



# *Inside Out:*

*The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church*

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

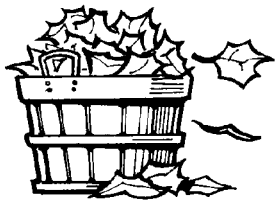


As we say good-bye to summer and kick-start autumn with Labor Day, we start worship with song and scripture. And the first message of this season?

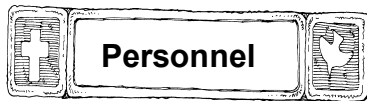
In part, the book of James urges us to put our beliefs, ethics, and values into action. “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above ... But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” It just so happens that this summer, in many ways, our little church has offered a measurable impact in this village and valley!

Enjoy the metrics of our faith community in action over the past few months.

- Miles traveled by a sojourner who asked us for a pilgrim’s blessing for himself, his boots and backpack before hiking Europe’s Camino de Santiago: almost 500.
- Raspberries and blueberries picked from wild bushes and local gardens to share at worship and during faith community meals: hundreds.
- People attending ‘celebration of life’ remembrances for church friends and members: 220.
- Number of organ pipes given voice by our current organist and accompanist: over 200.
- Miles cycled by church friends and members in fundraisers for local causes: 107.
- Out-of-state guests attending our worship services this summer: about 84
- Trails hiked by church friends and members in the past few months: 42.
- Summer outdoor services hosted by our church in Jackson and at Horton Center on Pine Mountain: 34.
- Participants in weekly yoga, fitness, and balance classes offered in Parish House since we started opening it for community use: 30.
- Water provided by church when local wells ran dry or low: 25 gallons in one week.
- Seasonal bouquets of flowers donated to beautify the sanctuary this summer: 24.
- Church youth serving as counselors and children enrolled in nearby camps: 15.
- Ponds, lakes, and rivers recently paddled by our faith community: 12.
- States and territories which provide home to church friends and members when not in residence in Jackson area: at least 11.
- Vocal soloists and instrumentalists performing while choir enjoyed vacation: 9.
- Number of other nations in which church family members are currently studying, working, serving, or living: 8.
- Friends and members needing acute medical care in Portland, Dartmouth, Boston, Conway and other settings, and receiving pastoral and congregational support: 7.
- Number of operating day centers visited by clergy, nonprofit leaders and volunteers as research prior to opening a new Day Resource Center in the valley for housing-insecure and homeless adults, families and teens: 5.



## Jackson Community Church



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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 September 19th at 7pm on the second floor.

- Families supported by valley-wide fundraisers due to catastrophic medical challenges, including generous contributions from friends and church members: 3.
- Out-of-town, stranded travelers referred to church for emergency assistance one holiday: 2 people and 1 dog.
- Dogs attending weekly outdoor services: 1.
- Houses built by the local community including a team of church volunteers: 1.

*These are some of the ways we measure the life of our village church in this big valley. We have fun, but we also make a difference to friends and neighbors.*

As autumn begins, you are invited to bring love and hope alive in your hearts, homes, relationships, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, trails, and playing fields. Join us for worship, fitness, education, recreation, and community service! Let us know how you find and translate your own spiritual life into tangible connections to the world.

Blessings! — Rev Gail, Jackson Community Church



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.

### **Watch your mailbox.... Coming soon!!**

It is that time of year again... watch your mailbox for an update of your annual giving and where you stand with your pledge. Please check for accuracy and contact the church office or treasurer if there are any discrepancies.

Inside-Out— October 2018 issue  
Deadline: September 26th, 2018

The deadline for submitting news and articles to be included in the September issue is Wednesday September 26th.  
Please send information to: [jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org](mailto:jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org)

# Church Family News and Prayers



Sept 1: Jim Hastings  
Sept 18: Sue Carrigan  
Sept 22: Gregory Miller  
Sept 30: Tom Pizor

Sept 9th: Ben and Martha Miller  
Sept 10th: David Gotjen and Linda Gray  
Sept 11th: John and Wendy McVey  
Sept 30th: Peter and Emily Benson

*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!*



## Choir Resumes

All are welcome to join the choir as they resume for the fall. Practice begins at 9am on Sunday September 9th. All singing abilities are encouraged. Come for one Sunday to try it out—or become a regular participant.



