



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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



This is a time for celebrating the stories of our people.

Did you know, that according to the understanding of Islam, all of our sacred texts come from one holy book in heaven? Jews, Christians, and Muslims are all '*Ahl al-Kitab*' or 'People of the Book.'

Most importantly, our own faith tradition teaches that God continues to speak into the world. And I imagine, God speaks through contemporary events, experiences, and lives. God speaks through us, to each other.

Written and spoken words have been powerful threads binding us together over time. Originally we shared stories orally, passing them down. Later we gathered them up and wrote them down. This is true of Hebrew narratives, prophetic books, poetry and songs, and Gospel books alike. Our Bible is a series of smaller collected books, all stitched together over time.

Ultimately we are connected by one long, complex, enduring story. We are bound by the living Word, spoken into the chaos, shaping the world, then stirring the hearts of God's people. In Genesis the breath of God moves over the void and the darkness, and brings forth light and life. In Proverbs, the Holy Spirit —wisdom— dances with delight at the beginning of the world and the creation of humanity. In John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Over and over, God speaks to our people. Not just thousands of years ago, but now, too.

We are people of the Book. And people of the living Word. Our lives are part of that enduring story.

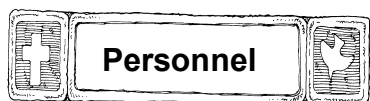
In keeping with so many ways about thinking of the past and looking ahead to the future, we'll spend this season studying classic stories from Hebrew scriptures, revisiting the tales of our spiritual ancestors. At the same time, we'll lay claim to our legacy as the "heirs" to these stories: hearing them anew, understanding them, and weaving them into the current events of our contemporary lives. The stories of the great matriarchs and patriarchs, foolish and wise, desperate and hopeful, broken and beloved, belong to us.

In May, we recognized mothers and matriarchs. We hosted a reunion with our beloved former pastor Rev Pojen Lee. Then we remembered those who died in times of war: those who served in the military and others caught in the midst of armed conflict, such as civilians.

In June we honor our graduates. On children's Sunday we celebrate our children and youth. Mid-June brings recognition of fathers and patriarchs. At this time, we're also saying farewell to families who are moving away, as well as welcoming new households to this valley.



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Church Council

The Church Council meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. All Church members are welcome to attend. The council is made up of the Moderator, Pastor and all committee representatives. The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday June 20th at 7pm on the second floor.

The sacred story of creation is still being written. Saints and prophets live and speak among us. Everyday heroes change the lives of the people and world around them.

We should also note, that along the way, humans have lost, forgotten, suppressed, or silenced some stories. Yet we trust that God holds all the words, all the lives, and all the stories within the book of heaven, where nothing is forgotten and all things are possible.

We are born into this day and age. We are immersed in the tale of our times. So finally, we ask, as heirs to great stories, as people shaped by sacred texts, as children of the Living Word, what story are we telling to each other, to creation, and to God? And what story is God telling to the world, through us?

— Rev Gail



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 know.

Inside-Out— July-August 2018 issue
Deadline: June 26th, 2018

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the June-August issue is Tuesday June 26th.
Please send information to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Church Family News and Prayers



June 7: Lynn Lockard
June 13: Larissa Spaulding
June 14: Elaine Cabot
June 16: Ellory Kearns
June 17: Emma McLeavey-Weeder
June 20: Daniel Weeder
June 27: Hannah Benson

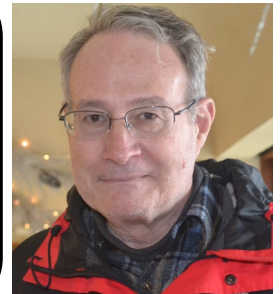
June 13: Ray & Arden Schoen
June 19: Sher & Brad Loomis

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!

Save the date.... Celebrating the life of Steve Farish July 14, 2018 11am.

We will meet at the base lodge parking lot of the Black Mountain Ski area in Jackson NH and proceed to a nearby ski trail for remembrances and scattering of ashes.

A reception will follow. Please RSVP to Jeanette @ 603-733-7733



The Jackson Community Church is seeking the right person to fill the position of Music Director. We have some great people currently filling in temporarily— but would like to fill the position permanently.

Generally speaking, The Director of Music is responsible for the music program in the worship service and at other church gatherings.

Essential duties include:

- Provide music for all parts of the service on both piano and/or organ
- Organize, teach, and conduct the adult choir in rehearsal, worship services, and on other occasions
- Accompany the choir on organ or piano in rehearsal and performance
- Order and purchase selected music and supplies within budget
- Provide (at his/her own fee) music for weddings, funerals and other church-related ceremonies.

If you know someone who can bring spirit, virtuosity, and dedication to our music program please have them send a resume to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



The 3rd Annual Plant Sale was another success in thanks to all of you! The sale raised just over \$670.00 to be donated to the Teen Homeless Initiative. A huge thank you goes out to those of you who donated all those wonderful plants, helped with the organizing, sale and clean up...and of course, to those of you who purchased some for your home and garden!



