



Inside Out:

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



Lent is a journey toward death, life and stubborn love that returns beyond death to find us. And while we take this spiritual pilgrimage toward the cross and the empty tomb, holy Love draws closer to us, too. God's Love finds us wherever we might be on this journey we're taking, every day of our lives. Lent can take us to places of introspection and meditation. Sometimes we migrate inward, making space for the voice and presence of the Spirit. Lent can lead us to busy, engaging experiences. Sometimes we move outward,

toward the world, noticing and caring for God's people and God's creation.

Either way, Lent is a chance to practice walking the Way of Christ. This month, I invite you to carry this poem by John O'Donohue for travelers in your pocket. May it inspire you. May it be a guide.

Blessings!

— Rev Gail

For the Traveler — John O'Donohue

Every time you leave home, another road
Takes you into a world you were never in.

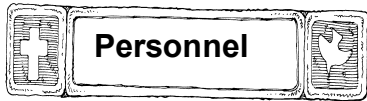
New strangers on other paths await.
New places that have never seen you
Will startle a little at your entry.
Old places that know you well will pretend nothing
Changed since your last visit.

When you travel, you find yourself
Alone in a different way, more attentive now
To the self you bring along, your more subtle eye watching
You abroad; and how what meets you
Touches that part of the heart that lies low at home:

How you unexpectedly attune to the timbre in some voice,
Opening in conversation you want to take in
To where your longing has pressed hard enough inward,
On some unsaid dark, to create a crystal of insight
You could not have known you needed to illuminate your way.



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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 March 18th at 7pm. .

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the April newsletter will be Tuesday, March 24th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

When you travel, a new silence goes with you,
And if you listen, you will hear
What your heart would love to say.

A journey can become a sacred thing:
Make sure, before you go,
To take the time to bless your going forth,
To free your heart of ballast so that the compass of your soul
Might direct you toward the territories of spirit
Where you will discover more of your hidden life,
And the urgencies that deserve to claim you.

May you travel in an awakened way,
Gathered wisely into your inner ground;
That you may not waste the invitations
Which wait along the way to transform you.

May you travel safely, arrive refreshed,
And live your time away to its fullest;
Return home more enriched, and free
To balance the gift of days which call you.



The Flower Committee will be collecting donations for lilies to be placed at the altar during Easter. Single stem lilies will be \$10 each and can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. All names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Slips/ envelopes will be available in the pews for 3 Sundays, March 22, 29 and April 5th.



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



March 5: Emily Benson
March 8: Noah McLeavey-Weeder
March 10: Steve Allbee
March 14: Bill Botsford
March 28: PJ Benson

Mar 8th: Mona and Barry Chisholm

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 March 25th at 10:30am at the Parish House (Felllowship Hall).

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 March 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: _____

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.

Upcoming Mission Projects



BYO- Scissors!

Cutting Party for Pease Greeter Stockings – March 30 in the Parish Hall at 9:30am Many hands make the cutting out of the felt stockings and trimmings go quickly. It's a fun morning of coffee and camaraderie..please join us!



BINGO!

Join the fun of playing Bingo for a cause on April 7th from 6-8 pm at the Red Parka Pub. All proceeds will go to the Way Station.

Prizes are given to the winners and we are in need of some good quality smaller items to use as those prizes. If you have any items that you can donate for this cause, please contact either Jeanette; heidmannj@eagles-rest.net or Linda, jimlindahastings@roadrunner.com



4th Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale continues to grow! (pun intended) We hope you will keep us in mind when starting your seedlings this spring, when dividing up your perennials, or if you have some healthy houseplants that need a new home. Our sale will be on Saturday, May 23rd with more info to come as it gets closer.

The Mission Committee has received thank you notes from Honduras Hope and Heifer International.



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. Their current wish-list includes Canned/ packaged Soup / soup mixes, Mayo, Diced canned tomatoes, Paper towels, Baby food and Food for toddlers

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.

Honduras Hope

Thanks for your support of Honduras Hope from Meg Phillips

Honduras Hope is a New Hampshire-based non-profit working to empower communities in rural Honduras through health, education, and self-sufficiency. In January I traveled with a group of ten volunteers to assist with and observe the programs they sponsor.

The model for the work in Plan Grande, Yoro and San Jose de Machigua is one of shared decision-making with all community members, partnering with local leadership boards known as "Patronatos" who help prioritize and evaluate direction, with the goal of empowering these economically and politically marginalized people in rural Honduras to create stronger, more resilient, and self-sufficient communities.

Over the past 20 years Honduras Hope has provided funding and labor to build homes, a community center, health clinic, school, student boarding house, nutrition center and established a beauty school. It has helped bring clean water and solar power to these buildings as well as to rural homes where candles were the only source of light. With solar power, students can now use computers at school and study at home at night.

