



# *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 —

From this space and place which we call 'sabbatical', greetings. May this scripture, taken from Psalm 46, become a source of gratitude and mindfulness for all of us. In its fullness, the scripture says, "Be still, and know that I am God." By the end, it is a reminder: "Be." It is often used, as below, as a focus for meditation or prayer.

*Be still, and know that I am God.*

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

May the words of the poet Wendell Berry also speak to your heart, sacred in their way. As the writers of scripture have reminded us, receive the gift of this time, this place. "Be."

Benediction for the end of summer, the turning of the seasons, the possibility of what may come, and the blessings of here and now — Rev Gail Doktor

## **The VACATION — Wendell Berry**

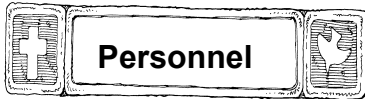
Once there was a man who filmed his vacation. He went flying down the river in his boat with his video camera to his eye, making a moving picture of the moving river upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly toward the end of his vacation. He showed his vacation to his camera, which pictured it, preserving it forever: the river, the trees, the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing boat behind which he stood with his camera preserving his vacation even as he was having it so that after he had had it he would still have it. It would be there. With a flick of a switch there it would be. But he would not be in it. He would never be in it.

## **THE SUMMER ENDS — Wendell Berry**

The summer ends, and it is time  
To face another way. Our theme  
Reversed, we harvest the last row  
To store against the cold, undo  
The garden that will be undone.  
We grieve under the weakened sun  
To see all earth's green fountains dried,  
And fallen all the works of light.  
You do not speak, and I regret  
This downfall of the good we sought  
As though the fault were mine. I bring  
The plow to turn the shattering  
Leaves and bent stems into the dark,  
From which they may return. At work,  
I see you leaving our bright land,  
The last cut flowers in your hand.



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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, September 14 at 7pm.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the October newsletter will be Mon Sept 26th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jcchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

## The HERON — Wendell Berry

While the summer's growth kept me  
anxious in planted rows, I forgot the river  
where it flowed, faithful to its way,  
beneath the slope where my household  
has taken its laborious stand.

I could not reach it even in dreams.  
But one morning at the summer's end  
I remember it again, as though its being  
lifts into mind in undeniable flood,  
and I carry my boat down through the fog,  
over the rocks, and set out.

I go easy and silent, and the warblers  
appear among the leaves of the willows,  
their flight like gold thread  
quick in the live tapestry of the leaves.

And I go on until I see crouched  
on a dead branch sticking out of the water  
a heron—so still that I believe  
he is a bit of drift hung dead above the water.

And then I see the articulation of a feather  
and living eye, a brilliance I receive  
beyond my power to make, as he  
receives in his great patience  
the river's providence. And then I see  
that I am seen. Still, as I keep,

I might be a tree for all the fear he shows.  
Suddenly I know I have passed across  
to a shore where I do not live.

### Church Council

The Church Council will meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

The remaining 2022 schedule is as follows:

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



## September:

1st: Jim Hastings  
18th: Sue Carrigan  
30th: Tom Pizor



## September:

9th: Ben and Martha Miller  
10th: Linda Gray and David Gotjen  
11th: John and Wendy McVey  
28th: Peter and Emily Benson

*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!*

## Welcome,

While Rev. Gail continues her well earned sabbatical we will have the following guest preachers come to join us in person and virtually on Zoom.

Sunday September 4th (Communion Sunday):  
Sunday September 11th:

Rev. Pojen Lee  
Tim Scott

Rev. Gail will return from sabbatical on Sunday September 18th. We will also be joined by Sharon Novak who will be focusing on our music program moving forward.

On Sunday September 25th we will be joined by the NH UCC Conference Minister, Rev. Gordon Rankin to help us in celebrating the Protestant Chapel Association historical anniversary.



## Free Fitness Classes on Wednesdays and Fridays

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

# Jackson Community Church Updates and Upgrades

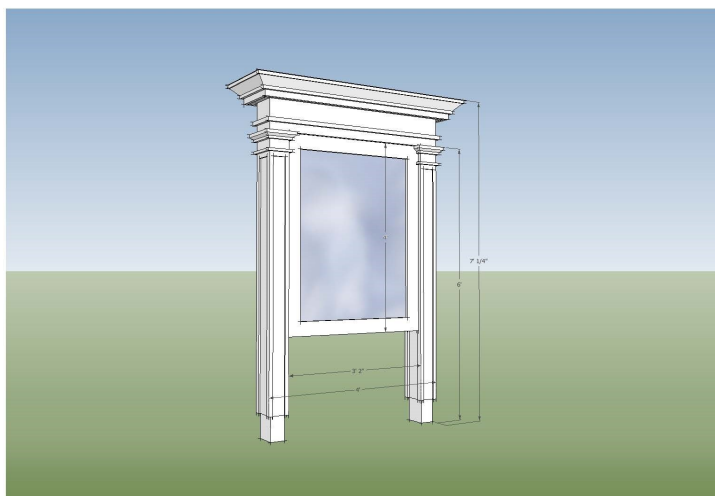


Although we have been announcing this project on Sundays during worship, here's a brief reminder that the church is receiving a fresh coat of paint. Along the way, we are making some repairs to the steeple, and also caring for the facade (such as window trim and shutters).

Over the next few weeks, the exterior of the building will be carefully washed, scraped, and painted. Some modest carpentry repairs may also be required. We will remove the attached sign on the front of the church, and replace it with one that is situated near the same site, but is freestanding.

Plans for this project have been in the works for two years. In summer 2021, we submitted a grant application to NH's Land & Community Heritage Investment Program / LCHIP. It was approved last fall. The church has provided matching funds. After final approval was received in late August from LCHIP, the project could proceed.

