



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



This month we turn toward Lent. And yes, it is a turning. It is an opening of ourselves and our lives to the presence ... and absence ... and return of holiness. It is a confession of how we are broken and imperfect. How we need each other. How we need love. Once more placing our feet on the Way.

Let us remember, to repent is to simply turn in a new direction. To turn.

Our community begins this holy season mid-month with Ash Wednesday on Feb 17. You will be welcome to receive ashes in person or to participate in a community worship service to mark the day.

Afterward, we will continue with themes of healing and recovery throughout our journey toward Easter. Along the way, we will study Jesus' words and images from the Sermon on the Mount. The church is designing studies and programs to help offer practical approaches to grief and healing, to self-care and contemplative practices. We are also, as always, acting in tangible ways within the community to convey care and compassion.

For now, as we approach the unfolding of Lent, receive this blessing from Jan Richardson as a starting point. Receive this invitation to turn toward and walk the Way of love.

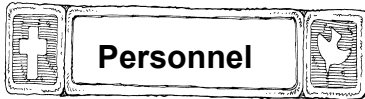
Blessings! — Rev Gail

Blessing the Dust —*Jan Richardson*

All those days / you felt like dust, like dirt,
as if all you had to do / was turn your face
toward the wind / and be scattered / to the four corners
Or swept away / by the smallest breath / as insubstantial—
did you not know / what the Holy One / can do with dust?
This is the day / we freely say / we are scorched.
This is the hour / we are marked / by what has made it / through the burning.
This is the moment / we ask for the blessing
that lives within / the ancient ashes,
that makes its home / inside the soil of / this sacred earth.
So let us be marked / not for sorrow.
And let us be marked / not for shame.
Let us be marked / not for false humility
or for thinking / we are less / than we are
but for claiming / what God can do
within the dust, within the dirt,
within the stuff / of which the world / is made
and the stars that blaze / in our bones
and the galaxies that spiral / inside the smudge / we bear.



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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 via Zoom on Wednesday, February 17th at 7pm.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Church Family News and Prayers



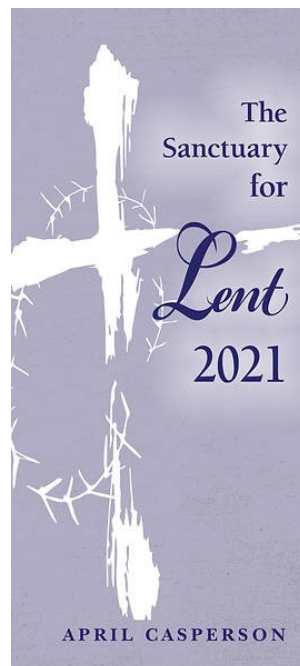
Feb. 5: Donovan Spaulding
Feb. 9: Talia Hutchings
Feb. 11: Caleb White
Feb. 25: Esmae Doucette

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!



Rev. Gail continues to make pastoral visits to homes through physical distancing, phone call or by remote video. If you're aware of someone who might benefit from a bowl of homemade soup and a visit, please let her know.

Lenten Devotional



The Deacons will be sending The Sanctuary for Lent booklet out to friends and members. *The Sanctuary for Lent 2021* contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a short prayer. Check your mailbox for your copy.

We also have the devotional available via PDF that you can download and save. The devotional can be found [HERE](#) or you can pick up a copy in the front of the sanctuary.

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, Jean Melczarek and Gloria Hutchings.



Feeding the Community

From The Gibson Center: Thanks to the Jackson Church, and the many generous people in the valley we have sent out our first batch of emergency meals to our meals on wheels recipients. We plan on two more over the winter. Each recipient (we have about 100) receives 6 well balanced meals, including protein, milk, vegetable, fruit, and grain. This means The Gibson Center looking for donations for an additional 600- 1200 meals, depending on the weather. (meals are for people when Meals On Wheels is cancelled due to weather).

