



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 — A few weeks ago some of our young people made apple cider: the first sweet sips of an autumn harvest. We met at the Benson's barn with five people and one dog.

The young people dumped apples into the press and turned the crank to chop the fruit, one person on each side of the handle. They twisted the press, so that it spiraled down to crush the apple chunks. Eventually amber juice flowed. They filtered the liquid a few times, then poured cider into small cups for a toast.

By the time the cider was ready to drink, a festive gathering had convened at the barn. First the Weeder family came along with baby Lulu and a few apples to add to the press. Then the Benson's neighbor Dave walked over to find out what was happening. A teenager stopped by in his pickup truck. More Carter Notch neighbors paused mid-stroll to discover what was brewing at the Benson's barn. Their dogs joined the mix.

Everyone — except the dogs — sipped cider made by our youth with the Benson's guidance. Isn't it amazing how something as simple as a few people gathered around a cider press can become a celebration?

This fall brings a worship series called 'Taste and See' that celebrates how we find God in the foods featured in our sacred scriptures. We'll translate ancient stories into contemporary recipes and meaningful experiences.

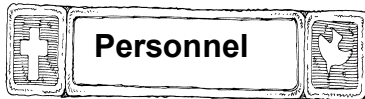
Indeed, we are called to pay attention, give thanks and praise, and live ethically, even through simple acts such as preparing and sharing meals. As Paul once wrote to the early Christian community in Corinth, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

We'll learn about bread, salt, spices, olives, fish, figs, lambs, and shared meals. Along the way, we'll touch on issues of social, environmental, and economic justice. We'll consider food insecurity, clean and potable water, and other ways that part of God's creation — planet earth — talks back to us. This 'Taste and See' series began with our Ukama Sunday brunch church, encompasses world communion, and will end with the annual harvest potluck just before Thanksgiving next month. Get ready for some fun, tasty, and challenging experiences over the next several weeks!

Until then, savor a blessing written by Jan Richardson, shared below. 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 October 16th at 7:00pm on the second floor. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the November newsletter will be Thursday October 24th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

A Blessing with Roots — Jan Richardson

Tug at this blessing and you will find
it is a thing with roots.
This is a blessing that has gone deep
into good soil, into the sacred dark, into the luminous hidden.
It has been months since the ground gathered the seed
of this blessing into itself, years since the earth enfolded it.
Sometimes that's how long a blessing takes.
And the fact that this blessing should finally show its first fruits
on the day you happened by—
well, perhaps we shall simply call the timing
of this ripening a mystery and a sweet grace.
Take all you want of this blessing.
Take every morsel that you need for the path ahead.
Let its fruits fall into your hands;
gather them into the basket of your arms.
Let this blessing be one place where you are willing
to receive in unmeasured portions,
to lay aside for a moment the way you ration your delights.
Let yourself accept its inexplicable plenitude;
allow it to give itself to sustain you
not simply for yourself— though on this bright day
I might be persuaded to think that would be enough—
but that you may gather its seeds into yourself
like the ground where this blessing began
and wait with the patience of seasons and of years
to bear forth in the fullness of time
a stunning harvest, a plenteous feast.

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.



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



Oct 3: Patti Dunn
Oct 6: Lilla Synnott



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!

Thank you to the following people for an excellent job in painting the floor of the Sanctuary as well as the balcony floor on Thursday, September 19th. Volunteer painters who undertook the job were: Bob Carper, Tom Katsapetses, Arden Schoen and Joan Palubniak. This project was headed by Paul Palubniak and was completed in three hours.

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 Women's Group is held on the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 30th at 10:30am at the church. If you would like to host the next Women's Group please contact the church office.

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 October 12th.

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



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.



Donations for the Bartlett / Jackson Food Pantry are **always** welcome. There is a basket in the narthex for items.

Current food pantry items needed are jelly, mayonnaise, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, relish.... All donations are welcome. As an extension to the food items we are also collecting cleaning supplies which can be put in a bucket next to the food donation box.

If anyone is available to help deliver the food collected to the local pantry - you can pick a week or even a whole month—whatever is easier for you. Please let Gloria, Linda, Jeanette or Kit know if you can help. Deliveries must be made on Saturdays from 10am to Noon to the Glen Baptist Church across from the Red Parka Pub.

