

Jackson Community Church

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Annual Report

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Jackson Community Church 2025 Annual Report

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Ministers Report

January 2026

Brothers & Sisters, Friends & Neighbors — As last year closes and this new one unfolds, we seek perspective. We look backward and sum up activities and events and experiences that affected our faith community, our valley, and our world. We recall lives mourned, and celebrate milestones achieved. We strive to express and embody hope, even in times that are tumultuous and uncertain: economically, politically, socially, legally, and even spiritually.

2026 **invites** us, as a nation marking its 250th anniversary, to reflect on the meaning of liberty, democracy, and our role in the world. In what ways do we **choose** to be— individually, locally, and nationally—what the Puritan patriarch John Winthrop envisioned as a ‘city on a hill?’ That legacy is a complex one, that brought loss and sorrow to indigenous people even as it became a foothold of tenacity, faith, and hope for colonists. We are the heirs to the ‘both/and’ of such beginnings.

Last September on Star Island, members of this faith community and strangers-turned-friends all **joined hands** to form a human chain across the horizon, connecting each other as the sun slipped into the sea. The terrain was uncertain, and people stepped carefully through the dusk, **guiding each other** so no one would fall. We picked our way carefully, then let others stand back to watch and coordinate this activity, give their perspective and **shepherd us** into a messy mortal line. Together we raised our hands, spread our feet, and formed individual stars all touching each other. In many ways, that moment speaks to the significance of community and connection.



To whose *voices* are we **listening** in these times? Which *path* will we **pick** through the darkness? Who has the long-range *vision* to **help** us **find** a courageous and ethical *Way* through the gloaming and groaning of the world? Will we stand apart or **reach** for each other, and **connect** to *something beyond Naming* deeper and stronger than our solo selves? What will we **offer** to each other and this world, believing the *light resides* within us, not just beyond us?

CONNECTED-Current Events and Eternal Presence: Recently Rev. Marshall Davis offered a reflection about restoring ‘Christ’ to ‘Christianity’. In part, Davis writes, “Remember that when Jesus was born, the Mediterranean world had recently transitioned from a Roman republic to an authoritarian Roman empire. We see the same sort of thing happening today in our republic ... there is a need to direct our attention to that which is beyond history. History swirls with periodic movements of justice and injustice, right and wrong, good and evil ... Empires rise and fall. Even the great Roman Empire fell ... Why would we think that our time in history is exempt from this cycle? ... Yet there is a path through and beyond suffering. This *Way* is to remain rooted in the Eternal, which transcends the rhythms of good and evil, right and wrong. Christianity has used the word “providence” to describe this ... It is Presence. It is Awareness. It is Life. We can be consciously aligned with Life or we can fight it. To fight it is suffering. To abide in Life is peace.” At its heart, Jackson Community Church **abides** as one small Christian faith community, **rooted** in the *Way of Christ*, that strives to **support** people’s connection both to this world and to the *Eternal: Holy Love*.

Minister's Report (Con't)

Jackson Community Church **straddles** current events and sacred time. **Yes**, we **engage** in social and environmental justice in our corner of the world: food insecurity, affordable housing, aging in place, mental health, immigration, sobriety, health and fitness, poverty, conservation, and many other issues. Yet we remain **anchored** by the certainty that Holy Love abides and sustains us, beyond this day, this decade, this century, this millenia. **Yes**, we **reach out** in sustainable ways to **support** others. Yet we know we **cannot do so alone**, and **seek** connection with other faith partners, nonprofits, and institutions to make a difference. **Yes**, we **attune** ourselves to news, headlines, and public policies that concern us, alarm us, and motivate us, choosing to **speak and act** ethically during a time when our country is often divided by rhetoric and reality. Yet one of our covenants, as a faith community, involves first **finding** the face of God in each other and **remembering** how and why we are all connected. **Yes**, our story **includes** the turning of the calendar's page. Yet our story also **tells** only one brief chapter in the never-ending narrative writ large by God, Ground of All Being, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and Ending. **Yes**, our deep ties to God **offer** sufficient resilience and perspective to **care** about what happens here-and-now, **responding** to people and places that need our attention in the short-term. Yet we also **learn** from the wisdom of teachers such as Rev. Martin Luther King Jr, who remind us that the *'arc of the moral universe is long, yet it bends toward justice'*, for we are **living** in God's time, just as much as we exist in the midst of human schedules.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, who loved us and by grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

