



Inside Out:

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



December 2019

Brothers & Sisters — As we enter Advent, and prepare ourselves for the annual celebration of the Messiah's arrival in the world, we fill the air with music. So I wonder, what is your playlist for the holidays?

What songs make you want to dance? Which ones keep you company during these busy winter days? Which ones catch in your throat? Which ones bring tears? Which ones do you repeat, so you can sing along — again and again — out loud? What gifts do such songs offer you?

Our sacred texts are full of songs. They've been handed down for over 2,000 years. Some are famous, like the words of Mary's song to God, called the Magnificat and honored in the classical Ave Maria. Or the echo of the angel's chorus to the shepherds. Yet others are not so familiar.

This season, we'll focus on four of those Biblical songs. We'll focus on solos sung by Mary and Elizabeth, plus those raised up by Zechariah and Simeon, and anthems sung by the heavenly host of angels. The valley's multi-church study group, using the guide *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine, also focuses on scriptures that introduce us to these Biblical songs. We'll even hear their refrains during the annual Christmas Pageant as we re-tell the nativity story.

In these sacred songs, translated across languages and centuries, you'll hear themes of praise and surprise, awe and gratitude, as well as expectations for justice and change in the world. These songs are filled with dreams, but also tangible aspirations for a world that is transformed forever by holy Love's arrival.

Meanwhile, don't we all associate Christmas with our favorite Christmas tunes? The pop ones we sing at home or the traditional ones we use in worship? Oh, yes, this is a season for singing.

This month, we'll go out caroling to our neighbors: bringing music where it is most healing. We'll revel in the message of peace as interpreted by Dennis O'Neil and Davey Armstrong. Throughout December, we'll savor special music by gifted instrumentalists and vocalists. All month long, we'll sing our favorite carols and loop through our winter playlist.

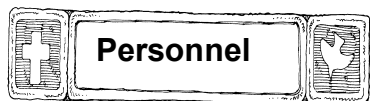
Perhaps the music styles have changed in 2,000 years. The instruments that shape the notes are different. Yet if we listen to our favorite contemporary Christmas songs — not silly and sweet songs about Santa, sleighs and snow — but ones that reach down deep, we'll hear the echoes of ancient lyrics. We'll find them offering messages of awe and thanksgiving, resilience and healing, transformation and renewal.

May the songs of Christmas fill your hearts with hope, peace, joy and love.

Blessings! — 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 December 18th at 7:00pm on the second floor. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the January newsletter will be Thursday December 26th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the
Jackson Community Church
will be held on
Wednesday January 22, 2020.

Please mark this on your calendar as it is a
Very important meeting for all to attend.

Pot Luck Dinner: 6PM
Roll Call and Meeting: 7PM



Just a reminder... The deadline for submitting Committee and Activity reports to be included in the Annual Report is Sunday December 29th. Any articles submitted after this date may appear as an amendment.

The Annual Report will be available the two Sundays prior to the Annual meeting in January.



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.

Church Family News and Prayers



Dec 12: Isabella Hutchings
Dec 12: Jim Hill
Dec 13: Arden Schoen
Dec 15: Maeve Weeder
Dec 20: Lori Kinsey

Dec 21: Barry Chisholm
Dec 23: Mathew Synnott
Dec 30: William Synnott
Dec 30: Meg Phillips

Dec 17: Judith & Bill Botsford

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!

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 a pot luck luncheon at Linda Hastings, 37 Birch Ledge Road on Wednesday December 11th at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Linda by December 8th (383-9375) if you plan on attending.

Men's Group

You are invited to the monthly breakfast with the men of Jackson Community Church held at the Wentworth Inn. Come for hot coffee and a great breakfast and enjoy friendly conversation with members and friends of JCC. The Hotel provides a buffet of fruit, breads & cereal, plus beverage for \$12

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 December 14th.

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

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ telephone: _____

Thoughts/Prayers: _____



Christmas Worship and Celebrations



ADVENT WORSHIP SUNDAYS

Come celebrate the four Sundays of Advent with services to include special readings and the lighting of the Advent wreath each week by different members of our church family.



