



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



Friends —

During July and August — a busy time for many people who work in the hospitality industry — we also experience forms of liberation. **Summer offers a chance to play, relax, and reflect.** School ends. The world outside tempts us to open doors, walk down different paths, or try new adventures. Individuals and families escape on much-needed vacations. Close to home, we enjoy the environment around us: summits and streams, trails and trees.

Our summer also opens with a scripture focused on freedom of the spirit. Writing a letter to the Galatians, who were struggling to live in community, Paul instructed, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

This summer letter from Jackson Community Church is an affirmation that we are already a hard-working and deeply-giving community. We donate time and resources generously where they are needed. We are often caught up in serious issues, finding significant ways to make a difference.

May we also love each other in playful ways! In order to be servants to each other, we also choose to be friends and neighbors who take pleasure in each other’s company and find common cause that inspires us. The world is full of challenges; and we will only undertake resolving them if we work together. Yet part of the capacity to **serve together** as a community is also to **play together** as a community.

So this summer, let us find times to seek out fun together. Socialize. Build strong interpersonal bonds. Look for special opportunities, from impromptu BBQs to jazz worship with Heather Pierson, from small group hikes to game nights, from dinner gatherings to the end-of-summer week at Star Island!

We are called to show up for each other. **Let us seek respite and rejuvenation together.** Laugh. Relax. Enjoy! We’ll each have more energy and imagination to offer the larger community if we’re renewed spiritually.

May the blessing below by John O’Donohue inspire all of us to recreation and renewal during July and August! See you on the trails!

— Rev Gail

In Praise of the Earth

by John O'Donohue

Let us bless
The imagination of the Earth,
That knew early the patience
To harness the mind of time,
Waited for the seas to warm,
Ready to welcome the emergence
Of things dreaming of voyaging
Among the stillness of land.

And how light knew to nurse
The growth until the face of the Earth
Brightened beneath a vision of color.

When the ages of ice came
And sealed the Earth inside
An endless coma of cold,
The heart of the Earth held hope,
Storing fragments of memory,
Ready for the return of the sun.

Let us thank the Earth
That offers ground for home
And holds our feet firm
To walk in space open
To infinite galaxies.

Let us salute the silence
And certainty of mountains:
Their sublime stillness,
Their dream-filled hearts.

The wonder of a garden
Trusting the first warmth of spring
Until its black infinity of cells
Becomes charged with dream;
Then the silent, slow nurture
Of the seed's self, coaxing it
To trust the act of death.

The humility of the Earth
That transfigures all
That has fallen
Of outlived growth.

The kindness of the Earth,
Opening to receive
Our worn forms
Into the final stillness.

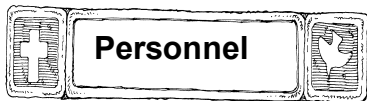
Let us ask forgiveness of the Earth
For all our sins against her:
For our violence and poisonings
Of her beauty.

Let us remember within us
The ancient clay,
Holding the memory of seasons,
The passion of the wind,
The fluency of water,
The warmth of fire,
The quiver-touch of the sun
And shadowed sureness of the moon.

That we may awaken,
To live to the full
The dream of the Earth
Who chose us to emerge
And incarnate its hidden night
In mind, spirit, and light.



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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 July 17th at 7:00pm on the second floor. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the September newsletter will be Thursday, August 29th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

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.

Music as Meditation

Music as Meditation began as a way to share the newest music with listeners and to share a meditative spirit with attenders. The series has blossomed into an opportunity for community musicians to share music with each other. Music as Meditation takes place on the first Sunday of most months at Christ Episcopal Church on the corner of Pine and Main Streets in North Conway.

The next Music as Meditation will be on Sunday July 7th at 5:00pm. The theme will be "gardening" Free admission. Call 447-2898 or e-mail Ellen Schwindt at ellen.m.schwindt@gmail.com for more information.