— 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

INTIMATE-Then and Now: Our little church isn't homogenous in its perspectives and values. Yet we are small enough to **form relationships** with each other and **find common ground** to **serve** and **worship** in community together. We are **joined** by friends and neighbors representing a plethora of worldviews and lived experiences. People **identify** as agnostic, questioning, Unitarian, Jewish, Catholic, Orthodox, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, evangelical, independent, humanist, spiritual-but-not-religious, and other categories. Some of us confidently **claim** belonging in specific Christian *traditions*. Many others **remain seekers**. Or **hold back** as *skeptics*. Our village church **welcomes** people **exploring** their connection to Christ's Way.

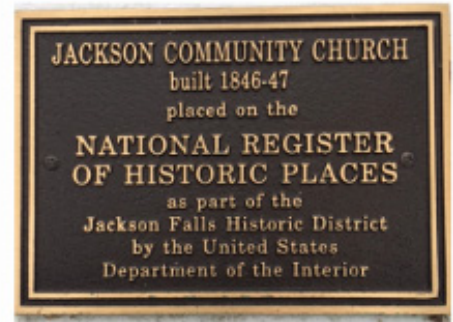
For some, faith is best **expressed** through familiar prayers, songs, and rituals that feel like a homecoming. For others, faith **translates** as volunteering and serving in connection with causes that are meaningful and impactful. For some, faith **comes** to life through experience of and engagement with the natural world.

Over time, our particular church has **changed** dramatically. In part, we **adapt** to reflect the times in which we operate and serve.



Minister's Report (Con't)

Back in 1803, our church **formed** as a Freewill Baptist congregation in the village — when it was called Adams, NH — **worshiping** in a small building located further north in the village and **servicing** a rural community. The church **re-organized** and **built** this historic sanctuary, completed in 1847 on this current site, located closer to the heart of the growing village that had been renamed Jackson, NH. In 1981, our congregation **joined** the United Church of Christ/UCC, a Christian denomination formed by the merger of five mainstream and independent Protestant movements. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, when many small churches left the UCC and other Christian denominations, divided by debates over ordaining women and LGTQIA people as clergy, our church **opted to remain** part of the UCC and quietly **offered welcoming** practices. In the 21st century, we **added** a contemporary annex and doubled the size of our structure. This **occurred** just when the population of children and families dwindled in our village. It **paralleled** a national decline in the number of people who joined churches and identified as religious. The state's aging population, combined with events such as a global pandemic that enforced social isolation, further **affected** the number of people attending services and joining churches in our region. Overall, our Sunday congregation sizes **got smaller** and more people chose to '**attend**' services **virtually**: yet we **are healthy** in ways that cannot be numbered by **counting** butts in the pews.



Rather, our vitality can be **measured** in other terms. Our *giving* is strong. Our *contributions* of time and energy to the community, and in *care for each other*, is palpable. Our *partnerships* extend our impact. Our *resilient presence*, both in the landscape and the life of the village and valley, persists.

Throughout its history, Jackson Community Church has **approached** such trends and challenges as opportunities to **adapt and respond**, always remaining **committed** to our core identity as a Christian faith community. Our village church is small and intimate in its relationships, yet remains vibrant and vital. Far from fading away, we **exemplify** an active presence in the village and the valley. Though our congregation is predominantly an older one, we continue to **engage** a handful of families with elementary, middle, and high school students who also **participate** in the church's worship and community life. Though small in number at any given time, our congregation **embodies** a healthy network of people **providing** meaningful forms of service, giving, and participation in the congregation and wider community. This year, we have **extended** membership to **acknowledge** the contributions of many people who have long been categorized as 'friends' of the church. This **honors** folks' significant gifts of time, financial contributions, and active presence in the life of the church, and **conveys** to them the privilege of voting or serving as church officers.



