be positioned to ask them to share their gifts with the community. They will want you to share your gifts in return. When you do so ... I can guarantee your new minister will feel welcomed and appreciated. For example, If your minister likes to hike and you do, too - then take your new minister on a couple of your favorite hikes. Walk, talk, laugh, or snack. Or show your minister a fabulous kayaking spot! If they like to cook - do something that gathers everyone's cooking talents and have a get-together. Could be pasta, sushi, or a barbecue. You will learn a lot about each other and the relationship will grow. That is good.

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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 July 20th. At 7:30pm. We will also be holding a council meeting on Wednesday August 17th.

After a long pastorate, like 17 years where you no longer have to make a tremendous effort to get to know each other, making the effort to get to know a new pastor takes some concentrated and focused effort.

The search team will have worked hard to try to choose someone that they are hoping everyone will appreciate and come to hold in high regard. Help support their efforts and welcome your new minister among you by setting up some special times. Imagine what you might enjoy if you moved to a new place with new people.

Plan on making those connections and you will find it to be good for everyone in the long view!

Enjoy these summer days of getting to know those you care about just a bit more!!

May the peace and joy of summer's warmth be yours!

Leslie

Special Appeals Update

In June, the Church Council sent out a special appeals letter notifying church members and friends of our current financial state and the need for an additional \$15,000 to meet the 2016 budget. To date we have received approximately \$4550 towards this goal.

Thank you to all who have increased your pledge/ giving to make this happen and thank you to all who will do so in the upcoming months. We will keep you updated on the status periodically in the church bulletin and newsletter.

Inside-Out— September 2016 issue
Deadline: August 25th, 2016

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the September issue is Thursday Aug 25th.

Please send information to:
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYERS



July 3: Micah White
July 5: Charlotte Doucette
July 7: Candi Kane
July 19: Ray Schoen
July 27: Charlie Scott
July 27: Isabelle Doucette
Aug 1: Linda Gray
Aug 7: Ron Ruiz
Aug 13: Peter Benson
Aug 20: Steve Farish
Aug 25: Anna Taylor
Aug 27: Roger Brickner
Aug 28: Colleen Allbee
Aug 29: Casey Methot
Aug 30: Nora Miller

July 10: Lynn and Bill Lockard
July 18: Lee and Margaret Phillips

Aug 9: Jim and Linda Hastings
Aug 18: Phil and Shirley Gravink
Aug 20: Tom and Cheryl Pizor
Aug 22: Dave and Mary Lamb

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!

Upcoming Church Events...

July 10th

On July 10th we held a special commissioning service for Eileen MacDonald who will take over as the Deacon's chairperson, it was also a time to thank Wendy McVey for doing a wonderful job while in this position.

July 20th

Church council meeting. The meeting is open to everyone to let your voices be heard. Members of the different committees will update you on what their group has been involved with. Meeting begins at 7:30pm at the church, 2nd floor.

Aug 13th

Church wide "deep cleaning" from 9am to noon. It has been a LONG time since we all got together and dusted the cobwebs from the nooks and crannies. There are many chores to be done both inside and out. Come for an hour, or two, or three..... whatever fits with your schedule. Bring gloves, rags, and anything that could help with the cleaning. The more hands the lighter the work... adults, children, family and friends—they are all invited.

Aug 17th

The church council typically does not meet in August—however— with so many items to discuss regarding the budget, pastoral search, ect... we are going to make an exception this year. This will be an important one for all of you to attend.

Aug 28th

Guest Preacher Rev. Joyce Scott.

Sept 4th

Guest Preacher Tim Scott.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

If you have extra 2017 calendars please save them for the Mission Committee. They can be left on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. They will be donated to the Gibson Center.



The Haitian Health Foundation sent us a note of thanks for the funds we provided. They are using some of the donated funds to educate villagers about the Zika virus and to provide food in areas affected by the severe drought.

ZIM ZONE:



A WhatsApp note from our friend Farai

When asked if the monetary situation was easing Farai responded: "Thanks for the concern for us. The cash crisis seems to worsen before getting any better. The government has not paid its employees for June and yet it is the biggest employer. We just pray our political fortunes will one day change. We will be waiting anxiously for the gifts from our Ukama/friends indeed. May our Lord continue to bless you! May you enjoy your independence. While we are also independent but we [are] oppressed. But we are fine. It is winter here and very chilly but no snow! Greetings to the church."

Farai mentions the gifts from their Ukama Friends – that's us. This year they have asked for (OTC) medicines especially antacids, hand tools (to build the church), shoes, clothes, balls for Sunday school, Bibles, English hymn books. Monetary contributions will help see the container shipment costs are covered and will help provide for any items not donated. Bring in contributions now and leave them in the large box in the fellowship hall by the piano. Thanks from the Mission Group.

Where can you find us.....

Jacksoncommunitychurch.org

jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org





Area Programs

Care for the Caregiver: For those caring for a loved one at home

Learn how to build healthful self-care into your life as a caregiver. Ongoing support offered. Meetings are Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30pm at the Gibson Center in North Conway.

Loss and Recovery Group: For those who have lost a loved one.

