



# *Inside Out:*

*The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church*  
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June 2016

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

June Greetings ~ and Summer blessings!

The church year is about to come to a close as we conclude with our Pentecost celebration and our Memorial Day remembrances at the end of May and make our way into June, July and August!

Liturgically, we now head into the period that in church language is called Ordinary Time that stretches all the way into November when Advent comes upon us again.

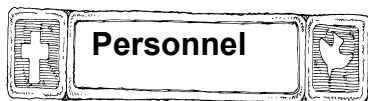
Ordinary Time takes us, as spiritual pilgrims/souls, on the journey through the ordinary days of the year, the seasons that have no major holiday (I.e. holy day) like Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and/or Pentecost. Ordinary Time is characterized by its more typical and routine qualities. In our more mundane daily lives here in the Northeast, we order wood, stack it, change our car footwear from snow tires to regular tires, re-order our closets from winter to summer, etc. and prepare to enjoy the warmer weather in the out of doors. We enjoy one another's company, spend time together, and share experiences and cherished memories. In our church lectionary, we hear the tales of the more ordinary days of Jesus and his travels and experiences with his friends and loved ones, his conversations and wisdom, and hear the tales of all his comings and goings. For us, this is the time of year that offers us more time for storytelling and enjoying one another's company ~ both in our church stories and in our own daily lives!

Indeed, as we come to the end of our own church year, we prepare to paint our church experience with the colors and textures brought to us by our church's religious education teacher, Sher Loomis, as she moves into a new portion of her life with her husband and loved ones. On Sunday, June 12th, we are planning to celebrate her tenure with us as our church gathering kiddos bring their "12 Gifts of Birth" to our sanctuary to mark the travels they've made over the course of their year here in our church. As our kiddos understand their place in a world that offers a blessed way of being, we are offering them a vision of a future to pass such blessing along among all whom they encounter. We give thanks for the gifts that Sher Loomis has brought to us! But there is more. In addition to celebrating a year of gathering with our kids here at the Jackson Community Church, we are also preparing to say 'Adieu' and send her, with our very best wishes, on God's way to attend to parts of her life to which she is deeply "called." Her ever-present dedication to our young people here in Jackson, for over two years, has weathered myriad changes put before her. She has been here, always ready and prepared, when beautiful snowy days call all our youth to mountain ski trails or beckoned all of them to a day of mountain hiking or biking. She has rolled with the variations and by her good natured, enthusiastic presence ... we have been blessed by her welcome optimism, hospitality and grace! May all of us be so 'called' and so willing to listen to that still small speaking voice that leads us to seek a greater presence than simply the benign reality before us. This has been her gift. A blessing!

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## **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 June 15th. At 7:30pm.

### **Pastors Message continued....**

As we travel through these uncertain times of transition, pausing to celebrate the good and the everlasting dimensions of our life together encourages a comfort and a sense of hope that the future is truly filled with goodness and generosity. Please gather with us as we lift up the blessings bestowed upon us in the folks who have walked this path with us, ... in particular ~ Sher Loomis as she prepares to embark on new paths to her future! Join us on the 12th for her celebration and share your good wishes with our family of faith for the summer ahead of us! Come, listen and hear, converse and share what has transpired while Sher has left her mark among us. Come and offer blessings of good will to her! Come and share your blessings, hopes and stories with all of us!

We pause to remember that the one who created us all continues to send those among us that will remind us of the best that is in store for us. We each carry a part of that gift. May God's good self be among us, always as the traveler sojourning through, offering abundant blessings for us all! May we have the eyes to see and ears to hear!

*Leslie*

**Jacksoncommunitychurch.org**  
**New email address:**  
**jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org**

Inside-Out— July –August 2016 issue  
Deadline: June 27, 2016

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included  
in the July—August issue is Thursday June 27th.

Please send information to:  
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYERS



June 5: Madison Doucette  
June 7: Lynn Lockard  
June 11: Zia Belcher  
June 13: Larissa Spaulding  
June 14: Elaine Cabot  
June 16: Ellory Kearns  
June 17: Emma McLeavey-Weeder  
June 20: Daniel Weeder  
June 24: Mary Lamb  
June 26: Pojen Lee  
June 27: Hannah Benson  
June 29: Jenna Hill



June 13: Ray & Arden Schoen  
June 19: Sher & Brad Loomis

*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...

June 5th

### **New Membership Sunday:**

Join us as we welcome Laurie McAleer and Cheryl and Tom Pizor as our newest members of the Jackson Community Church.

### **Church Potluck:**

All members and friends are invited and welcome to come and share in a potluck brunch following the Sunday service in Fellowship Hall. An important and interesting discussion about the future of the church needs your input. Bring your favorite dish to share!

