



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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November 2018

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

FROM
THE
PASTOR



This is a month of remembrance and gratitude. Leaves fall, snow flies, and seasons change around us.

We enter November with acts of remembrance. In the church's tradition, Halloween is part of the holy *triduum* of All Hallowtide. It includes All Hallows Eve (Halloween), which is then followed by All Saints Day (Nov 1st) and All Souls Day (Nov 2nd). This period of three days honors the connection between those on earth

and those in heaven. We recall people of faith who have died. In some traditions, we also recognize living saints.

Notably, the Silver Lake Singers will present their annual concert at the Nativity Lutheran Church in North Conway on Thursday, Nov 1st at 7pm. Members of our church will perform with this choir. The Silver Lake Singers usually go out to the homes of the aging, ill, and they especially serve hospice patients. They only offer a few public concerts; this is an excellent way to celebrate All Saints and enjoy their gifts.

In other related traditions — such as *Dia De Muertos* or Day of the Dead — communities believe that our dead draw near during this time of year, at the change of seasons, when the veil between worlds grows thin. Our dead return and visit. Rather than being sad, this is a happy and festive time. Families recognize those who have died, put out photos and mementos at their personal *ofredas* (family altars), tell stories about loved ones, enjoy their favorite foods and beverages. Sometimes they bring goodies and pictures or personal objects to the departed one's grave and have picnics there. This holiday has been popularized quite recently in the animated family feature *Coco*, and is a celebration of life, rather than a mournful meditation on death.

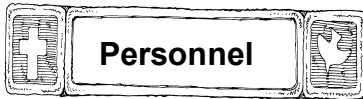
This year, on Sunday, Nov 4th, our church observes a variation on this tradition: Novembering. We invite friends and members to bring pictures or objects to church; they symbolize loved ones who have died. We'll create a special place to put those images, objects, and names for a few weeks. Along the way, we consider the blessings we have received from our departed loved ones — our personal saints — as well as the blessings we experience through our living family and friends.

On Sunday, Nov 11th, the church holds Veterans Day observances, including a special liturgy led by veterans. Of course, we invite any who have served to come in uniform, if they choose to do so. The morning's worship includes participation in a state-wide bell-ringing event to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice Day and the end of World War I. Listen for eleven claps of the bell at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Our local scout troop will help with this activity. *The Veterans Day service is both an act of remembrance and also turns our attention to expressions of gratitude for the living.* We honor currently-serving or retired members of the armed forces, their families and friends. We acknowledge all who are affected by warfare and working toward peace.

In anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday, our church hosts a Harvest Brunch Church on Sunday, Nov 18th. This is a family-friendly 10:30am potluck gathering that replaces our traditional worship service. Everyone is welcome: bring a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Arrive early with your food, but if you can't bring food, come anyway. There's always more than enough! On that day, some of our church's children will share their understanding of the sacred stories surrounding communion; it's a celebration of their 'First Communion' at our community meal.



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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 November 21st at 7:00pm on the second floor.

Of course, November is punctuated by Thanksgiving. We travel, we welcome guests, we gather with friends and families around a table. Some people host Friends-givings when they're separated or disconnected from families.

Thanksgiving also comes as a reminder to continue the spiritual practice of gratitude. Be honest: how often do you pause and name at least three things that make you thankful? It's as good for your health as brushing your teeth every morning!

Try making gratitude a practice every day — not just one day — during the month of November. In almost any circumstance, gratitude exercises can change perspective, reinforce resilience, encourage creativity, instill hope, and foster positive approaches to life's joys and struggles.

When we start with remembrance for those we love and miss, yet also take time to appreciate the living, then add gratitude for the gifts of the people, places and experiences that bring about unexpected blessings, we are sure to wind up in a time of hope and healing. And isn't that what we need this season? Blessings! — Rev Gail



Rev. Gail continues to make 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— December 2018 issue
Deadline: November 25th, 2018

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the December issue is Sunday November 25th.
Please send information to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Church Family News and Prayers



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



Nov. 7:
Tom and Gloria Hutchings

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!



Hanging of the Greens

All are invited to join the Flower Committee for the annual "Hanging of the Church Greens" on Thursday November 29th from 10-12:30.

Brunch Church

Sunday November 18th 10:30am
Jackson Community Church

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

Family friendly with a children's activity table for those who get restless

Giving Status & Pledge Cards

Take a look

By now members and friends of the Jackson Community Church should have received a letter in the mail from our church treasurer in regards to their 2018 financial giving and where they stand with their 2018 pledge. Please do not just toss this letter aside—please read it carefully as it also is an update on our Ukama partnership with the Chikanga church as well as letting you know about the BIG impact our little church has had in our local community this past year.