Jackson Community Church may also be **categorized** as a '*purple*' church. We **boast** conservatives and liberals, lefties and righties, staunch party members and independents. Yet we **choose** to live, work, play and serve in communion and community with each other.

Minister's Report (Con't)

Though our church **adapts** as needed, we stay **connected** to something bigger than current events: *the Eternal*. We **exist** because *God's Holy Love abides*. Jackson Community Church will continue to **reflect Holy Love**, in different ways, in years to come, just as we have done across decades past.

HIGHLIGHTS - JCC's Year: Our historic building and contemporary annex **hosts** public and private events that **enrich** the cultural and spiritual life of the community. AA **meets** here, as do several other community groups. We **coordinate** with visiting middle school, high school, and college youth groups and students, who sometimes **stay overnight** in our facility, cook meals, **provide** community service, and **engage** in faith formation. Our Parish Hall **serves** as a site of community connection. In particular, the fitness class led by Laurie McAleer has **formed** a strong communal bond. We also **host** courses and presentations in conjunction with the Whitney Community Center, ranging from cooking to crafting. We **gather** for social and spiritual events, from the monthly men's breakfast to seasonal worship around a common table.



Throughout the year, we also **co-host** off-site events such as presentations on religious literacy, once each quarter in partnership with the Whitney Community Center. Last year, we **welcomed** speakers on Quakerism, Judaism, Greek Orthodoxy, and Franciscan movement. We **continue** virtual study gatherings such as C3 (Cocktails and Christian Conversations). We **organize** social outings to enjoy local events such as concerts, dinners, classes, and the Covered Bridge Dance. Our congregation **shows up** for valley events such as the Pride Festival. We **participate**, as a faith community, in retreats to places like Star Island. We also **walk, climb, and ride**, as active teams, in **support** of causes ranging from Jen's Friends work with families living with cancer to the annual Walk to End Alzheimers. We **engage** in valley-wide initiatives such as Angels & Elves. Our friends and members **volunteer** for a range of nonprofits, including the Way Station, Gibson Center, Starting Point, Conway Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, RSVP, Memorial Hospital, Tin Mountain, AMC, Mt Washington Observatory, Saco Valley Land Trust, Jackson XC Center, Whitney Community Center, Jackson Public Library and other local libraries, Jackson and Bartlett Historical Societies, Red Cross, local firefighting teams, and other service entities in our valley.



Within the sphere of church connections, staff and members **volunteer** within the NH Conference of the UCC and UCC-owned entities such as Star Island. A small team **traveled** to **celebrate** the dedication of the new church building with our partner, Chikanga Church, UCCZ in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Meanwhile we **support** teams working in missions out in the field and locally, such as the family of Rev. Joyce Scott.



Minister's Report (Con't)

Our spiritual and worship life often **takes place** outside church walls. From Ashes-to-Go during Lent to weekly outdoor gatherings at 8am when weather permits, to outdoor Easter and Christmas Eve services, and pastor's pop-up hours in public settings, we are visible and active in the wider world. Grief groups **meet** at the old library next door and in homes. Over the course of the year, our church **balances** the observance of civic holidays with their spiritual parallels, honoring everything from Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth to Independence Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and cultural holidays such as Mothers and Fathers Days, among many others.



Yet we also **welcome** people inside our quintessentially New England sanctuary with its clear windows and simple, spacious interior for classic worship experiences and recognition of life events such as weddings, funerals and memorials, and baptisms. Always, we **combine** tradition with innovation, finding new ways to **tell** familiar stories and **listen** to the Word, **understanding** its relevance for our times.