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



July 3: Micah White
July 11: Mary Dindorf
July 19: Ray Schoen
July 27: Charlie Scott
July 31: Claire Mallette

July 10: Lynn and Bill Lockard
July 18: Lee and Margaret Phillips

Aug 9: Jim and Linda Hastings
Aug 18: Phil and Shirley Gravink
Aug 20: Tom and Cheryl Pizor

Aug 1: Linda Gray
Aug 13: Peter Benson
Aug 26: Bob Carper
Aug 28: Colleen Allbee
Aug 30: Nora Miller

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!

Celebration of the Spirit

Community and church friends are invited to the Celebration of the Spirit of **Rocky Stone** [Rocky (Lorraine) Stone Sullivan]. July 18, 1938 - January 20, 2019.

Event to be hosted at Jackson Community Church from 6 to 8 on Tuesday July 16th. Storytelling and light refreshments. All are welcome to attend and share stories.

For more information contact Alicia 383.9234 (home) or Kim 383.6586 (home).

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: _____

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally

Zimbabwe

The money from the plant sale and donations has arrived in Zimbabwe and was used to purchase/ build cooking stoves for some of the victims of tropical cyclone Idai. This note is from Reverend Matuvhunye.

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

Attached herewith are pictures of people who have received 26 stoves. Here you can see Memory teaching recipients how to use the stoves. The event was covered by the national Zimbabwe Television.

May I take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation to you and all behind the scene for your prayerful support. Indeed, beneficiaries were extremely grateful to you for your generosity. May God bless you and do it again."



THIRD ANNUAL WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S



This year's walk will be on September 14th in York, Maine. The walk will start at the York Beach Ball Field, Railroad Ave, York Beach, Maine.

For more information on the walk please visit the general site at:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2019/ME-Maine?fr_id=12619&pg=entry

This year in addition to Jeanette's fundraising group (Eagle's Rest) the Ipswich youth will also be joining in the walk. It would be great to recruit even more walkers and fund raisers to support the end of Alzheimer's. For more information contact Jeanette Heidmann.

Jackson Community Church Playground is Ready for Summer Fun



Come on down to the Jackson Community Church and enjoy some outside fun along the banks of the Wildcat River on the shadiest playground in town! Over the past month volunteers have been busy cleaning up and refreshing the playground located behind the Jackson Community Church. Repairs have been made to the fencing, as well as weeding, adding new bark chips under the playset and new sand to the sandbox. Broken toys have been removed, with new sturdier shovels and other items added.

Bob Yanuk and Robin Kosstrin of R & R Woodworkers in Jackson (<https://www.randrwoodworkers.com>) generously donated a child-sized cedar table, ideal for enjoying a snack. An emphasis on natural playscapes has been created by the addition of tree stumps and wooden boards that can be moved around to create ramps and bridges. Please remember to cover the sandbox and close the gate after your visit. Enjoy!



Jen's Friends
Cancer Foundation

Save the Date:
Jen's Friends Climb
Against Cancer will be
September 14.

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/>

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**

Emergency 911 House Signs Available

Code compliant E 911 signs are available from either the Jackson Fire Department or the Bartlett Fire Department. They are red with white, reflective lettering and about 16 inches long—available in vertical or horizontal mounting.

If you would like to obtain one, please stop by the Jackson Fire Department on the second or fourth Tuesday of each month between 6:30-9:00pm. You can obtain one from the Bartlett Fire Department by stopping at the Glen Fire Station during normal business hours.

2019 Sign Up Board is Ready



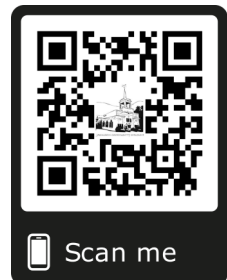
Thank you to Tom Pizor &
The Board of Deacons for re-organizing the sign
up area in Fellowship Hall. Now you can easily sign
up to be a greeter, a scripture reader, and/or host
coffee hour



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

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.



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.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	5	6
7 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service	8 10-12 Starting Point Board Mtg	9	10 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	11 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	12	13 7:30a Mens Group @ wentworth
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