



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church
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Serving Our Church
Members & Friends
In Jackson, NH
And beyond!

FROM
THE
PASTOR



April 2019

Brothers and Sisters —

This spring, life rises. Sap runs. With much boiling, 40 gallons becomes one. Clarity turns to amber, sticky and rare. Resurrection comes to us in mouthfuls: concentrated into finite, measurable servings of sweetness.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we're invited to pay attention. This month, snows melt, ice breaks, waters run high. Frozen earth yields to warmer temperatures and grows soft and muddy. Everything is messy and restless, much like us: imperfect, not looking our best, caught between seasons and states of being, yet bearing promise.

Life will find a way. It is on the move, stirring and insisting. Some animals have remained active all winter: bobcats, ermine, and foxes. Now even the hibernating creatures emerge, including the bears. Caterpillars come out. Meanwhile, music overhead grows more complex and busy as migrating birds come home again, adding their songs to the sky's symphony.

Can you taste the promise of Love's return? Savor the blessing below, written by Jan Richards. Carry it with you.

BLESSING

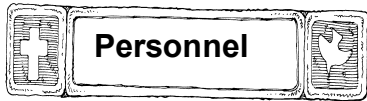
That you will be wise
to each season and time;
that every hour
will open its purpose to you;
that you will know
the need of the moment
and give yourself to it
with abandon
and with grace.

This month, as Easter carries us across mortal thresholds, may the sweetness of new life be on your tongue.

— Rev Gail



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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 April 24th at 7:00pm on the second floor. Please note because of Holy Week date has been changed.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the May 2019 newsletter will be Monday, April 26th. (firm deadline) Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to:
jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Holy Week

Sunday, April 14th



10:30am Palm Sunday Worship Service:
With Palm Processional and worship with themes of Holy Week.

Thursday April 18th



5pm Soup Supper & Table Worship:
Gather with members and friends for a traditional Maundy Thursday Soup and table worship. Soup and bread provided by the Deacons.

Friday April 19th Holy Friday



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Noon-3pm Stations of the Cross: Join us for a journey through the 'stations of the cross.' Walk the stations in the Jackson Community Church Sanctuary.

6:30pm Holy Friday Service: Ecumenical Service organized by the Clergy of the Eastern Slope and hosted at the Madison Church.

Sunday April 21st



6:00am Sunrise Service: Gather outside at the Gazebo near the Jackson Historical Society for worship and song.

10:30am: Easter worship with choral music, harp and the flowering of the cross.

11:45am: Egg Hunt: Following worship join us as we hunt for eggs on the grounds of the church. Children 12 and under may participate when accompanied by an adult.

Church Family News and Prayers



April 11: Frank Wolfe
Shirley Gravink
Rev. Gail Doktor
April 21: Phil Gravink



April 25: Steve and Colleen Allbee

If you would like a special anniversary or birthday mentioned in the newsletter please let us know by sending an email to the office. 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!



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.

Easter Lilies

The Flower Committee will be collecting donations for lilies to be placed at the altar during Easter. Lilies will be \$10 each. Please include who the lily will be in honor/memory of. All names will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. They are also seeking donations for other Easter programming. Envelopes can be found in the church pews or mail your information to: JCC, PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846

2019 Sign Up Board is Ready



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.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

Annual Plant Sale

This is the time when thoughts of plants and greenery start to creep into our mind; seed catalogs appear in our mailboxes, etc. The Mission Committee will hold its 4th Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser over Memorial Day weekend. Any extra seedlings and cuttings will be welcome donations along with healthy houseplants that can be divided up. Also, as gardens peek out, we will take your thinned out perennials.

Please keep us in mind, and more details will follow in next month's newsletter.



Cutting Party

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30am. The Mission Committee will hold a "Cutting Party" to make Christmas stockings and decorations for the Stockings that the church provides to the Pease Greeters Program for service personnel overseas.

All are welcome. Please bring sharp scissors.



Internationally.... Zimbabwe

We recently (March 20th) received an update from our friend Memory in Zimbabwe. The update was received through Memory's pen pal Rev. Rebecca Pugh from the First Church in Ipswich.

Dear friends,

Greetings and blessings to you and trust this email finds you well.

Zimbabwe has experienced one of the worst cyclones in nearly two decades. There has been strong and severe blowing wind of close to two hundred kilometers per hour accompanied by heavy rains. Government and many NGOs and individuals have joined hands to assist the affected people and communities with different items.