### **Plants:**

There are many beautiful plants left from the Mission Committee sale and they will be available in Fellowship Hall after church. You may put a donation of any size to help our friends in Zimbabwe who are dealing with drought and hunger. Thank you from the Mission Committee

June 12th

### **Children's Sunday:**

Join us as we celebrate the end of the 2015/2016 Sunday School program. The Christian Education Committee, along with Miss Sher and the children have worked very hard this year. Hope you will be able to join as we also will be saying goodbye to and wishing Sher all the best in her future endeavors. Sher will be missed!!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



### You Never Cease to Amaze Us!

Thank you to all who donated plants, seedlings, their time, etc. to help make our plant sale a huge success!

The plant sale brought in over \$600 and helped bring us well over our goal of raising \$1000 to help drought relief efforts in Zimbabwe!

Memorial Weekend service saw the church decorated with stockings and hats made by some of our talented church members. These items will make their way to troops serving our country as part of the Pease Greeters project.

10,000 hats were given out last year, so many more are needed to replenish the supply. If you would like to make some to contribute please contact Meg Phillips at [margaret\\_p@roadrunner.com](mailto:margaret_p@roadrunner.com) for directions and yarn. Directions can also be found on the Mission section of the church's [website](#).

Learn more at [www.peasegreeters.org](http://www.peasegreeters.org)



### ZIM ZONE: News and information on happenings around Zimbabwe



From Farai regarding the new church they are building in Chikanga ,

-"Nice to hear that you always think of us. Our building is progressing. Our target was to finish by the end of June. However there is a cash crisis and members can't access cash from the banks. The situation is bad and coupled with the drought. We pray God hears our prayers. Our political situation requires God."

#### Other News:

- The government will recruit 8500 nurses to increase the number of nurses in government healthcare facilities by about 50%. Most rural areas lack quality health care facilities, and are in great need of more clinics and hospitals.
- The government is selling live wildlife to competent breeders in order to protect wildlife from dire drought

# Do you have concerns about falling?

Jackson Church members Meg Phillips and Laurie McAleer will be the coaches for this fantastic award winning program that can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of adults with these concerns. The classes will be held at the Whitney Center on Wednesdays from 10 am– noon starting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call Danielle Koffenberger 603-356-5461 ext 2187 for more information or to register.



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

**Many adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.**

**This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.**

### **YOU WILL LEARN TO:**

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

## **Classes Available!**

*Brought to you by members of the Community Health Council including Memorial Hospital, Visiting Nurse Home Care & Hospice of Carroll County, and Mineral Springs are partnering with The Gibson Center for Senior Services, the NH Foundation for Healthy Communities and MaineHealth*



**Memorial Hospital**  
MaineHealth

*Classes are held once a week for 8 weeks  
for 2 hours each*

**For more information and register for classes please**

**contact: Danielle Koffenberger**

**603-356-5461, ext. 2187**

**[dkoffenberger@memorialhospitalnh.org](mailto:dkoffenberger@memorialhospitalnh.org)**

# Christian Education

HAPPY JUNE DEAR FRIENDS FROM MISS SHER AND THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

I am writing to you just a few days prior to Memorial Day and it is a perfect spring day! The gifts of God's creation are evident in the beauty of the blue sky, the song of the birds, the flowers blooming, and the temperature feeling ahh so comfy! Today it is easy to see the blessings all around me! These are the gifts we need to take time to notice more often in the midst of our busy lives.

Over the last month the children and I have been sharing in our weekly Messages from the Children's Church (at service time) some special prayers and readings that connect to the gifts within each child, each adult, and gifts that God has bestowed upon us from the gift of family, to the gift of service and community.

In our Rainbow Room classes we have been focusing on "The 12 Gifts of Birth" book by Charlene Costanzo. This book came into my life as a gift! The Conway library has a bin of free materials near their children's room. I have been blessed with books, cds, magazines, etc from this box that I have been able to use at the Montessori school where I teach and also at JCC. When I found this book over a year ago it was during the time my husband was ill and it gave me great comfort. I read some of the passages to you during service time last year but felt pulled to do more with it!

As I explored the author's website I found her to be an amazing woman of faith, of strong family values, and of inspiration! She is a cancer survivor having been diagnosed many years back. In her book series (which includes "The 12 Gifts of Healing" and "The 12 Gifts of Marriage") she found healing and support. I just found out that she is now facing double breast cancer surgery before Memorial Day. Please join in my prayers for full recovery for this special woman!

As I have been working both one on one with the children and in small groups I have encouraged us all to look at the everyday gifts God presents to us with greater appreciation and to share the gifts we feel have been bestowed upon us in both small and far reaching ways when we see the opportunities presented.