The Gibson Center is still looking for 2020 calendars. If you have any extra calendars that you are not planning to use please put them in the box on the piano in Fellowship Hall.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Making homes safe, warm and dry!

November 2nd (Rain date Nov 9th)

Need Help?

Do you need help with a critical project to make your home safe, warm, and dry for the upcoming winter? Let us know at 356-7827.

Want to Help?

Join the volunteer teams on Saturday, Nov. 2nd in making our community an even better and safer place to live. All skill levels welcome. Call 356-7827 to help.

The Neighbor to Neighbor program is run by the Lutheran Church of the Nativity.

Upcoming... Save the dates!!

Mission Christmas Sale: December 1st & 8th during Fellowship Hour. Heifer Cards, Zimbabwe Cards and Honduras baskets will be available.

Christmas Caroling: December 8th

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. It 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 will be available on both Sundays October 20th and October 27th

Hurricane Dorian Relief:

The Jackson Community Church recently sent \$500 from the Mission funds to the Bahamas in an effort to provide relief from the destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian. The funds were sent to the Lutheran World Relief fund, which has direct relationship to Bahamas and excellent charitable ratings for their work.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort you may provide a check payable to JCC and designate it for hurricane relief on the subject line, or you may drop a check for Lutheran World Relief fund into the offering plate. Mail donations to: PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298



American Legion Post Clothing Drive

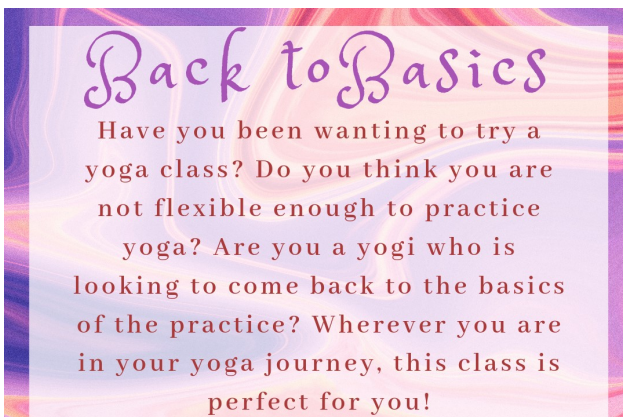
The American Legion Post 95 Riders will be holding their third annual clothing drive for the homeless on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 9am-Noon at the American Legion Post at 116 Kearsarge Rd in North Conway.

All clean, new or in good shape used winter clothing for men and women [hats, coats, gloves, socks, mittens, warm shirts, etc] will be accepted and appreciated. The clothing will be distributed to veteran's and non veterans alike by the Bridge House of Plymouth NH.

Information on Bridge House :

The Bridge House provides information and referral, emergency shelter, food, job training, transitional living support, and aftercare to over 175 individuals and families each year, representing between 5,000 and 7,000 bed nights plus countless support visits to the area communities. The Bridge House offers specialized services to veterans. Their goal is to end homelessness, one family at a time.

If you have questions or people are interested in volunteering or further engaging, please contact Steve Woodcock, Clothing Drive Co-ordinator, FMI 603 356 2904



Try out the 6 week Yoga series offered by Anjali Rose. (\$60 per person) Thursdays 9-10am at the Church. Next session includes October 9, 17, 24 and 31, November 7 and 14th.

Learn foundational yoga postures and alignment, pranayama breathing practices, meditation, deep relaxation and basic yoga teachings. Modifications are offered to support the body and mindfulness deal-



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Financial Status As of September 30, 2019

	Yearly Budget	YTD Actual
Income from: Giving	\$86,600	\$75,759
Trust Funds	76,600	38,775
Total Income	163,200	114,534
Expenses for: Church Mission	112,917	78,734
Administration	27,095	17,739
Facilities	30,865	22,203
Total Expenses	170,877	118,676
Net position	(7,678)	(4,142)
Checking account Balance	NA	\$2,541

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.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm Bible Study (North Conway)	2 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	3 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	4	5
6 8:00 Interfaith Worship 10:30 Worship Service With Rev. Mary Edes	7 6:00pm Cub Scouts	8 3:30-5 Girl Scouts 6:30pm Bible Study (North Conway)	9 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	10 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	11	12 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
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