We are safe though we were caught in the middle of cyclone on Friday when we had gone to Chipinge to attend the funeral of my mother's sister. We got stuck in the mud for five hours until we were rescued by villagers.

My parents' house was destroyed by cyclone along with others' in the village. Victims of this cyclone urgently need blankets, clothes, clean drinking water, medicines, solar energy systems, reconstruction of their houses, sanitary and food etc.

It is a catastrophic situation and close to one thousand people lost their lives.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sincerely, Memory

The Mission team will make recommendations on the best way to make donations that will most effectively help the Zimbabwe communities affected by Hurricane Idai. Please watch for future updates.

UCC Mission Collection

United Church of Christ Special Mission Offerings sponsor vital ministries that bring hope to people in the U.S. and around the world. Our church has identified four areas where critical human needs exist:

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

We believe these Special Mission Offerings collectively serve to lift people closer to the abundance and wholeness to which Jesus Christ has called us to work together to bring about. Typically, in past years we have asked for donations 5 times throughout the year. We are trying a different method where we will ask for donations only twice a year, in the spring and the fall. We will have envelopes available and all the different funds we support will be listed. We hope you will carefully consider the options, and generously support the funds you choose.



Channels resources for international programs in 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.



Re-imagines and builds the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence. Its also provides support for existing church's new initiatives.



Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.



Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and/or Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks.

Thank you from Pojen

To all thoughtful and wonderful ladies and friends of Jackson Community Church,

What a warm and loving note from you all. Your loving kindness has brought great joy and comfort to my heart upon my return from Taiwan where I had experienced deeply how hard it is to face human suffering and how wise and enlightened our hearts can attain through these inescapable human sufferings and become more appreciative and grateful toward "life" we have.

God is Great, Life is Good. Your kind thoughts have brought strength and courage to my life. Thank you all very much.

May your meditation and soul searching during this Lenten Season bring forth the true meaning of His Resurrection and Eternal life in/with God.

Peace and Grace, Pojen Lee

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 Women's Group will be meeting will be held on Wednesday April 24th 10am at the church. All women are invited.

Save the date: Wed. May 29th the Women's Coffee Hour group will travel to Bridgton, ME for a luncheon tea at the Clipper Merchant Tea House. Please make reservations through Linda Hastings 383-9375

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 April 13th.



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.



Second Chances Concert

Kathy Bennett & Thom Perkins with Taylor Whiteside

4pm • Jackson Community Church

Join us for a 'Second Chances' concert at Jackson Community Church. Featuring original music by Bennett & Perkins with Taylor Whiteside. We gratefully accept donations; suggested contributions of \$15/pp or \$25/family at the door.

This concert benefits the Way Station, a new day resource center opening in the Mt Washington Valley to serve the local housing-insecure and homeless population. The Way Station is hosted on the campus of Nativity Lutheran Church as a collaboration supported by several nonprofits and faith communities. Although we cannot provide overnight housing, we address many of the basic needs of the valley's housing insecure and homeless population: access to free showers, laundry, internet access, post office box, storage lockers. We also make connections to other local agencies and resources and provide emotional and social support.

For more info, visit www.waystationnh.org.

Bennett & Perkins can be found at bennettandperkins.com.

More on The Way Station

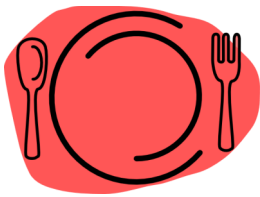
On March 5th we held our annual Mardi Gras celebration with wonderful music provided by The Heather Pierson Trio. Proceeds raised through generous donations that evening totaled \$468 and were forwarded to the Way Station treasurer. We received a nice thank you note for supporting their organization.

The Way Station is currently scheduling training sessions as the Way Station prepares to open. On-site training sessions will be held in April and May. Volunteers must be 21 and older to volunteer for shifts at the Way Station to welcome and work with guests of all ages. A background check will be required (Way Station will cover the cost). If you would like more information or to sign up as a volunteer please contact waystationnh@gmail.com



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.



Jackson Community Church *Dinner for Seven/Eight*

Please consider joining us for Dinner for 7/8 which we will be organizing in May for the next year. Everyone who has participated has loved it and made new friends or became better acquainted with other church members.

Here is how it works:

Seven or eight people will comprise your dinner group. You will meet for dinner at each home on a rotating basis three or four times during the year. Each group can make their own plans to accommodate individual schedules. Even If you are not around all the time, the group can usually find a meeting time good for everyone.

