



Inside Out:

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Serving Our Church
Members & Friends
In Jackson, NH
And beyond!



Friends —

Did you partake of the ritual of New Year's resolutions? It's tempting to take on new pastimes and obligations. Or cultivate new habits. It's easy enough to make new promises. Of course, there's a blessing for new beginnings, starting-over, and all such transformative choices.

Yet there's also another option. Rather than starting up new commitments and relationships, we might revisit and revive what already needs care and attention in our lives. What's already good and useful, but possibly overlooked? Passions? Places? People?

Either way, what will we do with this coming year?

I'm tempted to appreciate renew, reuse, recycle as a motto for some of what can happen this year. The church is appreciating its strengths, discussing its past, and also taking stock of what we hope to build for the future.

Meanwhile my family, for instance, went through our attic and re-gifted forgotten, lost, and abandoned items that were relevant and useful. When we looked at them anew, they suddenly seemed like wonderful blessings: empty jars re-filled with bath salts, cookie tins filled with baked goods, photos and albums that kindled memories, filled blank spaces on walls and in hearts. Same for old habits that we've been reinvigorating.

At the same time, my family is anticipating our first grandchild this spring. In families, in communities, the past is also connected to new generations. What will we offer to those who are young in the world? Some of our blessings could be recovered from attics and closets, from memories and experiences. We'll pass along treasured stories and skills to others. Yet the young ones will also open our eyes and teach us something we didn't anticipate!

This is the promise in Isaiah, when people seek a source of resilience. They honor their history and look toward a new future. *"See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."*

Perhaps it's worthwhile to take stock of those resources and relationships that simply need to be polished up, given a little more attention and energy, to be an asset in our lives. Perhaps we can appreciate anew what we have taken for granted. Along the way, perhaps we will also learn new things, make new memories, tell new stories, sing new songs, and build new relationships.

This year holds the 'both/and' blessing of the past and the future within its potential! Welcome all that it offers!

Blessings in 2024! — Rev Gail Doktor

Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the

Jackson Community Church
will be held on

Wednesday January 24, 2024.
6pm—Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall
7pm—Annual Meeting

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

Meeting can also be attended via Zoom:

Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96853932521?pwd=bjNpNktQMjYrQTNiUVZDd3FhcGUzZz09>

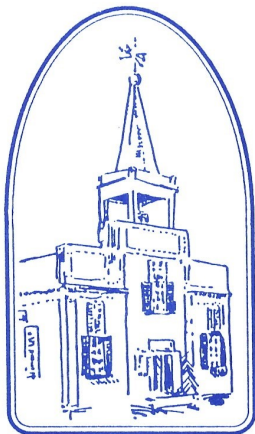
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A reminder: If you have not returned your 2024 pledge card there is still time. A pledge is a promise to support the Jackson Community Church during the year. A pledge helps us in planning for the 2024 budget, along with programs.



Envelope Number
(for office use)

FOR CHURCH RECORDS

Date:

Name

Address

Post Office

State

Zip Code

☐ In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries,

I plan to give beginning _____ \$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

☐ For an annual total of \$ _____

FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date:

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\$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

☐ For an annual total of \$ _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

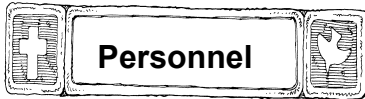
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Church Council

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 14th at 7pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the February newsletter will be Tuesday Jan 29th. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Church Family News and Prayers



Jan. 4: Mona Chisholm
Jan. 5: David Gotjen
Jan. 8: Margaret Miller
Jan 16: Lee Phillips

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!



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.

All are welcome to participate.



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.

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, Claire Mallette Sue Carrigan and Gloria Hutchings.



Dear Jackson Community Church,

How wonderful of you to donate \$480 for street lamps in Plan Grande, Honduras. These are life saving lights especially for girls and women.

Thank you for bringing New Light and Hope to many folks. We also appreciate the work of Meg Phillips in Honduras and here in NH.

Blessings Always,

Bill Briggs, Honduras Hope USA Coordinator



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.

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, as well as gift cards. Monetary donations for the Food Pantry can be sent to: BJFP, PO BOX 279, GLEN NH 03838

THE WAY STATION is accepting:

- Gift Cards to Market Basket (\$10-\$40)
- 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

Monetary donations for the Way Station can be sent to: PO Box 1888, North Conway 03860.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR BOTH THE FOOD PANTRY AND THE WAY STATION CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE JCC FOYER ANYTIME IN THE DESIGNATED BOX.

New: Essential Non-Food Pantry for those 60 and older



A partnership between Vaughan Community Service and Town of Conway's Local Welfare Office

The purpose of the Essential Non-Food Pantry is to encourage healthy hygiene, minimize infections and increase quality of life while providing outreach material, information and screenings to ensure that needs are met and safety is maximized.

**The Essential Non-Food Pantry is open the
2nd Wednesday of the month from
9am to 11am beginning February 14th
Vaughan Community Center**

Items available at the pantry include cleaning and paper products, hygiene products, first aid, Memory care items, gift cards, as well as, safety and emergency items. This day is separate from the regular food pantry and open to those 60 and over.

The Non-Food Pantry will also help by having outreach material that provides access to programs that are available such as assistance with car repair, registrations, snow removal, winterization, sand/salt ect.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program please share this new information.

For those who would like to donate:

Donations drop off:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11 at Vaughan's pantry or call BJ at 603-447-*=3811 Ext 214 to make alternative arrangements.

Cash Donations:

Checks can be made out to Vaughan Community Services

Mailing address to send checks: POB 401 North Conway, NH 03860

More information contact Jennifer Perkins 603-602-1801 or BJ Parker 603-447-3811 ext 214

2023 Church Life Activities



Starting Point: Boots and Bling



Alzheimer's Walk 2023



Jackson Care Packages



Orthodox Church Outing



Jen's Friends Hill Climb



Historic Triangle Service

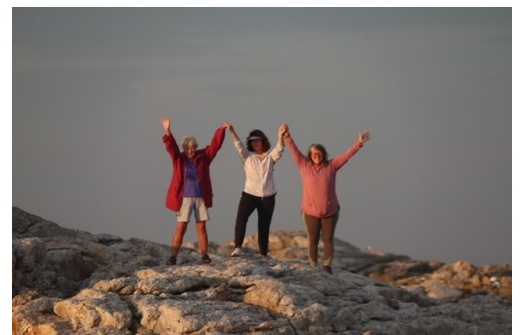


Ladies Luncheon



Men's Breakfast

Star
Island



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.

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

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: _____