We **dance** together. We **sing** together. We **pray** together. We **move** together. We **play** together. We **serve** together. We **learn** together. We **dine** together. We **flourish** together.

In a world caught up in current events, that so often separate us from each other, Jackson Community Church **models** the ways we **choose each other**. May we continue to **see** in each other God's *image* and God's *light*. May we **extend** to each other the Spirit's *agape love*. May we **journey** together in the *Way*.



Blessings in 2026!

— Rev Gail Doktor

Clerks Report

Membership on Church Roll as of December 31, 2024.....	95
New Members	24
Inactive members moved to active status 2025.....	0
Members Lost by Death recorded in 2025.....	2
Richard Quint 01/01/25	
William Woodason 01/29/25	
Members Lost by Withdrawal (Transfer) in 2025.....	0
Members moved to inactive status 2025.....	11
 TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025.....	 106
Baptisms in 2025:.....	1
Nairoh Esra Puri 04/05/25 (off site)	
Memorial Services/Celebration of Life held in the Church in 2025.....	1
Bert Engvall 09/27/25	
Memorial Services/Celebration of Life held offsite in 2025.....	1
Paula Rae Rogerson 09/18/25	
Weddings performed in 2025.....	7
Weddings performed offsite	3
Weddings performed in the church with own clergy.....	0
Weddings performed in the church.....	4
Vow renewal.....	0

Active Membership List

In Order of Joining As of December 31, 2025

1. William Botsford
2. Judith Botsford
3. Cynthia Welch
4. Deanna Glover
5. Lori Jean Kinsey
6. Eileen McDonald
7. Lee Phillips
8. Margaret Phillips
9. Tim Scott
10. Clare Long
11. Emily Benson
12. Peter Benson
13. Huntley Allan
14. Joyce Allan
15. Leslie Schomaker
16. Alice Pepper
17. June McLeavy-Weeder
18. Michael Weeder
19. Linda Gray
20. Eleanor Woodason (Assoc)
21. Martha Miller
22. Gloria Hutchings
23. Kay Leigh Kearns
24. Andrew Kearns
25. Jim Hastings
26. Linda Hastings
27. Lauren Orsini
28. Steve Allbee
29. Colleen Allbee
30. Sue Titus Reid
31. Gary Methot
32. Sue Ann Methot
33. Barry W. Trudeau
34. Barry Chisholm
35. Ramona Chisholm
36. Irene Sullivan
37. Sandy Louis
38. Arden Schoen
39. Lisa White
40. Will White
41. Jeanette Heidmann
42. John B. McVey
43. Wendy M. McVey
44. Linda Little
45. John Little
46. Dawn Brauel
47. Robert Bowman
48. Lori Tradewell
49. Tony Deluca
50. Deborah Moffett
51. Janice Nichipor
52. Jan Chernick
53. Katherine (Kit) Griffin
54. Robert Griffin
55. Bob Carper
56. Jackie Corrigan
57. Laurie McAleer
58. Tom Pizor
59. Cheryl Pizor
60. Rev Gail Doktor
61. Mary Dindorf
62. Janice Brodil (Assoc)
63. Susan Carrigan (Assoc)
64. Sandra Himmelwright
65. David Perkins
66. Ginger Perkins
67. Kevin Hamory
68. Chris Osborne
69. Susan Osborne
70. Kathleen Wishard
71. Kate Battenfelder
72. Allyn Roberts
73. Hank Dresch
74. Linda Dresch
75. Donna Dunn
76. Dawson Winch
77. Cindy Gilmore
78. Susan Licardi
79. Elizabeth Carper
80. Maureen Carpenter
81. Ken Carpenter
82. Bilo Bell
83. Calla Battenfelder
84. Christy Bender
85. Jack Bender
86. Karen Canty
87. Anne Chase
88. Lynda Dunwell
89. Annie Garry (Assoc)
90. Bert Garry (Assoc)
91. Jim Hill
92. Gillian Kellogg (Assoc)
93. Christian Klein
94. Erica Klein
95. Claire Mallette
96. Jean McGlynn
97. Peter McGlynn
98. Suzanne Munroe
99. Gia Osborne
100. Sandi Poor
101. Steve Whitaker
102. Alison Verran
103. Randy Verran
104. Autumn Verran
105. Caleb White
106. Micah White

