



# *Inside Out:*

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



In Mt Washington Valley, spring arrives as one of our year's shoulder seasons. During this between-times, our community transitions from the busy-ness of winter to the bustle of summer.

May is also a month of Alleluias. The air is filled with birdsong. Vernal pools thrum with spring peepers chirruping deeper and deeper calls as the month progresses. Friends return with greetings and homecomings. After the long reflection of Lent, when we couldn't use the word Hallelujah, we once more let praise and joy ring out.

Biblically, spring was the time when farmers worked the fields, shepherds tended flocks, couriers and merchants traveled, armies marched to war, and life-giving rains flowed. Its arrival promised shifts in power and persistent life. One famed poem, Song of Solomon, celebrates the emergence of love and life during spring. *"My beloved speaks and says to me: Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come."*

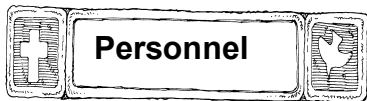
Let us sing — at least in our hearts — songs of healing and liberation, relief and thanks, discovery and delight. Let us celebrate the blessings of May: shoulder season. May we take the opportunity to recover from prior work and prepare for upcoming demands by giving respite to strong, burden-bearing parts of our bodies, hearts, and minds.

During spring, as we celebrate Alleluia, let us shrug off our yokes. Enjoy a time between labors. Take a break. Feel freedom of movement. Get a metaphorical (or real) massage. Let go of stress. Dig deep into life with fists and fingers. Turn our heads side to side; cast our eyes beyond immediate tasks to far horizons. Step out. Breathe deeply. Then lift our voices in gratitude and praise for what awakens around us and within us.

Consider this meditation (on the next page) penned by the poet Joy Harjo as spring inspiration. May it help you look anew at the gifts of this muddy, messy shoulder season of May.



## 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 May 15th at 7:00pm on the second floor. .

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

### **Remember by Joy Harjo**

Remember the sky that you were born under,  
know each of the star's stories.  
Remember the moon, know who she is.  
Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the  
strongest point of time. Remember sundown  
and the giving away to night.  
Remember your birth, how your mother struggled  
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of  
her life, and her mother's, and hers.  
Remember your father. He is your life, also.  
Remember the earth whose skin you are:  
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth  
brown earth, we are earth.  
Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their  
tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them,  
listen to them. They are alive poems.  
Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the  
origin of this universe.  
Remember you are all people and all people  
are you.  
Remember you are this universe and this  
universe is you.  
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.  
Remember language comes from this.  
Remember the dance language is, that life is.  
Remember.

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.

# Church Family News and Prayers

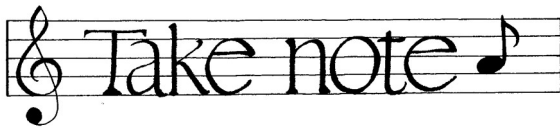
## BIRTHDAYS!

May 2: Linda Hastings  
May 5: Sally Swenson  
Mira Kearns  
May 8: John Pepper  
May 16: Steve Swenson  
May 17: Cheryl Pizor

*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!*



If you curious about joining the Jackson Community Church we will be holding a New Member Orientation Class on May 19th after church services in the Pastor's Office. This is not a commitment , only an information session.



Mark your calendar.....

There will be choir practice on Sunday May 19th at 9am. All are welcome to attend and sing with the choir.

Songs will be sung at 10:30 service



*Congratulations!*

Simon Spadaro-Bliss is graduating on May 4, 2019 with a Master of Science (MS) in Instructional Systems and Learning Technologies from Florida State University (FSU).

### ***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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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

## Annual Plant Sale

The fourth Annual Mission Plant Sale will be held on Saturday May 25th from 9am to noon at the Old Library.

Come check out our wide variety of perennial plants, herbs and vegetable seedlings, ect for your home and gardens. All sales go directly to the purchase of special cooking stoves that will be distributed to the areas of Africa hardest hit by the recent cyclones.



## Cutting Party



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30am. The Mission Committee will be holding 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.

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)



**Feeding the Community**



The Mission Committee recently sponsored a stud (2x4 wooden board) to help frame the exterior and interior walls of the latest Habitat home being built in Tamworth, NH. Church members and friends are encouraged to decorated the board with blessings and wishes during the next 2 weeks in Fellowship Hall. The board will then be picked up and used at the next home.

# 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.

Envelopes can be found in the pews during Sunday Services on

April 28th & May 5th





# Way Station

## **WAY STATION: A Day Resource Center**

Although the Way Station does not provide overnight shelter, they can offer access to services for people who need the basics: laundry, showers, internet access, PO Box for identification and mail, toiletries, small storage lockers, emotional support, and referrals.