Dec. 1	First Sunday in Advent	Lighting of the Candle of Hope
Dec. 8	Second Sunday in Advent	Lighting of the Candle of Peace
Dec. 15	Third Sunday in Advent	Lighting of the Candle of Joy
Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Lighting of the Candle of Love

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday December 8th 1:00 to 3:00

Following Fellowship Hour, please join us as we spread some Christmas Cheer throughout the communities of Jackson and Bartlett to those housebound or in need of a home visit. Please let Kit Griffin know if you are planning to come along or if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit from seasonal carolers. 603-383-7042. Intergenerational—All are welcome!!



PEACE CONCERT Sunday December 8th 4pm JCC Sanctuary

Fun local musicians Dennis O'Neil and Davey Armstrong will put on a spirit-filled musical performance filled with many songs with the theme of Peace. Donations accepted

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Sunday December 15th

This years Christmas Pageant will be a Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant. Prep for the pageant will begin at 9am in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome. If you would like to participate please attend the practice before the worship service. The Intergenerational Christmas Pageant will take place during the worship service.

BLUE CHRISTMAS Thursday December 19th

Blue Christmas is a gathering for those living with grief and loss. 7pm Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Tuesday December 24th

5pm	Family Service, Candlelight, Lessons and Carols
10pm	Evening Service, Candlelight, Lessons and Carols



CHRISTMAS MORNING - PAJAMAS & STORYTELLING

Christmas morning 10:30am, wear comfortable clothing, even come in your festive PJs. Bring a sleigh bell or come ready to ring one. We will share a favorite children's Christmas story, sing a few songs, and "ring in" the holiday together.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



The Mission Committee is always excited when new members are interested in joining. Are you passionate about a cause that is either local or international? Bring your ideas and positive energy to the Mission Committee—everyone is invited. Current members are Linda Hastings, Jeanette Heidmann, Kit Griffin, Meg Phillips and Gloria Hutchings.

Christmas Card & Gift Sale:



During Fellowship Hour on December 1st and 8th, the Mission Committee will have Heifer, and Zimbabwe cards for sale. These are both non profits that help families in need, or help provide services that help sustain communities. Please consider giving family and friends a gift that keeps on giving. There will also be handmade baskets from ladies in Honduras for sale. Proceeds from the baskets benefit Honduras Hope programming.

Notes of Thanks:

The Mission Committee received messages of Thanks from the following for our donations:

White Mountain Community Health Organization
Alzheimer's Association
End 68 Hours if Hunger
Star Island Corporation
Northern Human Services
Lutheran World Relief for the people of the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian
Pease Greeters- They appreciate the knit hats as well as the stockings!
Starting Point

UCC WIDER MISSION SUPPORT

Last month the Mission Committee completed their yearly collection for the UCC Wider Missions. Through the generous support of church members and friends, the Mission Committee was able to send the following funds to the NH Conference to be combined with other churches to make a big impact.

	<u>Fall Collection</u>	<u>For a total sent for the year</u>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$388.50	\$609.00
Strengthen the church	\$196.00	\$281.50
Neighbors in Need	\$329.50	\$510.00
Christmas Fund	\$238.50	\$389.00

Thank you for your generosity towards these great causes.

Christmas CAROLING

On Sunday, December 8th the Jackson Church will be going out into the community and spreading Christmas cheer from 1pm-3pm. Please meet at the church at 12:45

If you know of anyone in Jackson, Glen, Bartlett area who would enjoy a visit and singing from church members and friends please let us know.

Mount Washington Valley Choral Society

Annual Holiday Performance

Friday, December 6th 7pm & Sunday December 8th 2pm

First Church of Christ, North Conway

The centerpiece of the program is "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saens, written in 1858. this fabulous musical composition, tells the Nativity story with sturdy choral anthems and lush solos. Accompanied by a string orchestra, organ and harp, this performance will be a unique experience.

The concert is by donation and will last a little over an hour. All are invited to attend



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.



If you are interested in offering special music selections to round out our worship services during the upcoming Advent season please let Rev. Gail know. All abilities welcome.

Your Help is Needed!! Sign up today!!



greeters

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.

Detailed directions for each task is located next to the sign up board in Fellowship Hall.