Donations from the Jackson Community Church, its members and friends, have directly supported school uniforms, sewing machines, a new stove and furnishings for the boarding house, roofs and floors for homes, and computers for students. The 150 toothbrushes and toothpaste you donated were handed out to the students as they learned proper dental hygiene. The baskets you purchased support all the ongoing programs, including school scholarships, medicines and salary for the clinic nurse.

Seeing people living with such daily challenges as lack of clean water, leaky roofs and dirt floors, still raise their children, get them to school, feed their families and participate in their community is inspiring. Getting to know them as individuals rather than just as poor people in rural Honduras, working together to reach their goals, is something that I will never forget.

Travel with Honduras Hope has broadened my world view, opened my eyes to the possibilities for change within communities when they are given a bit of support and the opportunity for self-direction. I hope that others will take the opportunity to participate in one of the four annual Honduras Hope trips to see what a small, dedicated group can accomplish. For more information or to donate, go to **www.hondurashope.org**.



Above: Basket Weaving lesson with Meg Phillips
Below: Smoothing out the new floor

Above: Toothbrushes in San Jose
Below: Working on the roof



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. We hold the UCC Mission Collection twice a year (spring and fall). The spring collection will be held the month of March during Lent. We have envelopes available in the pews 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.

North Country Association

The North Country Association is comprised of a group of 13 churches which are all members of the NH Conference UCC. The North Country Association gathers twice a year starting with a business meeting then followed by a potluck supper. The Jackson Community Church will be hosting the spring meeting on Sunday May 3rd at 3:30pm. There will be more information in April on how you can help.

The Committee is also looking for a scribe from one of the association churches. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Gorham (lunch at 11:30 and meeting 1-3pm). They also have openings for lay members to join the Committee on Ministry. If either of these opportunities are something that you may be interested in please contact Gerry at forestgt22@aol.com.



Joyce and Mike Scott: Working on Houses and Talking about Jesus

Many of you remember Jackson Community Church's member, lay minister and Christian Education Coordinator Joyce Scott, well Joyce and her husband Mike recently joined with the Christian Organization Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love.

Joyce and Mike's journey has taken them to help rebuild homes in Panama City, Florida, Manowar Cay in the Bahamas, Louisiana, Texas and now they are helping with the tornado victims in Nashville, Tennessee. They would like to share their journey with you via their monthly newsletter which you can find [here](#). Joyce also invites you to follow her on facebook to see where their next deployment will take them. (Joyce Elaine Scott)

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.





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.

Opportunity for Camp Scholarships

The Bushee Thorn Mountain Trust Fund primarily focuses on providing camperships for Church operated camps such as the UCC camp at Horton Center on Pine Mountain and other camps in our area operated by different denominations. Priorities for awarding camperships are as follows:

- Christian camps
- Special needs camps
- YMCA/YWCA, Girl/Boy Scout camps, Tin Mountain camps.

Award Limit is \$200

There is no age limit. This is available to children or youth from any town in the Valley that sends students to Kennebec High School or Fryeburg Academy. Circumstances of need will be evaluated.

Representatives from the four Mt. Washington Valley UCC Churches (Conway, No. Conway, Jackson and Bartlett) administer the funds.

Application can be found [here](#) and is also available in the Church foyer and community room. Application must be completed and received by April 6th.

For more information contact Birdy Ellsmore: 603-996-1659, bellsmore4@roadrunner.com.

Planned Giving

Have you considered naming Jackson Community Church in your estate plans?

Everyone has the capacity to leave a legacy – large or small – to the organizations that they care about most. There are many simple ways you can make a lasting gift to the church. JCC can be named as a beneficiary in your will, IRA, or charitable trust. Charitable Gift Annuities are available through the United Church of Christ that will provide you with income for life, a tax deduction, and a substantial gift to the church in the future.

Jackson Community Church is fortunate to have several trust funds that were given by generous church members in the past. We rely on the income from these funds to help balance our budget each year. But we could do much more if we had the resources.

Won't you consider leaving a legacy to JCC for future generations? Please let Pastor Gail know if you would like confidential information about these options.

"Giving liberates the soul of the giver" – Maya Angelou



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

The Steeple Light will be lit in the month of March in honor and prayers for Tempie Sailors by Sue Titus Reid. Tempie will begin cancer treatments as soon as she is able. Cards of encouragement, light and prayer can be sent to Tempie Sailors, 3506 Spring Creek Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Interfaith Worship 9:15 Blessing sks 10:30 Worship Service	2 6:00pm Cub Scouts	3 8:30-5 Avalanche Class (Private) 6:30 Lenten Study – Conway library	4 9am Fitness Class With Laurie	5 9am Women's Yoga 6:30p AA	6 8:30-5 Avalanche Class (Private)	7
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