We have approached each of these gifts with a sense of discovery, delving into bible passages that connect with each gift, re-reading affirmations we have worked with over the past year and picking ones that resonate with each gift, talking about our own inner lights and gifts we feel we have been given, and designing art pieces to represent it all.

I am proud of the children for the work they have been doing, for the insights they have shown, and I am thankful for each and everyone of them more than I can say! I need to thank Church Education board members Janice Nichipor, Lisa White, and Barry Chisholm, as well as Moms Amanda Murphy and Allyn Roberts for offers of help with our painting projects.

The board has been wonderful in my final days here at JCC working with me to plan our Children's Church program/getting it into bulletin ready form, offering to do the coffee-hour (Miss Lisa leading it) on that day, being willing to help in any way (Mr. Barry), and some extra support for several hours from Miss Janice when it was time to redo the Rainbow Room classroom (starting to take down my personal items and reorganizing things belonging to the church) as well as offering lots of ongoing encouragement as I have been preparing for my departure. If you drove by church the eve of May 15th and saw a vehicle there until after 7:30 I hope you recognized it as mine, so no concern! I hope you all will be pleased with the way things are being left. I so want it to be a welcoming, enjoyable space for others to now put their energy into!

# Christian Education.....

In the past few weeks I completed reorganizing not only the Rainbow Room classroom but I wanted to be sure our other classroom spaces and storage areas would be neat and welcoming as the church prepares for potential visiting Pastors, new members, and later for a new Church Education Coordinator. I have compiled a binder filled with my lesson plans and other related information covering the 2 plus school years and 2 summer programs I have been involved in. It is on the shelf in the Rainbow Room to give these potential new participants (and anyone else interested) a better idea of what we have been exploring in the Children's Church program.

It was delightful to see the children helping out Pastor Leslie on Mother's Day with the beautiful flower communion and this past Sunday helping her with the Holy Spirit celebration! Thank you Pastor Leslie for the many unique and special touches you have brought to our services that have in particular involved the children! Thank you for the part you will be leading in our Children's Sunday program also! Thanks to Miss Judy and to the choir for their parts and to our awesome admin. Joanne for all the work she does, including handling all my written info. these past few years and finding special bulletin covers for us!

On Memorial Day I know many families will be away involved in special holiday events in town or elsewhere. For those students who may attend that will be our last day for painting their art work and then on June 5 Miss Janice will assist me as we pull together all of the work accomplished, do our final touches, and as we have practice time, as well as time to create a 12 Gifts of Birth art wall in the Rainbow Room!

On Children's Sunday June 12 I do hope so much that many of you will attend in celebration of the wonderful children at the Jackson Community Church! I am very thankful to say my husband Brad will be there to support me on my last day, but I am needing to apologize to all for in order for him to attend he needs to have his phone on for any emergency calls from work. He will sit at the back and slip out as quietly and quickly as possible if need be, but I am sorry if that is a disturbance. So many of you have shown me sincere love, caring, support, and especially prayers during the time Brad was so ill and that means so much to us both! I wanted folks to see how well he is doing and for him to see the awesome work the children have been doing. Thanks so much for your understanding and for that support I/we have been given.

So my dear friends...it is time for me to close my final edition of Messages from the Children's Church with Miss Sher for the "Inside/Out"! It has been an honor to be your Church Education Coordinator. I know God has amazing things in store for this church! My prayers and love will continue to be going out to you all!

May great blessings surround you, may your summer be filled with many moments of noticing the gifts around us, celebrating special times with family and friends as we will be doing in the Loomis family, and enjoying what gifts God brings to this church as transformation flows!

With much love and appreciation,  
Mrs. Sher Loomis



### 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 on Wednesday June 29th at 10am. Location TBD

### 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 June 11th 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!



### 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 [jccchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org](mailto:jccchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org)*

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Thoughts/Prayers: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Jackson Community Church - June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 PSC	2 6pm AA Group	3	4
5 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship 11:45 Potluck	6 5pm Beyond Resistance Book Discussion	7	8 5:30 PSC	9 6pm AA Group	10	11 7:30a Men's Group
12 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship Children's Sunday	13	14	15 5:30 PSC 7:30p Council Mtg	16 6pm AA Group	17	18
19 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship	20	21	22 5:30 PSC	23 6pm AA Group	24	25
26 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship	27	28 7pm Deacons Mtg	29 10am Women's Group 5:30 PSC	30 6pm AA Group		



## Steeple Light

The Steeple Light will be lit in the month of June in memory of our fathers: Stanley Emerson and James Hastings by Linda and Jim Hastings.

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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