



Inside Out:

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

FROM
THE
PASTOR



This month we celebrate spiritual friendships, near and far. In a time when we so often hear all the reasons we're divided and polarized, let us focus on remaining connected.

In the letter to Hebrews, which we'll study this month, it includes a passage in which Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters. How fitting, that we begin with a text that claims us as brothers and sisters, in a month filled with reminders that we belong to each other and we have chosen to be in community with each other.

October starts with World Communion Sunday. All around the world, on the same day, churches gather to celebrate the eucharist. And to reflect on this shared experience. What binds us together? This sacrament, in many ways, rests at the heart of what connects us. We are called to practice hospitality for friends and strangers, and show our love in small and daily acts, including sharing food and drink at a common table. We are also bound by faith in a Stubborn and Overflowing Love, embodied in Christ, that welcomes everyone to savor this common experience. It's a chance to recognize who feels welcome and who gets left out, to reflect on who has plenty to eat and who goes hungry. We also highlight our connection to the local environment that nurtures the food we eat and the beverages we share.

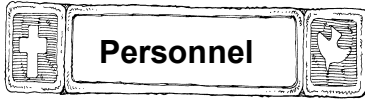
Meanwhile, on a more festive note, save space for homemade cobbler, crisps, ice cream, and coffee! We can cherish neighbors and friends and enjoy some tasty treats, too. If you make it to the Fryeburg Fair, take time to visit the booths of the other Congregational churches: Fryeburg, North Conway, or 'the Brown Church' in Conway Village. And check out the booths run by nonprofits such as Lions and Kiwanis. Look for prize-winning entries by valley friends and neighbors!

Additionally, in mid-October, Jackson Community Church welcomes delegates from our sister churches in Zimbabwe. They are visiting the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ / UCC. Together the NH and Zimbabwe conferences form the UKAMA partnership, a collaborative relationship of cultural exchange, international friendship, and spiritual support. We'll host a potluck dinner that is open to other area Congregational churches. Please bring some food, come sit down, and get to know our wonderful brothers and sisters in faith.

Late in the month, the women's group will assemble and send out care packages to young people — high school and college students, and young adults on gap years or just getting established — who are connected to our community and our church. Many are far from home, at school or work. We've heard back from several high school and college students, who appreciate these friendly notes and tasty treats, remind them that they have friends in Jackson.



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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 October 17th at 7:30pm on the second floor. Please note the time change this month to accommodate the Pot luck dinner.

Yes, we are born into some families, while we choose other kinships. In the selection from Hebrews, Christ claims us as brothers and sisters. This month, we're reminded to pause and appreciate that we have chosen each other as members of a special spiritual family.

Kinship might taste like blueberry crisp or hot coffee from a booth at the fair. It might come in the shape of an envelope stuffed with stickers, mints, and handwritten notes, opened far away in a college dorm room. It might sound like "We Are Walking in the Light of God" sung in two languages. Friendship might have the tantalizing aroma of pumpkin soup on a cold night, sitting together at a community meal with people from different continents. Friendship might look like the neighbor for whom we walk, when we take up the struggle against an illness such as Alzheimers or cancer. And it might feel like the soft, bumpy stitches of a bright prayer blanket for someone who is ill, reminding each other that we're not alone.

We belong to each other. We have chosen each other. This month, may we remember that we are blessed to call each other friends and neighbors, and brothers and sisters! — Affectionately, *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— November 2018 issue
Deadline: October 25th, 2018

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

Church Family News and Prayers



Oct 3: Patti Dunn
Oct 6: Lilla Synnott



Oct 12: Jack & Patti Dunn

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!

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 October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24th in Fellowship Hall at the church. The group will be helping to assemble care packages to our youth attending college.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Linda Hastings and will be a Christmas Potluck luncheon at 11am on Wednesday, November 28th.

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 October 13th

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

Please Join Us - October 17th potluck

We will be hosting delegates from Zimbabwe as well as Conference members who are travelling with them. Our church will host a potluck meal at 5 pm for the group to enjoy their company as they pass through on their way to spend the evening in Randolph. Regional church members will be invited as well.



Please bring a main entrée or a side dish, but do come and take part in this unique opportunity to share a meal and fellowship.

This years delegates include:

Rev. Dr. Menson Mpfu, the delegation leader and pastor of the Ivene Church in Gweru, partnered with the South Newbury Union Church.

Sitshengisiwe Tsododo is a member of the Ivene Church in Gweru and partnered with the South Newbury Union Church.

Abigail Sithole is a member of the Eastlea Church in Harare and partnered with the First Congregational Church of Wilmot

Samuel Mwayingeni is coming from City Central Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe to strengthen Ukama with their partner South Congregational Church in Newport.

Danniford Mupangi Masunungure is a member of the Chiredzi Church and partnered with the First Congregational Church of Walpole.

Detailed biographies can be found under the Ukama Partnership section of www.nhcucc.org



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.



Special Mission Offerings

The UCC annually collects Special Mission Offerings (SMO'S) that the Mission Committee generally administers over the course of the year. Our church has identified four areas where critical human needs exist:

- in places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck;
- in response to injustices which oppress daily life and opportunity;
- in the lives of church leaders without sufficient resources to live with dignity;
- to nurture youth and congregations just beginning their lives of faith.

This year the Mission Committee, instead of asking for donations 4 times throughout the year, has instead 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 !

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.

Pastor Parish

Pastor & Parish Relations Team will hold its next meeting on Tue, Oct 30, 4pm. This is the team that provides confidential and responsive communication on behalf of the pastor and the members and friends of the church. As of now, the committee's members are Jeanette Heidmann and Jim Hastings, who work with Rev Gail Doktor. Jim and Jeanette serve as representatives of the church and also as advocates to help Rev Gail with any professional needs. If anyone has any questions they want to have addressed, concerns or appreciations to pass along, observations or feedback about the church's life, work and ministry, Jeanette and Jim are the liaisons who will work with Rev Gail to address such topics.

As a reminder, the church operates under the principles that we learned in workshops with our consultant Rev Doug Bixby; we encourage friends and members to pass along their own firsthand experiences and feedback, so that we have direct and transparent lines of communication and feedback. Please be in touch with Jeanette, Jim or directly with Rev Gail Doktor to pass along any topics of concern or interest.



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: _____

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7-8:30 Pastor hours @ Glen Corner Store 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	4 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	5 3pm Wedding Rehearsal	6 12pm Wedding
7 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30amWorship	8 6pm Cub Scouts Columbus Day	9	10 7-8:30 Pastor hours @ Glen Corner Store 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	11 9am Women's Yoga 10:30-11 Grammar School Music 6:30p AA	12	13 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
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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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Church 383-6187

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