### *Needed:* **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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](mailto:jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org)

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



Jen's Friends  
Cancer Foundation

Jen's Friends Climb  
Against Cancer will be  
**September 15.**

Jen's Friends Climb Against Cancer is an annual event held at Cranmore Mountain Resort. It has become symbolic of the hurdles that cancer patients, survivors, and their families must overcome to win the battle against cancer. Many people participate to celebrate survivorship; others come to commemorate the lives of those who lost the battle with cancer. And still others hike to raise money for their friends and neighbors who are being helped by Jen's Friends. People of all ages participate, and many bring their four-legged family members.

The hike up and down the slopes of Cranmore Mountain is approximately three miles. Sign up to hike or volunteer to help at this uplifting, worthwhile event. For more info:

<http://jensfriends.org/wordpress/jens-friends-climb-against-cancer/>



**October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 come take part in this unique opportunity to share a meal and fellowship and gain a better understanding of what is happening in their part of the world.

## Keep in mind:

- Honduras Hope Project seeks unwanted (working) laptops to refurbish and donate to their students and teachers. If you have one to donate, or have questions, contact Meg Philips.
- As 2019 calendars are starting to arrive, we would appreciate any extra ones you might have. They can be left in the parish hall. They will be distributed to the folks at the Gibson Center.
- The Bartlett Jackson food pantry continues to seek donations. Recent requests are for toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Donations can be left in the basket in the narthex.

## Recent Thank You's posted:

Check the Mission section of the bulletin board in the parish hall for recent news postings. We also post all our most recent Thank You notes, which are from:

- The NH Conference- United Church of Christ, Star Island
- The White Mountain Community Health Center
- Children Unlimited
- Heifer International



# 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 members.

The September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26th at the church at 10:30am (please note the later start time). Sue Carrigan will lead a cooking class to make crab cakes, followed by lunch. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the crab cakes or please bring a Salad or dessert.

Please RSVP to Linda Hastings (383-9375) or Sue Carrigan (383-9296) so they can plan the meal (also let them know if you are bringing a dish to share). You are also welcome to come join us for tea and coffee if not staying for lunch.

# 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 September 8th



## 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.





# Jackson Community Church Projects

At the July 8, 2018 Congregational Meeting, members of the Jackson Community Church approved two capital expenses to improve the efficiency and appearance of the Jackson Community Church. This included the retrofitting and installation of LED lights throughout the inside and outside of the church, and the repair of the front façade which is in decay.

**LED Lighting:** New Hampshire LED (SAJ Electrical Services) started the project on August 23rd and it was completed on the 24th. As estimated the cost of the project was \$4630, in which we should receive a rebate from NH Electric Coop of approximately \$2315.

**Repair of the Front Entrance:** This project has not begun yet, hopefully it will be completed early this fall. Cost to be estimated at \$6150.

**Sprinkler System:** Approved in the 2018 budget (\$4650) The Jackson Church sprinkler system was due for a 3 year full trip and air leak test, as well as a 5 year internal inspection. This service was partially completed on August 21st. Dry pendants were sent out for testing and we are waiting for the results to conclude the project.

We have received a few generous donations earmarked to help with these Capital Projects. If you would like to help defray some of the costs, all donations big and small are welcome. If sending a check please use the "memo" line to let us know where to apply your donation.



Send to JCC, PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846 Attn: Capital Expenses

## 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](mailto:jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30aWorship & Hymn Sing	3 <a href="#">Labor Day</a>	4	5	6 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	7	8 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
9 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30a Worship with Guest Charles Buck	10	11	12 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours	13 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	14	15 Jen's Friends Hill Climb
16 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30aWorship First Responder Sun- day	17	18	19 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10-12 Pastors Hours 7:00p Council Mtg	20 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	21	22
23 8:00am Interfaith Worship @ Gazebo 10:30aWorship	24	25	26 9am Fitness with Laurie McAleer 10:30 Women Group @Church	27 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	28	29

# 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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