



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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November 2016

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

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Greetings for the month of November! So much happens this month: endings and beginnings abound.

One of this autumn's transformations is your generous welcome of my presence as your new settled minister. I look forward to the opportunity to share meals and stories with each of you in the coming months, and get to know the individual members of this amazing community!

Remember to bring back your favorite recipes -- and your reflections about them -- in the next few weeks. If you can't write down your memories about a recipe, I'll be glad to simply listen to your stories. As we collect our narratives about savoring special meals, it's also a chance for us to get to know each other in new ways, too. Almost every sacred story in our Hebrew texts and gospel tells stories of meals shared together.

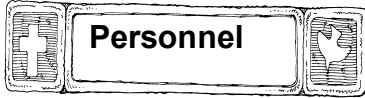
This season we'll experience intergenerational worship and explore many expressions of prayer. At the beginning of the month, as we gather together, we remember beloved saints and identify living saints important to our lives. Mid-month, we honor our veterans and those who dedicate themselves to public service. We also welcome Rev. Edward Matuvhunye as our guest for Ukama Sunday on Nov. 13. Ultimately, we look forward with complex emotions to the season of Thanksgiving, when some families come together and others are separated. Amazingly, at the end of this month, Advent begins.

This is the time of year when the nights grow longer, and we cherish bright flames and welcoming lights in the window. I'm looking forward to meeting the people of Jackson and walking its trails. Watch for me ... I'll often be out and about with my black lab-mix rescue dog JD. On weekends, you're sure to catch me enjoying my family's presence among us.

Blessings! -- *Gail*



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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 November 16th.

"Brunch" Church

Sunday November 20th
10:30am

Join us as we hold our Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. We will hold a pot-luck style brunch church service. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Seeking Moderator in Training

The Church Council is actively seeking a church member who is interested in working with the current Moderator to "learn the ropes" and fill the position for 2017. The Moderators term is a 1 year commitment but you can volunteer each year up to 4 years. The main duty of the Moderator is to chair the council meetings each month making sure we cover all the items on the agenda.

We have had success in the past using either Co-Moderators or a Moderator and Vice Moderator. If you would like more information on the Moderator's position please contact current Moderator Lynn Lockard at 383-8011.

Welcome

Please take a moment to offer a warm welcome to some new friendly faces at the Jackson Community Church...

Pastor Gail Pomeroy Doktor
&

Diana Germain - Music
Diana will be helping with the music program during Judy's absence.

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Church Family News and Prayers



KayLeigh Kearns

Nov. 4: Henry Gotjen
Nov. 11: Andrew Douglass
Nov. 11: David Hovey
Nov. 18: Garrett Kearns

Nov. 7:
Tom and Gloria Hutchings

And

Tish Hanlon

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!

The next meeting will be a Nov/Dec meeting on Wednesday December 14th at 11:00am at Nancy Lundquist's home. This will be a pot luck luncheon.

Please RSVP to Linda Hastings at 383-9375 or jimlindahastings@roadrunner.com and let her know what you will be bringing.

If anyone would like to host future meetings either at their home or the church, please contact the church to get on the schedule.

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 November 12th 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!

Inside-Out— December 2016 issue
Deadline: November 26th, 2016

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the December issue is Saturday November 26th.

Please send information to:
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



Join us on November 13 for Ukama Sunday where we celebrate the deep commitment of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe and the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ to walk together in faith and to serve together in ministry among God's people.

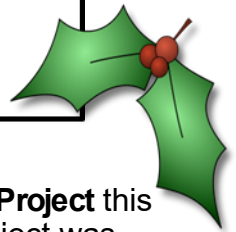
We are fortunate to have the new pastor for Chikanga, Rev. Matuvhunye (mu-tah-ven-you.) leading the sermon that day.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it's always nice to think of those less fortunate. The **Jackson Bartlett Food Pantry** is always in need of donations such as canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, canned or boxed milk, canned beans, mac & cheese, dry cereal, canned meats, small jars of condiments, and small cans of coffee.

Items can be left in the basket in the narthex of the church.



The holidays are coming quickly! Look for Heifer and Zimbabwe cards after the service on November 27th and December 4th. If you wish to purchase a card but can't make either of those dates please contact Meg Phillips at 383-6033.



