



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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February 2020

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



February brings us unique messages. We gain inspiration and equal parts frustration from our favorite football teams and presidential candidates. Meanwhile, others share their messages of transformation and reflection with us: visiting youth groups, skiers, sojourners, formerly-homeless guests and members, and musicians serving as ministers. Follow along with Jeanette's travels to Australia, or hear an update about Meg's mission in Honduras.

Dive into courageous community conversations about racial justice. Learn more about when Kevin was homeless and what helped him to the stability he now celebrates. Reflect with our young people on their connection to Spirit in the world. Volunteer at the primary polls or on the ski trails or among the valley's vulnerable populations. Sing during our mid-February worship with music leaders Heather Pierson and Bernice Martin. Then at the end of the month, we'll enjoy the savory flavors and tuneful stylings of Mardi Gras with Erik Koeppel (aka Slimpickins) and his friends. We'll also make ashes from the fronds of last year's Palm Sunday and share them to mark the beginning of this year's Lenten contemplation.

For now, let's celebrate how prayer takes so many forms. Singing. Eating. Dancing. Serving. Speaking. Voting. Teaching. Listening. Consider that our lives are forms of moving prayer. We are always in communion with our creation and creator. This month, how will you tune your life to prayer? To holy connection moved by sacred, yet-very-human love?

Accept this simple blessing offered by Jan Richardson as a thought to carry with you through the month of January.

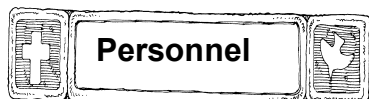
Blessing of Hope

So may we know the hope
that is not just for someday but for this day—
here, now, in this moment that opens to us:
hope not made of wishes but of substance,
hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,
hope that has breath and a beating heart,
hope that will not keep quiet and be polite,
hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,
hope that knows how to sing
when there seems little cause,
hope that raises us from the dead—
not someday but this day,
every day, again and again and again.

Blessings in this wintry season! — 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 February 19th at 7pm. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the March newsletter will be Tuesday, February 25th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Protestant Chapel Association

Annual Meeting of the Protestant Chapel Association-will take place on Monday, February 24, at 5:00pm in the Betty Whitney Room of the Parish House. The agenda will consist of the following:

- ♦ Reading & Approval of the February 20, 2019 Annual Meeting
- ♦ Treasurer's Report
- ♦ Election of Officers & Directors
- ♦ President's Report
- ♦ Old Business
- ♦ New Business:
- ♦ Any other business to come before this Assembly

All members are encourage to attend



Join us on Tuesday February 25th
for our 4th annual Mardi Gras celebration with
food, fun and music by Erik Koeppel (aka Slim Pickins)
and friends.



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



Feb. 5: Donovan Spaulding
Feb. 9: Talia Hutchings
Feb. 11: Caleb White
Feb. 25: Esmae Doucette

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 Women's Group is usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. The next Women's Group will be held on Wednesday February 26th at 10:30am at the Parish House (Fellowship Hall) and hosted by Pam Tompkins.

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 February 8th.

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: _____

Women's Group

Chinese Cooking Class with Sue Carrigan 1/29/20



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, Jean Melczarek and Gloria Hutchings.

Honduras Hope

Honduras Hope..

Education is the key that opens doors of poverty to sunshine and a bright future full of possibilities and dreams fulfilled. Our university and high school grants, the Boarding House, the elementary school programs, and the Girl's Empowerment program are some of the opportunities we provide to help fulfill those dreams.

Honduras Hope sponsors about 80 students from Plan Grande and San Jose by purchasing required uniforms and school supplies, shoes and gym sneakers and pays the registration fees for public middle school and high school. Without the help from Honduras Hope these families could never afford school beyond sixth grade. On this trip Meg Phillips and friends helped about 50 of the students shop for back-to-school items

When you donate to Honduras Hope you brighten the future, bringing hope for a new tomorrow to children locked behind the door of poverty. Together we can open the door and let the sunshine of hope and opportunity defeat poverty in Yoro, Honduras.



Mission Projects



CURRENT WISH LIST: The current wish list for items needed at the Way Station include canned food items especially hearty items (chili, beef stew, tuna, canned pasta), toiletries, and hand/foot warmers. Items can be dropped off at the church in a bag clearly marked for the Way Station.