- (Associate) = full membership in another church
- (I) = potential inactive

Active Membership List - Alphabetical

Allan, Huntly	Griffin, Katherine (Kit)	Pepper, Alice
Allan, Joyce	Griffin, Robert	Perkins, David
Allbee, Colleen	Hamory, Kevin	Perkins, Ginger
Allbee, Steve	Hastings, James	Phillips, Lee
Battenfelder, Calla **	Hastings, Linda	Phillips, Margaret
Battenfelder, Kate	Head, Gordon	Pizor, Cheryl
Bell, Bilo	Heidmann, Jeanette	Pizor, Tom
Bender, Christy **	Hill, Jim **	Poor, Sandi **
Bender, Jack **	Himmelwright, Sandra	Reid, Sue Titus
Benson, Emily	Hutchings, Gloria	Roberts, Allyn
Benson, Peter	Kearns, Andrew	Schoen, Arden
Botsford, Judy	Kearns, Kay Leigh	Schomaker, Leslie
Botsford, William	Kellogg, Gillian (Associate) **	Scott, Tim
Bowman, Robert	Kinsey, Lori Jean	Sullivan, Irene
Brael, Dawn	Klein, Christian **	Tradewell, Lori
Brodil, Janice	Klein, Erica **	Trudeau, Barry
Canty, Karen **	Licardi, Susan	Verran, Alison **
Carpenter, Ken	Little, John	Verran, Autumn **
Carpenter, Maureen	Little, Linda	Verran, Randy **
Carper, Bob	Long, Clare	Weeder, Michael
Carper, Elizabeth	Louis, Sandy	Welch, Cynthia
Carrigan, Sue (Associate)	MacDonald, Eileen	Whitaker, Steve **
Chase, Anne **	Malette, Claire **	White, Caleb **
Chernick, Jan	McLeavey-Weeder, June	White, Lisa
Chisholm, Barry	McAler, Laurie	White, Micah **
Chisholm, Ramona	McGlynn, Jean **	White, Will
Corrigan, Jackie	McGlynn, Peter **	Winch, Dawson
Deluca, Tony	McVey, John B.	Wishard, Kathleen
Dindorf, Mary	McVey, Wendy M	Woodason, Eleanor (Associate)
Dresch, Hank	Methot, Gary	
Dresch, Linda	Methot, Sue Ann	
Dunn, Donna	Miller, Martha	
Dunwell, Lynda **	Moffett, Deborah	
Doktor, Gail	Munroe, Suzanne **	
Garry, Annie (Associate) **	Nichipor, Janice	
Garry, Bert (Associate) **	Orsini, Lauren V.	
Gilmore, Cindy	Osborne, Chris	
Glover, Deanna	Osborne, Gia **	
Gray, Linda	Osborne, Susan	

- (Associate) = full membership in another church
- ** New member 2026

Welcoming New Members

We welcome 24 new friends to our church family in the name of Jesus Christ. We extend a hearty welcome and officially receive you into the membership of The Jackson Community Church. Your presence enriches our congregation, and we're excited to support you as you deepen your faith and discover ways to serve with us. In part, this recognition of new members includes many people who have been active as 'friends' of the church for an extended period of time. Using the framework of existing bylaws, the deacons now annually extend the privilege of membership to people who have chosen to participate in the life of this faith community for at least one year. Based on the criteria of worshipping with us, being involved in other aspects of church life, volunteering with the church, and/or providing financial support as characteristics of active involvement and membership, deacons invited many people on this list to accept the status of membership.

