



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 — Is time a gift to you? Are the new pages of the 2022 calendar a promise of potential and possibility? Or do they represent a long, blank space to be filled?

We pray that the coming year may offer you the opportunity to resume deep personal and communal connections, renew helpful habits and self-care practices, or return to activities and causes that are especially meaningful.

Yet we also recognize that when you focus on the twelve months ahead, it sometimes feels like a burden of hours and days to be crossed off and 'gotten through'.

As a faith community, we attempt, at our best, to be available to each other in both the sorrowful and lean times as well as the joyful and productive times. As 2022 opens before us, the doors of Jackson Community Church's sanctuary remain open 24/7. Yet most of what makes us into a 'church' takes place outside our walls, within the wider community, where people's daily living occurs.

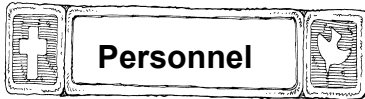
If time is a burden to you, either because you are experiencing loss and challenge, or seek a revitalized sense of purpose and connection, then perhaps we can be part of what transforms this year for you. Assuredly, someone associated with this faith community embodies the compassion and connection that you, or someone else, may need. Perhaps you are the one who seeks help. Or maybe you become part of another person's support system. Often, we both give and receive in the same interactions: those who accept some form of support also offer unexpected gifts in return. Frequently everyone is changed by such reciprocal experiences. Who it may be, or how it might happen, will probably startle you!

Together, when we permit connection, we change each other's perception and perspective about what is important. We can transform the value and meaning of time itself: we measure it in more than heartbeats, songs, elbow bumps, rides, meals, walks, smiles, notes, care packages, home visits, volunteer hours, phone calls, or conversations. Time can be treasured through the significance of caring for and relating to each other as human beings.

Hundreds of years ago, Sister Teresa of Avila wrote the poem below. It's as true today as it was centuries ago. And it says something about time: what endures and what passes away.



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Church Council

The Church Council meets once a month on the 2nd 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 9th at 7pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the Feb newsletter will be Tues Jan 25th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Christ Has No Body — Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

All of us, together, are ministers to each other. It is the profound experience of congregational churches such as this one, that the role of being present to each other with affection, hope, healing, humor, and resilience, is shared among all of us. We are all endowed by the Holy Spirit with gifts that others need. At times, some among us are the people who require support. At other times, some of us are the folks able to respond to another's challenging circumstances. Together, we offer to each other the imperfect, messy, human aspect of Holy Love.

Read and receive, below, the blessing written by poet laureate and UCC minister Rev. Maren Tirabassi. As you look ahead toward the coming year, whether you take it day-by-day or plan out every spare week and month, may the resources, gifts, and relationships you need, find you. May Holy Love accompany you, in surprising shapes and ways, on the journey into 2022.

Blessings! — Rev Gail

New Year's Blessing — Maren Tirabassi

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are the God of our faith,
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,
and we serve and bless you. *Amen.*

Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the
Jackson Community Church
will be held on
Wednesday January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm

Please mark this on your calendar as it is an important meeting for all to attend.

This years Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom.

ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96853932521>

Or call in on touch-tone phone: 929 436 2866, Meeting ID: 968 5393 2521

The 2021 Annual Report can be found [HERE](#) with hard copies being available in the front of the church. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you please contact the church office at jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

The agenda for the annual meeting can be found [HERE](#)

Church Council

Notice: Change of day

At the December 2021 The Council members voted to
change the day of the Council Meeting from the 3rd Wednesday of the month
to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
All were in favor.

The 2022 Church Council schedule is as follows:

Wednesday	February 9th
Wednesday	March 9th
Wednesday	April 13th
Wednesday	May 11th
Wednesday	June 8th
Wednesday	July 13th (tentative)
Wednesday	August 10th (tentative)
Wednesday	September 14th
Wednesday	October 12th
Wednesday	November 9th
Wednesday	December 14th.

A reminder that all church members, as well as champions are encouraged to attend the Council Meetings. Council Meetings are held via Zoom and an email reminder is sent out prior to the meeting. If you are interested in attending notify the church office for the zoom link.

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!



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.

A few letters of appreciation.

Hello Fellow Family of Christ!!

I just wanted to thank you for the lovely Christmas Eve Service that you had this year! We were staying for only a couple of nights in Jackson and were looking for some event that would celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. We found you!

So my son, his wife, my husband and I got into the car and found you... it warmed all our hearts to be celebrating in song and love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are grateful to all of you for extending the hand of fellowship to some strangers in your midst. You never know how the Holy Spirit will move or to whom it will visit and bless.

May the peace and joy of the Lord be your's into eternity.
In the Love and Peace of Christ, Susan Clark

Thank you for continuing to include those of us who are virtual via Zoom and Facebook Live. I also really appreciate the captions! Love how you get the younger members of the church involved and always take the time to appreciate those who participate with you in the life of the church.

