



Inside Out:

The Newsletter of the Jackson Community Church
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Serving Our Church
Members & Friends
In Jackson, NH
And beyond!



Brothers and Sisters —

Spring warblers have passed through our valley, migrating en route to other places. Tree boughs remain song-filled and now the winged voices around us belong to summer birds that remain here to nest. The landscape, too, alters before our eyes. Bright blossoms burst into color and then fade, to be followed by the fanfare of new flowers.

Yet streams and rivers run low. As hot, sunny days chase wet, chilly ones, drought is forecast for this summer. We must bear this caution in mind, and cherish water. Part of our calling, as children of God and stewards of creation, is to pay attention and conserve. The prophet Jeremiah says, *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord ... They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green."* Let us be partners in faith. Tend to your corner of creation with care for sustainability!

In ways both figurative and practical, we embrace this season filled with plentitude:

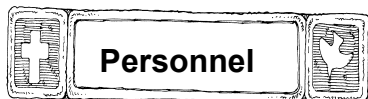
- During June, we celebrate graduates: one of whom - Caleb White - will speak with our community on the first Sunday of the month. Along the way, we honor an abundance of graduations, passages, and milestones in the next few weeks.
- Meanwhile, on the first day of this month, one family's patriarch—Ralph Pfeiffer—marked his 100th birthday and shared his artwork with all of his guests!
- It's the also the time our nation sets aside to recognize fathers. Mid-month, we will speak with one of our own members - Robert Carper- about his experience of faith, parenthood, and family.
- To raise funds for the church's music programs, our choir has organized a golf fundraiser at the Wentworth for Tuesday, June 29th. Reserve your team's tee time, bring a foursome, have some fun, and help enhance our musical offerings!
- After a long period of social distancing and isolation, we're immersing ourselves in this lush and bountiful time of reunions and renewals: meeting friends, gathering in-person, reclaiming life after COVID.

We also acknowledge the drought in our hearts, the absence of dear ones, and the losses that have altered our lives:

- Some folks are organizing memorials for friends or loved ones who died during the past year, so that we can share formal farewells.
- We're recovering from the stress and exhaustion of the past year. Mental health challenges have been a major theme of recovery in recent times.
- Social divisions continue.
- Gas prices are escalating and real estate prices have risen through the roof; housing is tough to find here or anywhere else.



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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, June 16th at 7pm.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Summer brings both the promise of growth and green shoots as well as concern for shortages and extremes. As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us, even in times of scarcity or social tensions, "*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord ... like a tree planted by water... in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.*" The Bible's writers address both times of crisis and times of plenty. God's covenants promise that this world offers *enough* for all of its people. When some people have more than they need, and others lack the essentials, this is caused by humanity's shortcomings.

Knowing this, we are invited to act out of an abundance of love and hope, rather than being motivated by the empty pockets of fear. We may serve as agents of change—agents of transforming love—who make a difference. Out of those blessings that come to us, we will discover *enough* to share with others as well. Of course, we are invited to believe that we are beloved, and we are *enough*, and more than *enough*, for each other and for God.

As one final word on the summer ahead, know that God's love and mercy is *more than sufficient* for the needs of this world's people. We are planted by streams of God's grace and rooted in the rush of God's love. Cup your hands, scoop it into your palms, and let the living water cool your throat and quench your thirst. Unlike the beleaguered summer brooks in Mt Washington Valley, God's compassion and goodness will always flow.

Blessings!

Rev. Gail



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.

Church Family News and Prayers



June 7: Lynn Lockard
June 16: Ellory Kearns
June 17: Emma McLeavey-Weeder
June 20: Daniel Weeder
Janice Brodil
June 27: Hannah Benson

June 13:
Ray & Arden Schoen

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!



Mask Required In This Location

With guidelines easing throughout the state we will still be requiring appropriate facial coverings (covering the nose and mouth) at the Jackson Community Church in all public spaces and bathrooms.

**Any questions regarding this policy please contact:
jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org**



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.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



**The Mission Committee's 6th Annual Plant Sale was a HUGE success!
We couldn't have done it without YOU though!**

Many thanks to those of you who donated beautiful plants, seedlings, pots or who volunteered time to water, set up / take down the sale, or who helped find good homes for the plants, etc.

Many thanks also go out to those of you who are giving homes to these plants. May they bring you much beauty, satisfaction, yummy-ness, or all three!

The sale raised \$1800. The recipients of the funds are The Way Station, Church World Services, and Honduras Hope. We know it will be put to good use in each organization; helping to provide shelter to those in need.

Locally: The Way Station

Who is homeless in the Mount Washington Valley? Teenagers couch-surfing with friends. Families doubled up in apartments or living in hotels or cars. Adults camping in the woods all winter. People living in rough shelters without water, heat or basics. Homelessness is invisible in the valley, but it lives here.

Although the Way Station does not provide overnight shelter, they offer access to services for people who need the basics: laundry, showers, PO Box for identification, phones and phone cards, toiletries, emergency food, wellness calls and check-ins, advocacy and referrals to other services and resources.

Nationally: Church World Services (CWS)

At the border there is a desperate humanitarian crisis in Central America, where violence and corruption are forcing thousands of families to flee in search of safety for their children. Many seek asylum in the United States, though they are increasingly turned away or forced to wait in dangerous border regions of Mexico.