The Mission committee will be sponsoring 2 children from the **Christmas Stocking Project** this season. Though not as well known as Angels and Elves, the Christmas Stocking Project was started almost 50 years ago for those desperately in need. Back then children would receive a stocking with handmade mittens, an orange, a toy and a piece of coal.

Now a needy family can request 3 needs and 3 wants for each child. We will have those requests by mid November and we will have tags available for members to choose from, for those interested in purchasing an item for a child. It would be helpful to have all gifts wrapped, tagged and returned to the church by early December.



Looking for a home for all those 2017 calendars you receive? Bring them on in! We are collecting them in the Parish Hall for distribution at the Gibson Center where they will find a home.

Meg Philips will be headed to the Honduras in November with the local non profit, **Honduras Hope**, led by Rev. Bill Briggs of Franconia. To support, and/ or learn more about the great work this charity does, check out their link at

<http://www.hondurashope.org>.



Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew wreaked havoc with many places in its path. Haiti, a country already struggling with the aftermath of multiple disasters over the years, suffered a direct hit yet again. The Mission Committee is sending monies to the relief efforts. If you wish to donate to this cause directly go to http://www.ucc.org/disaster_ucc_hurricane_matthew_response

Hurricane Matthew, the first Category 4 storm to strike Haiti since 1964, has caused extensive damage.

- 175,000 displaced people are living in 307 temporary shelters
- 546 deaths, 438 injuries and 128 missing people reported
- 806,000 people are at an extreme level of food insecurity
- 1,421 cholera cases are suspected
- 34 treatment centers for cholera were destroyed

A WORD OF THANKS:

What a lovely gathering you hosted, partnering with the Ukama Mission Group, and on a very significant day in the life of your local church. We are grateful and pleased with how lovely the gathering was. Please do extend thanks from myself and the Ukama Mission Group to your Mission Team and the Church!

In peace,
Rev. Michele Bagby Allan
Local Church-Global Ministries Partnership Coordinator

The bulletin board in the Parish Hall has been recently updated. Give it a glance next time you are back there to see what we are up to.



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

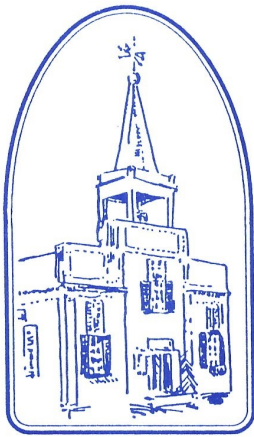
Please sign up to Host Fellowship Hour and/or be a Greeter. They are both quick and simple tasks and are a part of your ministry to the church. Pick a Sunday—Sign up in Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.
Jump right in and give it a try.



Pledge Cards

Did you receive your pledge card in the mail last month? The Finance Committee is working on the 2017 budget and needs your help. You can print the pledge card below or pick one up at church—A pledge lets us know your intended annual giving so that we can budget for items you may not notice when you come on Sundays such as heat, electricity and maintenance. It also helps us plan and be able to continue programs such as music, fellowship, Mission and educational events.

Please return at your earliest convenience. Thank you!!



Envelope Number
(for office use)

FOR CHURCH RECORDS

Date:

Name

Address

Post Office

State

Zip Code

■ In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries,

I plan to give beginning _____ \$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

■ For an annual total of\$ _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

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FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date:

■ In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries, I plan to give for the year beginning _____:

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■ For an annual total of \$ _____

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Name:

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

Name: _____

Street address: _____

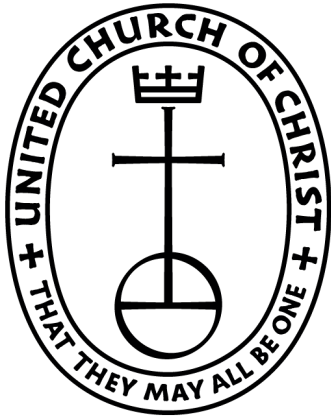
Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ telephone: _____

Thoughts/Prayers: _____

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:30p AA Group	4	5
6 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship	7	8	9	10 6:30p AA Group	11 Veterans Day	12 7:30am Men's Group
13 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship Ukama Sunday	14	15 7p Deacons Mtg	16 7:30p Council Meeting	17 6:30p AA Group	18	19
20 10:30a Brunch Church - Potluck	21	22	23	24 6:30p AA Group Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9am Choir Practice 10:30a Worship Advent Begins	28	29	30			



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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