I am very thankful to have special people helping us through our days. Prayers for all you at the Jackson Community Church and best wishes for a safe, healthy and joyful New Year.

Lisa Oliveri

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



The Mission Group 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.

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to White Horse Recovery. We are grateful for your commitment to our mission. With partners like you, we are able to continue to offer our programs and services in our local community.

Sincerely, Gloria Yeaton

Greetings,

Many thanks to the members of the Jackson Community Church for the generous donation to the Bartlett-Jackson Food Pantry. Your support continues to contribute in keeping the food pantry well-stocked and serving those in need in our community.

Thoughtful, caring people such as the members of Jackson Community Church make our community a very special place.

Bartlett Jackson Food Pantry



Feeding the Community

The Jackson Bartlett Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10-12pm. Most non perishable items will be welcomed for those with food insecurities. Items can be dropped off in the wicker basket in the narthex of the church.

If you are interested in volunteering to help to feed our community, please email bartlettjacksonfoodpantry@gmail.com



Free Fitness Classes on Wednesdays

Laurie McAleer offers a free weekly exercise classes at the church. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings at 9am.

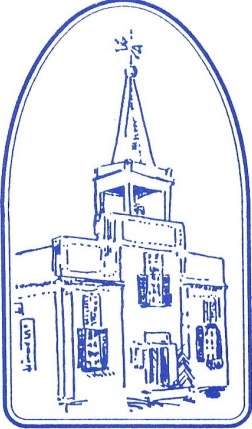
All are welcome to participate, please remember your masks.

Pledge Cards

Members and friends of the Jackson Community Church the church treasurer and members of the church council worked hard at putting together the 2022 budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting - but we still need your help to look into the future. For those who have returned their 2022 pledge card, we thank you. For those who have misplaced their cards or did not receive one there is still time to share your commitment with the church.

Our definition of a pledge is "a promise, a commitment, an 'I hope to' and 'I'll try my best'. The purpose of your pledge is to let us know that we can count on your financial support in 2022. It helps us plan on how we can serve members, friends and the community in the upcoming year as well as keep the lights on and the building secure and heated. Pledges can be fulfilled weekly, monthly, yearly or whenever it is convenient for you.

You can print and use the pledge card below or even jot down a note and send it to the church office: PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846

	Envelope Number (for office use)	FOR CHURCH RECORDS		FOR YOUR RECORDS
	Name	Date:		Date:
	Address			<input type="checkbox"/> In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries, I plan to give for the year beginning _____:
	Post Office			\$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month
	State	Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/> For an annual total of \$ _____	
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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.

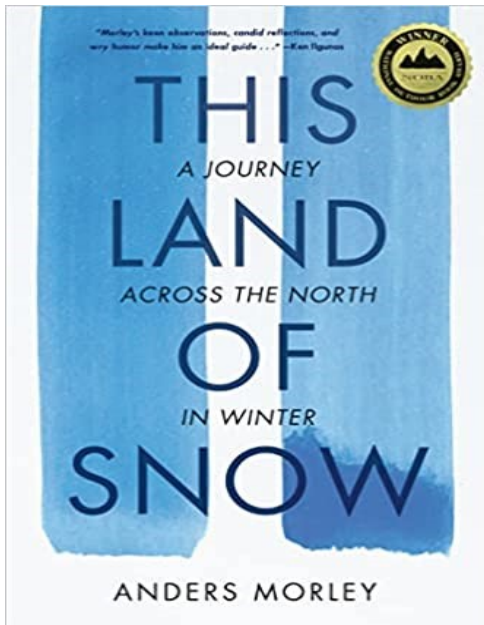
Consult your tax advisor for the best advice. This is a very painless and tax-advantaged way to support JCC and other favorite charities!

Steeple Light

The Jackson Community Church Steeple is lit in memory of Bob Higgins from Jim and Linda.

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



THIS LAND OF SNOW

By Anders Morley

2021 National Outdoor Book Award Winner

Author Event @ Bartlett Public Library

February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Please join the Bartlett Public Library for a presentation by the author of THIS LAND OF SNOW: A JOURNEY ACROSS THE NORTH IN WINTER. For as long as he could remember, Morley dreamed of taking a very long walk. Just as the snow was starting to fall in 2011 he set off alone to spend the four coldest months of the year traveling on skis across the half-wild country of northwestern Canada. This Land of Snow tells the story of that journey and of a man who must come to terms with the consequences of living

by nostalgia. It is an honest, thoughtful, and sometimes humorous reckoning of an adventure filled with adrenaline and exuberance, as well as mistakes and danger.

“A captivating memoir about backcountry adventures and one man’s journey of self-discovery—and an eloquent ode to the harsh beauty of winter.” —*Booklist* (starred review)

Copies of the book are now available in the library