By returning your pledge card you can help us plan next years 2019 budget. Your contributions make the work and life of this church possible.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

Special Mission Offerings

The UCC annually collects Special Mission Offerings (SMO'S) that the Mission Committee generally administers over the course of the year.

This year the Mission Committee, instead of asking for donations 4 times throughout the year, we have chosen to promote all SMO's **only** during the month of November. This will be the one collection taken this year and you can either choose to allocate ALL your funds to one or the other of the options, or just allow the Mission Committee to divvy up the funds between the four options.

If you give cash to the special collection, please provide your name on the envelope in order to get credit for your donation. We hope you will consider giving generously !

Our church has identified areas where critical human needs exist and here are the summaries of these specific missions:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

Strengthen the Church

Supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries within conferences and administered by Local Church Ministries.

Neighbors in Need

One-third of this offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) and two-thirds is administered by Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The Christmas Fund

Provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks.



The holidays, that season filled with traditions, are around the corner. One tradition, started 40 years ago in this valley is The Christmas Stocking Project which provides gifts to local families in need.

A small tree bearing children's names and requests will be on display in the upcoming weeks and if you are willing, you can purchase, and wrap, the requests which will be donated to those families. Catherine Kyle has been instrumental in this program since its inception. If you have any questions regarding this project, feel free to ask her about it.



Heifer International works with communities to increase income, improve child nutrition, care for the Earth, and ultimately end world hunger and poverty.

Heifer and Zimbabwe cards will be available!
On Sunday December 2 and the 9th after the service we will have a table set up in the Parish Hall to offer sales of these cards, and beautiful handmade baskets to benefit Honduras Hope.

Ongoing...

- ♦ **Honduras Hope Project** seeks unwanted cell phones and (working) laptops to refurbish and donate to their students and teachers.

Meg will travel to the Honduras with this group in January. She will have room in her luggage for small items such as bandaids, toothpaste, toothbrushes, school supplies such as pencils, etc. If you have items to donate, or have questions, contact Meg Philips for more information;

margaret_p@roadrunner.com

- ♦ This month of **Thanksgiving** is yet another time to reflect on our good fortune and to remember those in need.

Current needs for the Bartlett – Jackson's food bank are for condiments, canned meat, jelly and jam. The food bank receives peanut butter from the government, but often does not have the jelly to go with it. Food donations can be left in the basket in the narthex.



- ♦ As 2019 **calendars** are starting to arrive, we would appreciate any extra ones you might have. Also, if you seem to have an abundance of greeting cards, we will take those as well. Items can be left in the parish hall and they will get distributed.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The RSVP Medical Transportation Program provides free rides to medical appointments to people over the age of 60 who can no longer drive or have disabilities.

- Volunteer driving is easy.
- There is no minimum commitment to drive - drive as much or as little as you want.
- Drivers fit trips to their schedules.
- Rides are set up by phone.
- Clients are able to enter the vehicle on their own.
- Mileage reimbursement is provided.

For more information contact Megan Croce at Carroll County RSVP at 603-356-9331
or megan.ccrsvp@gmail.com



Zimbabwe News

Zimbabwe delegates visit JCC for a Potluck Dinner



Progress continues on our partner church





Project Graduation

Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol and drug-free party exclusively for graduating seniors. The event is held on graduation night and continues through the early hours of the morning. During the year Project Graduation holds many fundraisers. The Annual Poinsettia Sale is just one of these fundraisers.

If you would like to purchase poinsettias through our church friend and graduating senior, Daniel Weeder please order by November 9th.

The church will be ordering poinsettias in the middle of December.



Jackson Community Church Online Giving

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.

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: _____

Save the Date

Having Difficult Conversations: Creating Space for Community

November 10, 2018

Location TBD, Conway: 10am to Noon

Location – Old Library, Jackson: 2pm to 4pm

November 11, 2018

Location – Whitney Center, Jackson: 2pm to 4pm

Please join us for the discussion regarding difficult conversations. In each two hour session, explore ways we all can create spaces where others can hear us because they know we are hearing them. What if our community created spaces where all voices feel respected, where conversations – even disagreements – can occur without emotional or physical violence, and where relationships and public discourse feels authentic? Discover your own power to build safe community and engage with others to have difficult conversations.

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 women's group will hold the annual pot luck Christmas brunch on Wed. Nov. 28 at 11:00 at Linda Hastings home at 37 Birch Ledge in Glen.

Please RSVP to Linda with what you would like to bring. If you are too busy or don't like to cook, it is not necessary to bring something.

There will not be a meeting in Dec.

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 November 10th.



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.



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am Women's Yoga 6pm Silver Lake Singers @ Lutheran 6:30p AA	2	3
4 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30 Worship Service	5 6pm Cub Scouts	6	7 7-8:30 Pastor hours @ Glen Corner Store 9am Fitness with	8 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	9	10 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth 2-4 Difficult Conver. Old Jack Library
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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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