Calla Battenfelder
Christy Bender
Jack Bender
Karen Canty
Anne Chase
Lynda Dunwell
Annie Garry (Assoc.)
Bert Garry (Assoc.)
Jim Hill
Gillian Kellogg (Assoc.)

Christian Klein
Erica Klein
Claire Mallette
Jeane McGlynn
Peter McGlynn
Suzanne Munroe
Gia Osborne
Sandi Poor
Steve Whitaker
Alison Verran

Randy Verran
Autumn Verran
Caleb White
Micah White

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Inactive Membership List

According to the Constitution and By-laws of the Jackson Community Church—Page 2, under Article III—Membership; D. Termination, second paragraph:

“Members whose addresses have been long unknown, or who, for a period of two years, in spite of kindly approaches, have not communicated with this Church or contributed to its support may, by recommendation of the Deacons and by vote of the church, be transferred to the status of inactive member. If possible, they shall be informed of such action. From the date of such transfer, they shall cease to be reported on the active membership roll.”

Marv Bihn
Wali Bihn
Antonella Bliss
Barbara Browne
Kristen Corrigan
Gordon Head

Roy Lundquist
Rachel Pitman
Christine Thompson
Bob Thompson
Cathy Trudeau



Jackson Community Church Draft Mission Statement

As a community of Faith ~ we welcome all who seek understanding;

As a community of Hope ~ we offer friendship and comfort to those in need;

As a community of Love ~ we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

Jackson Community Church Covenant

We, the members and friends of this Church, believing in God the Father Almighty, and in faith having accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, and committed our lives to Him as our Lord and Master, do now solemnly and joyfully pledge together, in the presence of God, and of one another as one body in Christ:

That we will endeavor to live as worthy disciples of Him Whose Name we bear, seeking Christ likeness in character and in conduct, and striving to know and obey God's will, that He may use in establishing His kingdom on Earth.

That we will attend with regularity, as we are able, the worship services of our Church, that through our united witness, we may acknowledge our Maker, sit at the feet of the Master, and grow in spiritual understanding, stature and devotion.

That we will contribute regularly, as to the best of our ability, to the financial support of the ministries of this Church, locally, nationally and throughout the World, that we ourselves, our families, and others, may enjoy the priceless privileges of the Gospel, and advance the high cause of justice, peace and compassion for one another.

That we will promote the work of our Church, by devoting our time and talents, as we are able, to the Master's service and by giving our Church a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin.

Mission Champions

The Mission Team has had a rewarding and successful year. We met and planned for numerous activities and communicated in person, by emails, by phone and through zoom at regular intervals.

Members of the committee are: Linda Hastings- chair, Jeanette Heidmann- treasurer, Kit Griffin - secretary, Gloria Hutchings - connection to the Jackson Bridge, Sue Carrigan - connection to the Way Station, Claire Mallette - lead person for Jen's Friends Climb Against Cancer and Pride Day, and Meg Phillips - organizer of the plant sale and connection to the Food Pantry.

Goals

Our group is interested in local, national, and global projects. We feel the mission work is the lifeblood of the church and helps the church to be part of the community. Plans for the year included: 1. Publish information about the Mission Teams activities in the monthly edition of the Inside Out. 2. Give regular presentations in church about our mission work. 3. Encourage members to be involved in our mission projects and fundraising activities.

We continued our support of the Way Station. Rev. Gail and Jeanette continue to be actively involved as members of the board. Sue and other members of the church are involved with sorting and delivering food, as well as with other activities. Many donated food items from the congregation are given to the Way Station clients. Last year's cold weather fun raiser raised \$735 which was used to buy warm sleeping bags.

During the year we sent a total of \$5,000 to Chikanga church in Zimbabwe to put towards the completion of their church. Jeanette, Gail, and Chris Doktor traveled to Mutare for the dedication of the new church. We all enjoyed viewing their pictures. The congregation also sent significant in-kind donations including a new communion set, liturgical textiles, a handmade stole by artist Linda Gray for the pastor, and small personal gifts for men, women and children of the church.