The Pease Greeter Project continues this year and supplies have already been purchased for the felt Stockings to be created. Please mark your calendars for the “Cutting Party” where many hands cut out all the patterns for the sewing group to then put together. That will be on Monday, March 30 at 9:30 in the Parish House.

Knitted hats are also loved by the military recipients of them through this project. If you would like to help by knitting a hat, please contact Meg Philips (margaret_p@roadrunner.com) for the pattern. She also has extra yarn if anyone needs some.



It's never too early to start thinking 'green'. The Mission Committee will be holding their annual Memorial Day Plant Sale again this year. Please keep us in mind when planning for extra seedlings, splitting nice houseplants, etc.



Feeding the Community

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

If you are able, pick up one or two extra items when you are shopping - All donations are welcome. There current wish-list includes canned fruit, mayo, crackers, toilet paper, coffee, etc.

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.



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.



**Holding Courageous Conversations
Racial Justice
Sundays 3:30pm February 9-March 15
Jackson Public Library
All Welcome**

- Facilitated conversations
- Peer-reviewed curriculum by national leaders in this movement
- RSVP requested (but not required—ensures there is enough materials for all)
Email: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Organized by Jackson Community Church & Jackson Public Library



**New Hampshire Conference UCC
Prepared to Serve
February 22nd, 2020**

Members and friends are invited to attend a day of workshops sponsored by the NH Conference UCC. This fun day includes up to 4 workshops and an included lunch. A group from the JCC will be carpooling if you would like to join. Discounted registration (covered by JCC) deadline is February 12, 2020. contact Rev. Gail or the office if you are interested.

For more information: <http://nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/prepared-to-serve>

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.

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



Local Non-profit events



TIN MOUNTAIN'S 34th FIRST SEASON DINNER and BENEFIT AUCTION

Saturday March 28th, 2020
5:00 Silent Auction 7:00 Dinner
Ada Cram Wadsworth Arena, Fryeburg Academy

The Tin Mountain's First Season Auction and Dinner is a fun event that supports Tin Mountain Educational programs. The evening begins at 5pm with a silent auction and appetizers followed by a delicious catered dinner. During the night bidders try to out-smart each other to ensure they go home with top items from both the silent and live auctions. With favorite auction items returning and many new ones being added you won't want to miss this fun-filled evening.

All proceeds from First Season provide support for summer camps for children age 5 - 16, high school scholarships for students pursuing environmentally focused college degrees, on-going support for community based Nature Programs, Eco-Forums, and Environmental Trivia nights, as well as necessary funding for ongoing operations, technology upgrades, research programs and so much more!

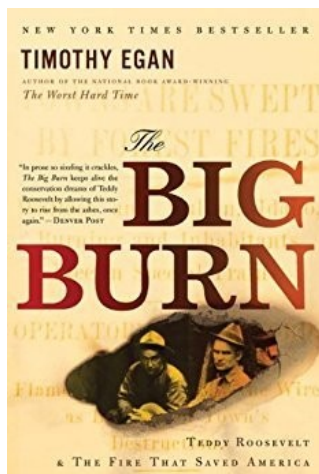
Call 603-477-6991 or email info@tinmountain.org if you have questions or need more information.



Bretton Woods Nordic Marathon at Omni Mount Washington Resort to Benefit the New England Ski Museum

The 2020 Bretton Woods Nordic Marathon will be held Sunday, March 8, 2020

**Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the fundraiser. For more information contact
Volunteer Coordinator Hank Dresch 603-383-0844**



FRIENDS OF BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 11, 2020
@ 7 pm

THE BIG BURN
By Timothy Egan

"The story of the nation's biggest wildfire – an apocalyptic blaze that burned an area the size of Connecticut in a weekend. No living person had ever seen a fire with the ferocity, speed, and destructive power of the Big Burn of 1910. Equally dramatic is the larger story of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, and the creation myth of the U.S. Forest Service."

Special presentation by Jim Innes District Ranger at USDA Forest Service

Jim is responsible for the management and oversight for all program operations on the 250,000 acre District, including recreation, timber, wildlife and minerals.



Steeple Light

The Steeple Light will be lit in the month of February in memory of grandparents by the Hastings.

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.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Ipswich Youth over-night
2 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:15 Blessing skis 10:30 Worship Service	3 6:00pm Cub Scouts	4 2:30-6:15 Harp Lsns 3:15-5 Girl Scouts	5 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	6 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	7 8:30-5 Avalanche Class (Private)	8 7:30am Men's Group @ Wentworth
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