



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church

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



Friends — Every morning you can listen to the local radio station and get the day's weather report. On the best mornings, it's rated a "fifty cent day." That the gold-standard — perfect conditions in any season — that originated with Joe Dodge's weather reports from the AMC (Appalachian Mountain Club) lodge up in the Notch.

Of course, written weather advisories are also available at the summit from Mt Washington's Observatory. The research station collects data and makes reports for the education, enjoyment and safety of travelers, trekkers and outdoor enthusiasts at higher elevations.

Winter is fierce and fun around here. Dangerous and delightful. Cold and cozy. Bone-breaking and beautiful.

Of course, people used to see the presence of God in the extremes of weather: thunder, lighting, floods, drought, storms. And yes, in snowfall. In the Psalms, the poet wrote, "G-d sends out his command to the earth... He gives snow like wool ... scatters frost like ashes ... who can stand before his cold?"

Yes, when asked, most people claim to experience the presence of God in the outdoor cathedral of the valley and mountains that surround us! It's often why we chose to live in this part of the world.

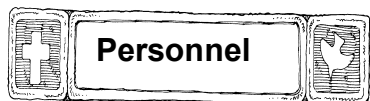
Note also, that in times of winter, Proverbs advises, "She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson." Ancient texts talk about being ready for whatever the weather may bring, and also of ensuring that more vulnerable members of our community are also protected!

What is our church doing during this winter? We are both playing in the winter, and helping our neighbors in tangible ways.

Part of our responsibility is to delight in the winter. To praise God's creation by reveling in it and caring for it. Many church members belong to school or extracurricular ski and winter sport teams, so they're training and competing. Others teach or patrol. Others educate us about winter creatures, science and environs. Many adults and youth work in the ski and hospitality industry: they're busy until the thaws come in the spring! We offer blessings for skiers on Sundays. Our church organizes community soup & ski events in partnership with the Jackson XC Ski Center; we also attend Tin Mountain Conservation events and outings! We host out-of-town youth groups who come to learn, play and serve in our community during the winter.



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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 Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the February newsletter will be Tuesday, January 28th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

As advised in Proverbs, we also pay attention to being prepared and caring for our neighbors. Volunteers sometimes winterize homes when emergencies arise. Other volunteers work with the local homeless/housing-insecure population — elders, families and young adults — to help them connect them with services and remain as safe as possible through winter extremes when they don't have permanent housing solutions. The church, as part of a network of the valley's faith communities and non-profits, responds case by case to assist our neighbors achieve safe transportation, housing stabilization, obtain heat and food and other basics.

Most days, people check the local forecast. Adapt plans accordingly. Prepare vehicles, shelters and gear in anticipation of possible extremes.

Sometimes the forecast is welcome; other times folks quietly curse whatever's coming next. After all, the winter's changeable weather provides jobs and invigorates our economy. It can also make life tougher in our coming and going.

With every footstep, residents and visitors tread intentionally, thoughtfully. Anticipate fun. Pray for sure and steady footing: no ice in the wrong place. And hope to arrive safely without dangerous falls.

Oh, yes, and our building is the weekly site of popular avalanche preparedness classes this time of the year! These are courses taught by experienced professionals for back-country skiers and hikers and outdoorspeople, as well as volunteer rescue teams. The workshops educate people about risks and responses in avalanche conditions.

This January, what does a "fifty cent day" look like to you? Is it perfect weather? The presence of cherished people? The chance to participate in a favorite pastime or engage in a particular passion? How do your spiritual practices, along with other aspects of your self-care, help you respond to your own 'internal' weather inside (mood, emotions, psychological outlook, mental perspective) as well as the presence of external elements?

May this year bring you the gift of days. Perhaps they won't be perfect. Yet may they be memorable and meaningful!

Blessings!

— Rev Gail Pomeroy Doktor

Church Family News and Prayers



Jan. 4: Mona Chisholm
Jan. 5: David Gotjen
Jan. 8: Margaret Miller
Jan 16: Lee Phillips



Jan. 1: John and Jan Chernick

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 January 29th 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 January 11th.

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: _____



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

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes will be available in
Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday January
12th. If you envelopes left from 2019 please
feel free to use them or take another box.

Why use an envelope?

It is best to use an envelope so any cash
contributions to the church will be credited to
you for tax purposes.

Those who contribute by check will be
automatically credited.



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.

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.



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 Melcand Gloria Hutchings.



The Mission Committee held a successful Alternative Christmas Sale after church services in the beginning of December selling Heifer and Zimbabwe cards as well as hand made baskets by the women in Honduras.

Honduras Hope Baskets raised \$257—sent to Honduras Hope
Heifer International raised \$260 worth of animals—sent to Heifer International
Zimbabwe cards raised \$125 - donations given for water, education, aids, hunger and scholarships , wiith an additional \$500 being sent designated to the Bore-hole project

Thank you letter....

Hello this is Bella Hutchings. I got the letter that was sent to me from the community and it really meant a lot to me! It means a lot that you all thought of me. Thank you so much for it. Hope everything is well.

Bella Hutchings



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

With the colder weather the food pantries have a greater need. If you are able, pick up one or two extra items when you are shopping - 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.



Day Resource Center for Homeless & Housing-Insecure Residents of Mt Washington Valley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Way Station is participating in the 2020 annual Point in Time—Homeless Count on Wednesday January 29th. During the PIT Count there is a large-scale community-wide effort to identify folks experiencing homelessness that may not otherwise be counted, namely those that are unsheltered, living on the street, in their cars, ect. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort. Contact the Way Station or Rev. Gail if you can help in any way.

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.



Working on Star Island is extremely rewarding. Many lives have been positively influenced, and careers determined by spending a summer working there. But it's more than just a summer job – it is about joining a team of **interesting, talented and hardworking** individuals. The powerful community that arises each summer is an outgrowth of **common goals, hard work and mutual support.**

**LIVE AND
WORK ON AN
ISLAND THIS SUMMER
WWW.STARISLAND.ORG**



3rd Annual Soups & Songs Concert with Bennett & Perkins



Enjoy a night of camaraderie, good food and good music while supporting MWV Supports Recovery and the Way Station. The public is invited to this community dinner and evening of acoustic music by Bennett & Perkins. The performance takes place in the Lutheran Church of the Nativity, 15 Grove St, North Conway, NH, on Sat. January 25, 2020.

The evening of music will begin at 6 p.m. with a community dinner of soups and other enticing food offerings served up in unique hand-thrown, hand-crafted pottery bowls donated by local potter Jennie

Lanoie and students. Attendees get to take home the bowls. Dinner follows with a concert at 7pm by folk musicians Bennett & Perkins, joined by multi-instrumentalist Taylor Whiteside. The singer/songwriters tour New England sharing their original music that has been compared to artists ranging from Richard Thompson to Emmy Lou Harris. Often featured on NH Public Radio's The Folk Show, their music combines tight harmonies, compelling storytelling, and master guitar work for an evening to remember.

To purchase tickets click go to their Eventbrite page [here](#)



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.

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	3	4 8:30-5 Avalanche Class (Private)
5 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:15 Blessing skis 10:30 Worship Service	6 6:00pm Cub Scouts	7	8 9am Fitness Class With Laurie 10:15 De-Greening Sanctuary 6pm Cub Scouts	9 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	10 8:30-5 Avalanche Class (Private)	11 7:30am Men's Group (@ Wentworth
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