This past year an orphanage in Zimbabwe was consumed by fire. The Mission Committee donated \$500 towards the total of \$3,025 that was sent to help construct new housing facilities.

With cuts to the SNAP program, more clients are utilizing the Food Pantry. Many of us have volunteered during the two Saturday mornings a month that the food pantry is open. Meg and Claire continue the job of preparing and delivering toiletry bags to students who receive backpacks from 68 Hours of Hunger. There are 6 bags going to Bartlett and 1 to Jackson. knitters to make hats and mittens for children at the Bartlett school for those cold days at recess. We all helped organize food items for a complete Thanksgiving meal for local families.

During the year we collected and delivered needed food, clothes, and Station, Jackson/Bartlett Food Pantry and Gibson Center. The Gibson tive of the many calendars donated by church members and friends.

Again, our plant sale was a tremendous success! The community gave us wonderful support by both donating and purchasing plants. We received donations from Lucy's, Home Depot, Lowe's, Dutch Bloemen Winkel, Paris Farmers, McSherry's Florist, and Tractor Supply. We were able to raise a total of \$2,500 thanks to the generosity of church members and the community. Of that total, \$1,000 went to Doctors Without Borders, \$1,000 to World Kitchen and \$500 to the Way Station.



Mission Champions (con't)

Claire did a great job of organizing team members for the Jen's Friends Climb against Cancer in September. About 36 volunteers including church members, family and friends signed up to walk and we raised \$3,854 to help cancer patients in the valley. Claire also organized volunteers for the JCC booth at the Pride Festival, which collaborated with a couple of other churches (JCC is a sponsor of this community event). We gave away rainbow colored juice, temporary tattoos, peace cranes, and swag. Donations from the community went to the Kennett High School & Fryeburg Academy LGBTIA+ support groups.



Jeanette organized a group to hike the trails at Great Glen as a local Walk for a Cure fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. After a nice walk many enjoyed eating lunch at the restaurant.

In October we helped in providing a table at the Jackson Halloween Trick or Treat.

In November we sponsored a family of 4 children through Angels and Elves. The congregation provided needed and wanted clothing and toys for the children. We were able to give the family a Hannaford gift certificate and gave cash to sponsor another Angel and Elves family.

We purchased poinsettias to leave after caroling in December and donated money to the Whitney Center for their Community Friendship Baskets.

Meg was able to get more of the beautiful baskets made in Honduras by households supported through Honduras Hope. They all sold quickly.

Our total budget this year was \$14,000 including the Zimbabwe endowment and Mission UCC. From that budget we allocated 29% to local projects, 1% to National projects, 21% to conference projects, and 48% to international projects.

During the year we supported: MWV Supports Recovery (substance abuse), Alzheimer's Assoc., Jen's Friends, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Our Church's Wider Mission, The Clergy Christmas Fund, and Strengthening the Church. Other contributions included: White Mountain Community Health Center, The Horton Center, Habitat for Humanity, Star Island, Children Unlimited, Gibson Center, Northern Human Services, Starting Point, Ukraine, Legato, Joyce and Mike Scott's Mission work, Heifer Project, Chikanga Food Relief, Emergency Response Fund, Honduras Hope, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and to the UCC Immigration and Refugee Fund.

Our church continues to be very active and visible in the local, national and global community thanks to Reverend Gail and the generosity of our members and friends. We are blessed to be a part of this church community!