## **VOLUNTEER: Upcoming Training Sessions**

- • Volunteers — working with guests — must be 21 and older
- • Younger volunteers fill leadership and advisory roles, may work on-site at times when guests aren't present, pack and prep 'Boxes of Love' (toiletry & emergency supply kits).
- • All volunteers working with guests offer hospitality and active listen skills.
- • Navigators — trained for this role — meet with guests and can make referrals.

To volunteer, provide your contact info by email for orientation and training.

Background check will be required for volunteers working with guests. Way Station will cover the cost of this process. Next training sessions are Sunday May 5th, 2pm & Sunday May 19th, 2pm. Please email [waystationnh@gmail.com](mailto:waystationnh@gmail.com) if interested.

## **Boxes of Love Program**

The Northern Carroll County Provider Network's (NCCPN) mission is: "To network, strategize and implement solutions to address community needs." Group members are working to enhance community awareness of extreme poverty and homelessness in the valley.

Aside from building awareness, our main purpose is to recognize, appreciate and address the needs of individuals and families via outreach and distribution of boxes. We hope that in doing so we will increase opportunities to link people to services and measure the magnitude of the problem in our valley.

Our vision is to be able to provide donated goods to: Elderly and disabled; Homelessness; Unaccompanied youth/teens and Families with children. The following is just a brief list of items needed.

**Storage:** Duffle Bags, 5 gallon bucket (store items, lug water, with garbage bag/liner/seat could use for toilet), Backpacks, Large Ziplock bags (all sizes are helpful)

**Sleeping:** Tent, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping mat, Hammock, Headlamp/flashlight, Tarp, Cord/rope

**Food:** Cooler, Aluminum Foil, Bottled water, Juice boxes, Nuts, Protein Bars, Canned tuna/ckn, Granola bars, Oatmeal, Instant Breakfast, Noodles, Hot cocoa/tea, Glucose tablets, Beef Jerky, MRE (Freeze dried meals found at Army Barracks), Can opener, Mess Kit, Plastic wear

**Hygiene:** Towel, Toilet paper, Toothbrush/paste, Deodorant, Razor, Body Wash, Gold bond, Sunscreen, Feminine Hygiene, Diapers, Band-aids, Neosporin, First Aid Kit, Wipes, Paper Towels

**Clothing:** Socks, Hat, Gloves, Hand warmers, Reflective wear arm band, Poncho, Sweatshirt

Collection sites so far are Town of Conway Assistance Office, Conway Elementary and Sister Crows.

## 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.



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### 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!

On Wednesday 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 May 11th.

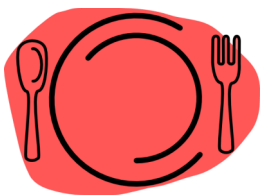


### Steeple Light

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.



## *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](mailto:rgkggriff@gmail.com) or Linda Hastings at 603-383-9375 Email: [jimlindahastings@roadrunner.com](mailto: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

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**Save the date: May 11th 9am - Noon**



**Please note that we have changed the date as to not conflict with Valley Pride Day**

**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.**



In Observance of  
**Holocaust Days of Remembrance**  
 Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation & Bethlehem Colonial Theatre  
 Present the Film



**Who Will Write Our History**

RESISTANCE COMES IN MANY FORMS.

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**4 PM**  
 Colonial Theatre, Main Street, Bethlehem, NH



*This presentation is free and open to the community.*  
[www.bethlehemsynagogue.org](http://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org)

Dear Members of our North Country Community,

On Sunday, May 5 at 4 PM, the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, in partnership with the Bethlehem Colonial Theatre, will join venues all over the world to present the documentary film **Who Will Write Our History** as BHC's annual observance of Holocaust Days of Remembrance.

*In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed the 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, this clandestine group, known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda, not with guns or fists, but with pen and paper. Now for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary written, produced, and directed by Roberta Grossman with Executive Producer Nancy Spielberg. This documentary features the voices of three-time academy award nominee Joan Allen and academy award winner Adrien Brody.*

***This presentation is free and open to our North Country Community.***

We hope you will join us at this important event.

David Goldstone, President  
 Martin Kessel, Leslie Dreier, Jack Karp, Vice Presidents  
 Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Bethlehem, NH

Stephen Dignazio, Director  
 The Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, NH

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	3 Family Fun Night	4
5 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service 2:00 Way Station Train	6 6-8p Cub Scouts	7 3-4:45 Girl Scouts	8	9 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	10	11 7:30a Mens Group @ wentworth 9-12 Church Work Day
12 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service	13 PCA Land Use Agreement review	14 9:30-11:30 Mission Cutting Party 3-4:45 Girl Scouts	15 7pm Council Mtg	16 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	17 5pm Rehearsal	18 11am Wedding Miller/Robinson
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