Members and friends have also provided in-kind donations of their time to move the project forward. We want to extend special thanks to the [Tamarack Construction](#) crew (Mike and Steve Weeder), Guilford Painting, project management by Robert Carper of [NH Log Homes](#) and Steve Weeder of [Tamarack Construction](#), and the architectural contributions of Christopher Doktor, AIA, of [OL+ Architects & Planners](#).



# 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.

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

As of Saturday September 3, 2022 the Bartlett/Jackson Food Pantry will be located at 9 Dundee Road, Intervale (off Route 16A—former location of Faith Bible Church).

The pantry will be open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00am to 12 noon. The new location is accessible to all and no proof of need is required.

For more information contact Birdy Ellsmore ( [bellsmore4@roadrunner.com](mailto:bellsmore4@roadrunner.com) or 603-996-1659) or Benda Mederios ( [bartlettjacksonfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bartlettjacksonfoodpantry@gmail.com) or 603-383-9246)

The Pantry is always in need of:

- Condiments (ketchup and mayo).
- Coffee, snack bars and tomato sauce.
- Proteins: canned chicken, stew, tuna
- Cake, cookie and brownie mixes and jello and pudding mix.
- Paper products and detergent (dishes & clothes).
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE JCC FOYER ANYTIME IN THE DESIGNATED BOX. MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO BJFP, PO BOX 279, GLEN NH 03838**

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## **THE WAY STATION is in NEED OF FOOD ITEMS, WARM BLANKETS, SLEEPING BAGS, and TENTS:**

- 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.

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

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
CLIMB AGAINST CANCER**  
Saturday, September 17



Jen's Friends Climb Against Cancer is an annual event held at Cranmore Mountain Resort. It has become symbolic of the hurdles that cancer patients, survivors, and their families must overcome to win the battle against cancer. Many people participate to celebrate survivorship; others come to commemorate the lives of those who lost the battle with cancer. And still others hike to raise money for their friends and neighbors who are being helped by Jen's Friends. People of all ages participate.

The Jackson Community Church's Mission Group is sponsoring a team in the 25th Annual Climb Against Cancer on Saturday, September 17th at Cranmore Mountain. There will be a group at the bottom supporting the climbers as well as a group hiking up the mountain. Whatever your ability is, please join us.

This year the Mission Team will be climbing in memory of church member, Sandra Himmelwright's husband, Richard, who recently lost his battle with cancer. For more information on how to join the JCC Team contact Meg Phillips 603-383-6033 (Margaret\_p@roadrunner.com). If you would like to contribute to the team or an individual, checks can be given to Meg, sent to the church (Box 381, Jackson NH 03846), or submitted through paypal (jacksoncommunitychurch.org).

All funds donated to Jen's Friends go directly to helping with non medical expenses to those fighting cancer in our community. Jen's Friends is 100 percent volunteer based and they have no paid staff.



## Honduras Hope returns to Honduras

Honduras Hope is a New England based non profit working to empower communities in rural Honduras through health, education and self sufficiency. Volunteers in the past have travelled to the area of Plan Grande, San Jose de Machigua and Yoro four times a year to help support programs in those communities. In March of 2022 a group representing Honduras Hope was able to return for the first time since the pandemic started.

Please check their latest [newsletter](#) (click link) to learn about how the volunteers are helping and what is still needed to be accomplished with Education, Girl Empowerment, Healthcare, Nutrition Programs, the Plan Grande Electricity project and the San Jose water project.



## UCC Mission Collection

The success and sustainability of the national ministries of the United Church of Christ relies on churches contributing to basic operating support and mission. Being 5 for 5 means our church provides support to Our Church's Wider Mission along with the four Special mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund. The Jackson Community Church is proudly a 5 for 5 church.

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. In past years we have asked for donations multiple times per year focusing on specific missions. This year you will see information in each month's newsletter - highlighting a mission - and we will do one BIG collection in the fall. Hopefully you can become familiar with each Special Mission Offering and when the time comes give generously. This month we focus on Neighbors in Need.



Neighbors in Need 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.

Where does your support go? A few examples are below.



A United Church of Christ sanctuary church offering immigrants refuge in the Arizona borderlands will soon be offering a place of hospitality, support and hope on the Mexican side of the border for people who find themselves deported from the United States. The Shadow Rock UCC Sanctuary Action Team and the Rev. Ken Heintzelman, in an extension of the spirit and intent of their ministry of sanctuary in Phoenix, are in the process of establishing Hope Station Nogales, in Sonora, Mexico.

The thought is Hope Station, which was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Neighbors in Need, can be a place of transition, a place where people who are deported but have family in the U.S. can find a meal, safe lodging and assistance.

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With a grant from the United Church of Christ's Neighbors in Need offering, 24 high school students from an economically challenged Houston neighborhood learned about activism and carried out a local campaign for a \$15 minimum-wage law.

The idea came from the basic insight that many Houston residents find it hard to make ends meet, especially workers in fast-food and other service industries. The Rev. Darnell Fennell serves some of those people in both his callings. He is pastor of Just Love Church, affiliated with the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also teaches high school social studies. He sought the NIN grant to introduce young people to local activists in the national Fight for \$15 wage campaign and involve them in learning by doing.



## 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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## Steeple Light

The Jackson Community Church Steeple is lit this month by the PCA Commemorating their 175th Anniversary.

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



## Friends of Bartlett Public Library Present

### Digging into Native History in NH

a New Hampshire Humanities sponsored program



"Abenaki history has been reduced to near invisibility as a result of conquest, a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to go "underground," concealing their true identities for generations to avoid discrimination and persecution. Robert

Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface.