



# *Inside Out:*

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



Friends — enter the season with the message of this poem. Lend the lord  
your heart, for god has need of it.

## **Invitation to Communion Table**

— *Maren Tirabassi*

For Holy Communion this morning,  
I invite you to lend Christ your table.

On the first day of Holy week long ago, people throughout Judea arrived  
at the dusty gates of Jerusalem,  
primed with “Hosanna” in their hearts  
and Jesus asked to borrow a donkey.

On the Thursday that followed,  
Jesus rented or was given  
John Mark’s mother’s Upper Room  
to celebrate the Passover with the disciples.

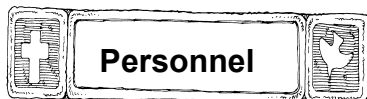
On the afternoon of the resurrection,  
Jesus was invited into a house in Emmaus  
and used the bread of that hospitality  
to break and bless.

Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart,  
for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey,  
“The Lord has need of it.”

Blessings on this holiest of seasons! — Rev Gail



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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, April 12th at 7pm.

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the May newsletter will be Thursday April 20th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: [jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org](mailto:jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org)

# Church Life Activities



Saturday April 15  
7:30am Parish Hall, JCC

Meetup at JCC to kickstart the revival of a men's group. Chris Doktor will prepare breakfast for attendees.

RSVPs appreciated to [jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org](mailto:jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org), but drop-ins will be welcome.

Organization of the group and brainstorming its format will be open to attendees! Co-hosted by Chris Doktor and Barry Chisholm.



The Flower Committee will be collecting donations for lilies to be placed at the altar on Easter. Lilies will be \$10 each.

If you would like a lily to be placed in honor/memory of a loved one—please email the information to the office [jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org](mailto:jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org) prior to Friday. Please include who the lily will be in honor/ memory of. All names will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Payment envelopes can be found in the front of the church or mail to: JCC, PO Box 381, Jackson NH 03846



**WAY of the CROSS**—Sunday April 2nd through Sunday April 9th.

Self-guided Stations of the Cross. Come when your time allows as the Sanctuary is open 24/7. The crosses used in this personal pilgrimage come from around the world

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**—Thursday April 6th 6pm

Soup Supper & Worship in Fellowship Hall—All welcome.  
Scripture: Last Supper & Prayers in Gethsemane  
Special Song and Music by Sharon Novak  
Hosted by the Deacons

**HOLY FRIDAY**— Friday April 7th

12-3pm Vigil and Scripture Readings (Noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm)

6pm Ecumenical Worship at Christ Church Episcopal, North Conway

**EASTER SUNDAY**—April 9th

6am Sunrise Service at the Presidential Drive Cul-de-Sac, Jackson NH  
In person only, scripture and singing

10:30am Easter Worship with Flowering of the Cross  
Music: Dominic Dodge, Harp Sharon Novak, Piano/organ  
Special music by Gia Osbourne

11:30am Hospitality Hour - hosted by the Deacons

11am-2 Community Easter Egg Hunt  
Eggs will be hidden around the Jackson Community Church and Village



# Church Family News and Prayers



April 11: Rev. Gail Doktor  
April 11: Shirley Gravink



April 25: Colleen and Steve Allbee

*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!*



To the Members and Friends of the Jackson Community Church,

It's hard to put into words how grateful and blessed I feel for the financial help and support I have received from the generous and wonderful patrons of the church. I recently had an unexpected serious medical issue that left me out of work for many weeks, leaving me struggling to make ends meet. I would like to thank you all and express my deepest appreciation. I will be forever grateful for your help.

Thank you and Bless You All. (Anonymous)



Thank you to the Flower Team for providing beautiful arrangements in our Sanctuary.

This months flowers are provided by Wendy McVey

If you have a special occasion and would like to supply flowers please let Wendy know.

Rev. Gail continues to help members of the church and community with pastoral visits, phone calls 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.



## Free Fitness Classes on Tuesdays and Fridays

Laurie McAleer offers a free weekly exercise classes at the church. Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30am.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



## Mission Group

Are you passionate about a cause that is either international or local? Bring your ideas and positive energy to the Mission Team. The Mission Group is always excited when new members and

friends are interested in seeing what they are accomplishing.

Current members are Linda Hastings, Jeanette Heidmann, Kit Griffin, Meg Phillips, Jean Melczarek, Claire Mallatte Sue Carrigan and Gloria Hutchings.



## Registration is now open for summer 2023 on Star Island

Star Island is one of the nine Isles of Shoals located seven miles off the coast of New Hampshire and Maine. All are welcome to explore the island for a day, enjoy a meal, spend the night, or attend a conference.

Star Island was founded on the traditions of Unitarian Universalism and United Church of Christ. A few members of the Jackson Community Church have been attending faithfully for many years. No matter what, there is something for everyone.

Visit [Starisland.org](http://Starisland.org) to see the many wonderful offerings this year— or click [2023 Programs](#) to learn more.



**Save the date!!!**... the 8th annual Mission Plant Sale will be on Saturday May 20th from 8am to noon. This is a perfect time to pick up some plants to beautify your garden.

However.. They can not do it without you. If you are fortunate enough to have an abundance of plants; perennials that need dividing, extra seedlings, or a healthy houseplant looking for a new home...please consider donating to our sale! Look around when you do your spring cleanup—you might have extra to share.

If you need pots, there will be plenty under the stairwell at the church in the beginning of May.

Please identify all plants dropped off.





## Ongoing Mission Support



### **THE WAY STATION is in NEED OF FOOD ITEMS,**

- Hearty soups, stews, canned spaghetti, canned tuna/chicken. (Pop tops please)
- Energy bars, fruit drink boxes, fruit cups, peanut butter, shelf stable milk  
Wrapped crackers and small raisin boxes.

Items can be left in the pantry box in the church entryway.

For monetary donations for the Way Station contact Jeanette Heidmann or send to the Way Station at PO Box 1888, North Conway 03860.

### **THE BARTLETT/JACKSON FOOD PANTRY :**

The Bartlett/Jackson Food Pantry is located at 9 Dundee Road, Intervale (off Route 16A—former location of Faith Bible Church). The pantry is open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00am to 12 noon.



**Feeding the Community**

For more information contact a Mission Team member or Brenda Mederios (bartlettjacksonfoodpantry@gmail.com or 603-383-9246)

The pantry accepts all donations of unexpired food as well as paper products. They are currently in need of: Salad dressings, jelly, coffee, cereal, toilet paper and mayonnaise.

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE JCC FOYER ANYTIME IN THE DESIGNATED BOX. MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO BJFP, PO**



The Mission Committee Continues to support Honduras Hope. For 23 years Honduras Hope has been making a difference in poor villages around Yoro, Honduras. They work with local partnerships and leadership boards to help prioritize and evaluate the work that Honduras Hope does.

Donations of any amount, however small, are welcome. Donations can be sent through the JCC or directly to Honduras Hope, PO Box 60, Franconia NH 03580



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## AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE White Mountains, Acadia, & the West

Paintings by

**LINDA GRAY**

Please join us for the Opening Reception

**Saturday, April 1, 2023 4 - 6 pm**

at Tin Mountain Conservation Center

1245 Bald Hill Road, Albany, NH

the show runs from April 1st - May 31st

[www.lindagrartwork.com](http://www.lindagrartwork.com)

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## 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 along with a donation to:

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



## 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!



### 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.

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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*

### 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*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts/Prayers: \_\_\_\_\_

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