The Mission Committee recently sponsored 2 studs (2x4 wooden boards) to help frame the exterior and interior walls of the latest Habitat home being built in Madison, NH. With the help of church members and friends the boards were decorated with blessings and returned to the MWV Habitat. There will be an upcoming stud finding reception where we can tour the home and find our "stud". (Date TBD)

In addition to sponsoring studs, a few members of our church community participated in the annual Women's Build on May 12th.

If you would like to volunteer, each Thursday, spring through early winter, volunteers meet at the home site. Habitat provides on site construction management to coordinate the work effort. Hours are generally from 8am-3pm, however, any amount of time is helpful and appreciated. Special skills are not required and lunch is provided. Visit <https://mwv-habitat.org/volunteer/> to fill out a volunteer form.



Feeding the Community

Donations for the Bartlett / Jackson Food Pantry are **always** welcome. There is a basket in the narthex for items.

Current needs are:

- Condiments (Mayo, ketchup, mustard, relish, salad dressings)
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)
- Canned meat (beef stew, chicken - no tuna please)
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Snacks for parents to pack into kids lunches (granola bars etc)

Chikanga Church - Zimbabwe

(April—May update)

The following is an update from Farai Sithole, Alpha's husband, and building project manager for the Chikanga Church (Zimbabwe), on the status of their building project.

The church building has been going on well except lately. The brick work for the whole building is almost complete except for the front where members are planning [to] put face bricks. The offices which we intend to accommodate the minister have been completed and the inside plastering has been done. What has been left is the roofing of these offices/rooms. All the roofing material has been purchased and is available on site. The only hiccup has been the contractor, we are behind on the targeted payments and [he] has temporarily withdrawn his labor pending these payments. We are making regular installments towards this obligation. We had intended to have the minister move to the church site by end of April but it appears this has to be extended. He is currently being accommodated somewhere by a member of the church. The cash flows have been challenged because of the wider obligations against limited incomes. But we are faithful we will pull through because God is in it!

We [are] holding a fundraising dinner on the 4th [of] May 2018 where the money raised will go towards the contractor who should then resume operations. Otherwise our next biggest hurdle will be roofing of the church hall which will be massive. But until we make the offices available for accommodation we will not get there now.

Regards, Farai

Latest News.....

On May 18th the Mission Committee sent the allotted \$2300 from the special Chikanga Partnership Trust Fund to help with the building project. The monies were received during and a special church program to accept the gift publicly. There were some wonderful videos sent to Jeanette (Mission Committee) showing their appreciation. As we receive updates on the building project we will pass them along.

The Chikanga Partnership Trust fund was created by a very generous donor in 2014 to ensure that the Jackson Church could financially support our relationship with our sister church in Zimbabwe in perpetuity. The base of the fund retains a minimum of \$50,000 and the interest/dividends earned each year is sent to the Chikanga Church. The Trust is held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds but fund transfers are authorized through the Mission Committee.

ESTATE SALE

Thank you to all those who volunteered and/or donated items for the Estate Sale on Saturday, May 26th. Also Thank you to all who helped in the clean-up and transfer of items that were left over. For all the work involved the sale was definitely a success. Total raised from the sale was \$2202.61.

The sale was great way to help minimize the Jackson Community Church's budget deficit. If you have any fundraising ideas we would love to hear about them.



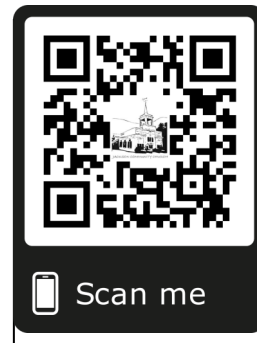
Jackson Community Church T-Shirts

Our T-Shirts have arrived and can be purchased at cost for only \$12.50—all sizes are available.

The volunteers who helped out with the Estate Sale and the Plant sale were all sporting our new T-Shirt. It is a great shirt to wear when you are representing the Jackson Church while volunteering in the community.

Online Giving to Jackson Community Church

The Jackson Community Church now offers the convenience of online giving. Just scan the QR Code and it will link you to our giving page.



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.





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 now being held on Tuesdays near the of the month and are hosted by various church members and friends.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 19th 10am in Fellowship Hall at the Jackson Church. No need to bring anything—just a flair for great discussion.

JCC Men's Group



You are invited to the monthly breakfast with the men of Jackson Community Church held next door at the Wentworth Inn. Come for hot coffee and a great breakfast and enjoy friendly conversation with members and friends of JCC.

The Wentworth Hotel provides a buffet of fruit, breads & cereal, plus beverage for \$12. For a few dollars more, you can order a hot breakfast in addition to the buffet. The Men's Group meets early so you can get onto your Saturday chores, hiking, or golf.

Meetings held every second Saturday at 7:30am. Next meeting is June 9th

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: _____

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30am Worship	4	5 4pm Wisdom Study Group	6 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	7 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	8	9 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
10 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30am Worship	11	12 4pm Wisdom Study Group	13 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	14 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	15 Wedding Rehearsal	16 4pm Wedding
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24 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30am Worship	25	26 9-11am Matter of Balance 4pm Wisdom Study Group	27 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	28 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	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.

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Church 383-6187

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