The group decides when to meet and who will be the host each time. The host provides the main course. The main course can be anything, such as a favorite family dish, cookout, picnic, or theme night.

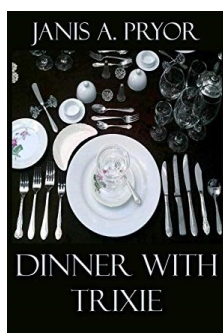
Others bring the following: Salad Hors d'oeuvres Dessert Wine is optional.

At the next dinner everyone will bring a different portion of the menu. If "You don't cook" the food could be purchased or ordered from a caterer. If you feel you don't have the space to host the meal, you could make arrangements with the office and have your "turn" at the church or another location, such as a picnic.

The meal can also be a brunch or anything the group decides to do.

To participate or for more information please contact: Kit Griffin: rgkggriff@gmail.com or Linda Hastings at 603-383-9375 Email: jimlindahastings@roadrunner.com. One member of the group will be designated as the first host and will contact the others to select the first dinner date. At the first dinner, plans can be made for the next dinner. Deadline to sign up is May 5th and groups will be assigned mid to end May.

Participants need to sign up every year. Hope you will join us! See you at the dinner table. Kit and Linda



Author's Night: Dinner with Trixie by Janis Pryor

Tuesday April 16th 7pm
Jackson Community Church Parish House

Meet the author, Janice Pryor, for a reading followed by questions and answers.

The book "Dinner with Trixie" explores the past and present within a slave-owning family, the enduring legacy of racism, personally, institutionally and culturally. Throughout the pages of this fictional tale, Janis Pryor invites the reader to consider several dynamics including how to envision addressing reparations, one family at a time; how to name the ways in which white fragility plays out from both conservative and liberal positions; the reality of racism as a mental health issue; and the way in which Christianity has colluded with and perpetuated the racial divide. It's a tale full of riches and lessons to be learned about the lives people lead, how they treat others and the realization that first impressions are not always what they appear to be.

Please join us for a

Mother's Day Tea

Hosted by Fryeburg Historical Society

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Col. Samuel Osgood House

83 Portland Street

Fryeburg, Maine



1:00 - 3:00 pm

\$10.00 per guest

Refreshments will include the traditional

"scones, tea sandwiches and

sweet treats" served at

Victorian Tea Parties

Reservations are appreciated but not required.



Pay at the door cash or check only.

To make a reservation you can email us at

Fryeburg_Historical_Society@ne.twcbc.com

or call us at 1-207-256-3001 and leave a message.

If you have questions we will get back to you.



Save the date: May 4th 9am - Noon

Come help out and spruce up the church inside and out. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies, gloves, yard tools.

Work inside or out... we will find work for everyone.

Dear JJC friends,



Thought you might like to know....If you have someone in your life battling Multiple Myeloma, an incurable blood cancer, here is a great way to show your support! TheMMRF, (Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation) sponsors Team for Cures- an awareness building and fund raising walk/run. Boston's event is Sunday April 28th. A year after my stem cell transplant for MM in 2013 we created team Cancer Kickers.

Funds raised at this event in the past have helped to:

- *Nearly tripled patient survival
- *Deliver ten new treatments in a decade
- *Launched over 80 new clinical trials

As an MM patient in relapse I am so grateful this research has helped to put many treatment options in the pipeline. I now feel confident I will have many years to enjoy the Mt Washington Valley and my grandchild!

I am also a Dana Farber trained One to One Support volunteer and I am happy to be connected with anyone who needs support. claire_mallette@yahoo.com

Thank you for reading and your consideration. Claire Mallette

To donate please click the link: <https://walkrun.themmr.org/boston/claire>

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	5 4pm Wedding Rehearsal	6 4pm Wedding Matthews/McCoy
7 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service 4pm Second Chances Concert	8 6-8pm Cub Scouts	9 2:30-4 Music Lesson	10	11 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	12	13 7:30a Mens Group @ wentworth
14 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service With Baptism Palm Sunday	15	16 7p Book Reading Janice Pryor	17	18 9am Women's Yoga 5:00 Soup & Bread 6:30p AA	19 12-3 Stations of Cross 6:30 Holy Service @ Madison Church	20
21 6:00 Sunrise Service 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Easter Egg Hunt Easter	22 6-8pm Cub Scouts	23 2:30-4 Music Lesson	24 10:30 Womens Grp 7:00pm Council Mtg	25 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	26 Family Fun Night	27
28 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service	29	30 3:30 Mission Mtg				