When those who enter U.S. custody are released to await a court date with the U.S. government, a network of CWS supported respite shelters welcomes them with open arms and much needed services: a warm place to sleep, good food to eat, a chance to bathe and space to rest. They are given clothing, hygiene items and other necessities. They are helped to call their loved ones to tell them that they are safe.

Internationally: Honduras Hope

Honduras Hope is a New Hampshire-based non-profit, 501c3 charitable organization. They are 100 percent volunteer and travel to sister communities four times per year. The contributions of so many each year support a variety of programs in the Honduran communities of Plan Grande, San Jose de Machigua and Yoro.

Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. More than two thirds of the population live in poverty on less than \$4 per day, and almost twenty percent of the population lives on less than \$1.25 per day. Poverty rates are higher among rural and indigenous people, the Population Honduras Hope serves.

Alzheimer's isn't stopping. Neither are we.



For several years, dedicated walkers and fundraisers have participated in a "local" Walk to END Alzheimer's. 2021 will be our 5th year and we are hoping you will join us on team Eagle's Rest.

The walk event we have chosen is Saturday, September 18 in York Maine. We did this walk two years ago and it was a beautiful route along the coast and beaches. The walk is short, about 3 miles, but there are hundreds of people doing it and it is a festive occasion.

Get more information and sign up to participate at: [Eagle's Rest Team Page](#).
Or Google Alzheimer's walk, select Sep 18 and look for team Eagle's rest.
Questions? Talk to Jeanette Heidmann



News and updates

The Way station has announced that they will be expanding their services to include Tri-County Community Action (TCCAP) services starting Monday, June 7th. The TCCAP case management team will be able to help support clients on their journey to housing stability. In addition the Way Station was the recipient of a significant non-perishable food donation to help those in need.

An example of who the way station serves and how:

The last week in May they served 38 individuals and families. (16 lacked housing, 5 housed in hotels, 13 housed in homes or trailers and 4 have unknown living situations). They provided 14 food bags, 18 gas cards, 8 phone cards, 28 laundry cards and pods, 12 rolls of toilet paper, 3 tents and sleeping bags, along with warm and smiling faces to greet the guests.

There current requests and needs: The Way Station is always looking for pop-top canned goods, camping equipment, camping cookware, canteens, etc. If you, or someone you know, is interested in donating any items to the Way Station have them contact Dan Lavigne (603) 452-7113 waystationnh@gmail.com



**Feeding the
Community**

Food donations for the Bartlett Jackson Food Pantry and the Way Station can be dropped off anytime at the Jackson Community Church foyer in the basket.

Items always needed: condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, etc), canned meat, veggies, jams/jellies, paper towels and toilet paper, laundry and dish detergent/ shampoo/conditioner, deodorant/, toothpaste



Jackson Community Church Choir

Golf Tournament

The Jackson Community Church Choir is hosting its first annual scramble golf tournament at the Wentworth Golf Club in Jackson, NH on June 29th, 2021 starting at 9:00am.

Come join us for a morning of golf, mini-games, raffles and fun!

All proceeds go to the JCC Choir and Music Programs.

When: June 29th, 2021. Tee times will range from 9:00am to 11:30am. Tee times will be assigned before the tournament out of an abundance of caution regarding CoVid-19.

Format: 4 person scramble/best ball.

Price: \$70 per person. This includes round of golf, a riding cart, lunch and a gift T-shirt.

If you are interested in being a tournament sponsor, packages are available at \$30/\$50/\$75

[Registration Form](#)

[Sponsorship Form](#)

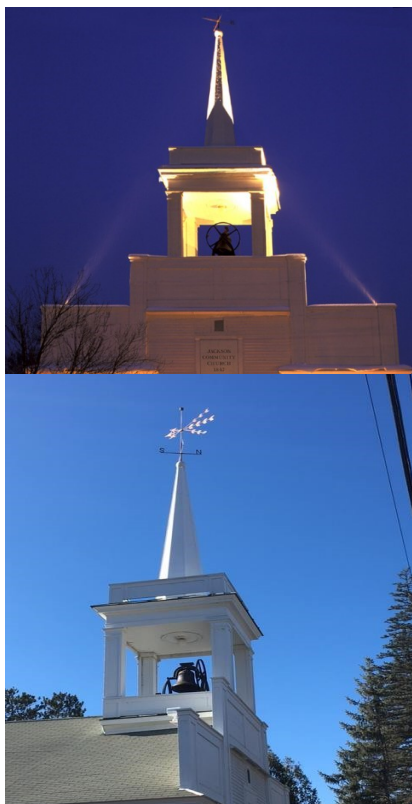


Friends of the Bartlett Public Library
June 8, 2021 7:00pm
Via Zoom (connect through xnhat.org)

Join Marianne Borowski as she presents via zoom the Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail. Marianne, a Bartlett resident and Friends member, has worked to develop a continuous 83 mile bicycling route across the state of New Hampshire. The route encompasses rail trails, dirt roads, bike paths and quiet paved backroads linked together to produce a scenic route along river valleys and through the northern White Mountains Region of the state.

The accompanying read is The Lost Cyclist by David Herlihy—An incredible story of two attempts to cycle around the globe.

For more information go to Yankee Magazine Adventure Trail or www.xnhat.org



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. The steeple will be lit in May and June in memory of our mothers Mary Emerson & Nat Hastings and in memory of our fathers Stanley Emerson and Jim Hastings Sr. By Jim and Linda Hastings. May the light of the Lord watch over us.

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

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: _____

How can you donate to the Jackson Church?

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
PO Box 381
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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!



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 us know if you would like confidential information about these options.

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