Group meetings are on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm at the VNHCN, Kline Room, 1529 White Mountain Hwy, North Conway.

Both programs run for 6 weeks starting July 27th and run through August 31st and are offered throughout the year.

No formal registration is necessary and programs are free and open to the public.

For more information contact group facilitator, F.Gardiner Perry 603-662-9552 or visiting nurses at 603-356-7006

Jackson's Neighbor Care Program

Do you live alone?

Do you require assistance/ transportation if you need to leave your home in an emergency?

The Jackson Neighbor Care Program is part of the Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Jackson. The Office works together with many local agencies to stay aware of those residents who may need extra help in the event of an accident or emergency as well as to build and strengthen community relationships.

If you would like to have the police department be aware of any special needs you may have or learn more about the program visit the town website at www.jackson-nh.org and look under the community links section.



Gibson Center Lunch

Every Monday through Friday (except holidays), the Gibson Center serves an excellent and well-balanced meal in the Sprague Dining Room in their building on the corner of Main and Grove Streets in North Conway Village. Lunch is served from 11:30 to 12:15. Everyone is welcome! Those who are 60 or better are asked to donate \$3 towards the cost of lunch—for those under 60, there is a small charge for the meals.

Christian Education

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL FROM MISS SHER...

My dear friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful send off on my last day as Church Education Coordinator for the Jackson Community Church!

It was such a joy to celebrate the children of the church that day with our Children's Sunday presentation on "The 12 Gifts of Birth". I am so proud of each of the children who participated in Children's Church activities this past year, and through my whole time with you!

If you were not at the service on June 12 be sure to stop in the Rainbow Room classroom this summer and check out the wall of art about the 12 gifts that the children created!

It was such an honor to be recognized in such lovely ways that day!

Thank you first to the children for the privilege of being their teacher!

Thank you to Janice Nichipor, Lisa White, and Barry Chisholm of the Church Education Board for all their hard work and dedication to the children of the church, as well as for all of the support they gave me!

Thank you to them also for the beautiful rainbow plant, the butterfly card and bookmark.

Thank you to Miss Lisa for heading up the coffee-hour and for all involved in presenting the lovely rainbow and butterfly cake, the special gluten free goodies, and all the other yummy delights at the coffee-hour table. Thank you to Miss Janice for her kind words in her recognition of me at service time. Thank you to Pastor Leslie for her kind words and recognition also, and for her gift to the children's playground of new rainbow ribbons as our old ones had certainly seen better days!

Thank you to everyone present for making my husband Brad feel welcome, for all the hugs and kind thoughts expressed, and for being there to support the children and I. Thank you again to Joanne for all of her work behind the scenes helping me/us out from newsletters to bulletin info., to Miss Judy and the choir for their uplifting delights each week and for the lovely special songs they did for Children's Sunday, thank you to the Church council, the Deacons, and the Search Committee, as well as all of the church committee members for their hard work especially through the church changes in the past year!

I just had to connect with you all again in this form to fully express my gratitude to you all!

I am so happy to say that since leaving the church I have had the opportunity for rest and renewal both at home quietly working on plans for our African summer program theme at the Mountain View Montessori school, and then on a wonderful 34th wedding anniversary trip to Boothbay Harbor, Me. with Brad. We had such a lovely time! It was just what we both needed so much!

This Sunday we will be celebrating my parents 60th wedding anniversary, my Dad's 80th birthday, and both Mother and Father's days as they are back north for the summer from Florida. We will be taking them out to the Mount Washington Hotel. The following week we will be connecting for celebrations with Brad's family, the summer program at Montessori begins on Monday, and we have company coming that day...

so the wonderful adventures we'd hoped for this summer have already begun! What a blessing!

May your summer days be full of joyous moments and may you all know that you will continue to be in my prayers and on my heart!

With love and gratitude,

"Miss Sher"

Treasurer's CORNER

Jackson Community Church June 2016

A new addition to the Inside-Out Newsletter will be an overview of the previous months income/donations and expenses that keep the Jackson Community Church a vital part of our area.

A more detailed report will be presented each month at the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

** The negative wedding amount was the result of a cancelled wedding/ refund

		Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4110 · Endowments		4,083.33
4200 · Unrestricted gifts/donations		3,440.18
4250 · Weddings		-800.00
4280 · Fundraisers		3,100.00
Total Income		9,823.51
Expense		
5000 · Administration		6,651.39
5100 · Building		717.39
5200 · Christian Education		537.42
5500 · Membership & Church Life		152.11
5600 · Mission		1,950.00
5700 · Music		1,223.75
5800 · Office		335.10
Total Expense		11,567.16
Net Loss		-1,743.65



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. Summer is the easiest time to jump on in and give it a try.



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

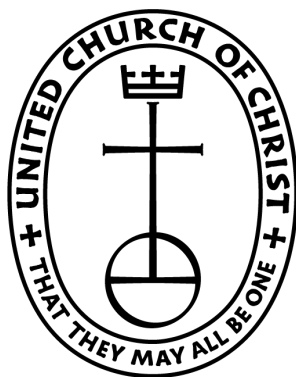
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Thoughts/Prayers: _____



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
Child Care Provided
Church 383-6187



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