The Gibson Center is in need of:

Canned Vegetables (low sodium)
Canned/Jar sauce (tomato, Alfredo, etc.)
Hot Chocolate (Sugar Free)
Individual fruit bowl servings (no or low added sugar)
Shelf stable milk (individual servings)
Protein (tuna, chicken, peanut butter)
Soups, Pasta, and Rice

Your donations go directly back to seniors in the community in the form of pantry bags, which help ensure a weeks' worth of food in the event of inclement weather or other natural disaster.

Bartlett Jackson Food Pantry

From the Bartlett Jackson Food Pantry: Many thanks to the members of the Jackson community Church for supporting the Bartlett-Jackson Food Pantry in 2020. Your generous support continues to go a long way to keeping the food pantry well-stocked and serving those in need in our community.

The food pantry is in need of:

Condiments: Ketchup, Mayonnaise, ect.
Paper towels and toilet paper
Shampoo and Conditioner
Beverages: Coffee and Tea
Gluten Free items



We have received thank you notes and/or newsletters from the following.

Northern Human Services

Honduras Hope-

Bill Briggs mentioned the money will be used for seeds and food needed especially because of the two hurricanes.

Heifer International

White Mountain Community Health

A newsletter including stories of 3 people and how they have been helped locally.

Pease Greeters -

The Pease Greeters are not able to greet planes right now, but they can send care packages.

They have sent 808 boxes weighing 6,406 pounds with postage expense of \$9,882.62.

White Horse Recovery

A note from Joyce and Mike Scott.....**Workin on Houses, Talkin about Jesus**

Hello Everyone! Can you believe it's been a year since Mike and I began on this adventure with God! So so blessed to have you all be a part of it and please know we pray for you all on a regular basis! Please stay well and hold on to the peace that God offers during these upside down times!!! God bless!!!

Latest newsletter from Joyce and Mike can be found [HERE](#)

Did you know....



The **Charitable IRA Rollover**, also known as a **Qualified Charitable Disbursement (QED)** allows Americans age 70 ½ and older to make gifts to one or more nonprofit organizations (such as Jackson Community Church) without federal tax penalty, by simply requesting a transfer of IRA assets from the plan administrator directly to your charities.

Gifts can be made up to \$100,000 annually and count towards the owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for individuals age 72 and older. QCDs from pre-tax IRAs are still a tax-savvy giving strategy in 2021 if you are between age 70 ½ and 72, even though RMDs are not required until age 72.

Consult your tax advisor for the best advice. This is a very painless and tax-advantaged way to support JCC and other favorite charities!



Steeple Light

The Jackson Community Church Steeple is lit every evening to shine our love, hope and to remind us of those who hold a special place in our hearts.

In **January** the Steeple was lit to remember the life of Jeanette Heidmann's husband, Steve Farish who died on January 11, 2018.

In **February**, when you look up to the Steeple and see it lit, please know that it is lit in honor of and appreciation of everyone who helped to make Advent and the Christmas season so special.

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 along with a donation to:

Jackson Community Church
Attn: Steeple Lighting
PO Box 381
Jackson NH 03846



Jackson Community Church Online Giving

The Jackson Community Church now offers the convenience of online giving. The donate button on www.jacksoncommunitychurch.org will link you to our giving page or find it [here](#).

OR

Donations can also be sent to: Jackson Community Church
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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 jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org



Name: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ telephone: _____

Thoughts/Prayers: _____

You will see this sign
at all entrances as a
friendly reminder.
We Thank You!!



Mask Required In This Location

Appropriate facial coverings (covering the nose and mouth) are required at the Jackson Community Church in all public spaces and bathrooms.

This helps keep you and our staff safe. Those who do not adhere to our guidelines will be asked not to use the space. (we do have safety cameras clearly marked)

For small groups meeting with permission at the church: there will be no serving of food and beverages on property, for example no potluck or serve yourself food. It is ok to bring your own individual beverages and individually wrapped food items.

Email: jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org for questions regarding this policy.

**Thank you for your cooperation!
#StopTheSpread #StayHealthy**