LIGHT of the WORLD

Ecumenical Advent Study

MEET TUESDAYS - 6:30PM

on Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17

@ North Conway Community Center

FREE! We will read and discuss this book and Biblical texts it explores. Open to men & women in Mt Washington Valley! Bring your own copy of book and a study Bible if you have one.

In Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. She traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

**Sponsored and led by Jackson Community Church,
Center Conway United Methodist Church &
First Church of Christ, Congregational/UCC in North Conway.**

Notes of Thanks

Gail,

On behalf of the entire family I want to extend our most heartfelt thanks for your support and the wonderful ceremony last weekend for Al. The tone you struck and the words you said made a difference to all of us. The kind thoughts and the theme of love that began the ceremony made it easier for all of us to get through the afternoon. I also think that it helped us deliver the readings with strength and love. We had a wonderful evening at The Wentworth, a party that Al would've approved of! Please accept our thanks, blessings, and this donation to the church on behalf of all of us.

Peace—Andy Howe

Volunteers are needed to paint the sides of the pews and the front section of the pulpit area early in December (date TBD).

Contact Paul Palubniak at 383-6062 if you would like to help.



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.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

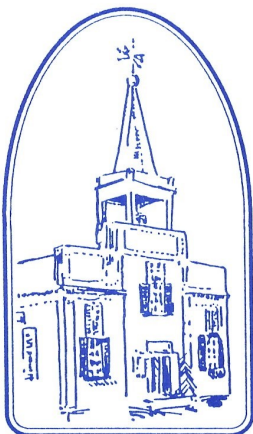
Financial Status As Of November 27, 2019

	Yearly Budget	YTD Actual
Income from: Giving	\$86,600	\$90,838
Trust Funds	76,600	53,858
Total Income	163,200	\$144,696
Expenses for: Church Mission	112,917	97,637
Administration	27,095	22,583
Facilities	30,865	25,784
Total Expenses	170,877	146,004
Net position	(7,678)	(1307)
Checking account Balance	NA	\$5,276

The 2020 Budget planning is coming along nicely, but we still need your help. If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out your pledge card. Pledge cards are available in the Sanctuary pews, Vestibule, Fellowship Hall or you can print out the one below. Mail your pledges to JCC, PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846 or drop it off in the collection plate.

Not sure what this is... well a pledge lets us know your intended annual giving so that we can budget for items you may not notice when you come on Sundays such as heat, electricity and maintenance. It also helps us plan and be able to continue programs such as music, fellowship, Mission and educational events. A pledge can be amended at any point if your circumstances change.

By returning your pledge card promptly you can help us plan next years 2020 budget. Your contributions make the work and life of this church possible.



Envelope Number
(for office use)

FOR CHURCH RECORDS

Date:

Name

Address

Post Office

State

Zip Code

☐ In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries,

I plan to give beginning _____ \$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

☐ For an annual total of\$ _____

FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date:

☐ In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries, I plan to give for the year beginning _____:

\$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

☐ For an annual total of \$ _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

Name:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service Mission Sale 4pm Tree Lighting	2 6:00pm Cub Scouts	3 6:30pm Bible Study (North Conway)	4 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	5 9am Women's Yoga 9am Hanging of Greens 6:30p AA	6	7
8 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service Mission Sale 1-3 Caroling 4pm Peace Concert	9 6:00pm Cub Scouts	10 2:30-5 Harp Lessons 6:30pm Bible Study (North Conway)	11 9am Fitness Class With Laurie Noon: Women's Group @ Hastings	12 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	13	14 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
15 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service Unrehearsed Pageant	16 6:00pm Cub Scouts	17 4pm Deacons Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study (North Conway)	18 9am Fitness Class With Laurie 7pm Council Mtg	19 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA 7pm Blue Christmas	20 8:30-5 Avalanche Class Private (FH)	21 4pm Solstice Yoga
22 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service	23 6:00pm Cub Scouts	24 5pm Christmas Eve 10pm Christmas Eve	25 10:30 Bells & Stories	26 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	27 8:30-5 Avalanche Class Private (2nd flr)	28
29 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service	30 6:00pm Cub Scouts	31				