Kit Griffin, Secretary
Mission Team

Church Operations and Proposed Budget

The Jackson Community Church ended the 2025 fiscal year with a total income of \$219,071.05 and total expenses of \$208,797.94

Income

The following table shows 2025 actual total income received from specific sources, associated 2025 budgeted amounts and 2026 budget estimates

Income Source	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Restricted Gifts/Donations	\$16,637.54	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
Endowments	\$83,200.00	\$93,600.000	\$104,400.00
Unrestricted Gifts/Donations	\$109,129.92	\$93,000.00	\$99,000.00
Weddings	\$2,800	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Fundraisers	\$7,303.59	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Total	\$219,071.05	\$195,050.00	\$211,850.00

Income items to note include:

- Member support was \$74,607.28, exceeding its budget forecast of \$70,000.
- Non Member support and plate contributions totaled \$32,392.84. In 2026 we have 24 new members whose contributions will shift from these 2 categories into Member support.

Expenses

JCC expenses comprise three major expense categories: Church Wide Missions, Administration, and Facilities. The 2026 proposed budget enables recommended cost of living increases for salaried positions and modest increases to some expense categories. The 2026 proposed budget includes a request to replace the carpet in Fellowship Hall, a maintenance plan for the generator, and a request to build a winter covering for the generator.

Expense Category	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Church Wide Missions	\$140,928.99	\$133,074.75
Administration	\$34,298.52	\$34,907.28
Facilities	\$33,570.43	\$47,603.37
Total:	\$208,797.94	\$215,585.40

The following tables offer additional information about the expense categories, showing 2025 actual expenses along with 2025 and 2026 budget estimates. Budget increases for 2026 are denoted by an asterisk in 2026 Budget columns.

Church Wide Mission Expenses:

Church Wide Mission Expenses	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Community Outreach	\$14,978.17	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Mission Group	\$20,988.59	\$15,500.00	\$17,500.00*
Deacons	\$1896.56	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Membership & Church Life	\$414.98	\$400.00	\$400.00
Pastor	\$93,954.48	\$95,523.00	\$98,616.00*
Christian Education	\$815.84	\$1200.00	\$1200.00
Music	\$7,880.37	\$14,075.25	\$10,858.75
Sub-Total	\$140,928.99	\$131,198.25	\$133,074.75

Church Wide expense items to note include:

- Increased 2026 Pastor budget allows for NHUCC guidelines of a 3.44% cost of living adjustment.
- Community Outreach 2025 included generous donations made to a specific discretionary cause.

Administration Expenses:

Administration Expenses	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Administrative Assistant	\$20,859.96	\$20,857.94	\$21,442.28 *
Personnel	\$2,071.63	\$2,880.00	\$2,901.00
Communication/Special Projects	\$1,600.11	\$1,864.00	\$1,864.00
Conference Dues	\$3,020.00	\$1,680.00	\$1600.00 *
Office	\$6,746.82	\$7,100.00	\$7100.00
Sub-Total	\$34,298.52	\$34,381.94	\$34,907.28

Administration Expense items to note include:

- Increased 2026 Administrative Assistant budget allows for 3.44% cost of living adjustment.
- Conference dues projection based on 105 members x \$16 per member. .

Facilities Expenses:

Facilities Expenses	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Building	\$17,969.12	\$22,463.00	\$32,512.00 *
Custodial Services	\$6,209.37	\$6,856.11	\$7,081.37 *
Utilities	\$9,391.94	\$8,010.00	\$8,010.00
Sub-Total	\$33,570.43	\$37,329.11	\$47,603.37

Facilities Expense items to note include:

- Custodial Services increases allow for a 3.44% cost-of-living adjustment.
- Increase in Building is a request for new carpets, extended warranty on generator and winter housing for generator

2026 Proposed Budget

Current number	Description	Budget for 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	2026 Proposed Budget Request
<u>ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE</u>					
INCOME RESTRICTED					
GIFTS/DONATION					
4050	Mission, Gifts				
4060	Long term Maintenance - Restricted			3,500.00	
4070	Steeple Light, Gifts	150.00	150.00	160.00	150.00
4080	Youth group gifts				
4090	Minister's Restricted	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,277.54	1,000.00
4091	Heat/parking Supplement	1,700.00	1,700.00	700.00	1,700.00
	SUB-TOTAL	2,850.00	2,850.00	16,637.54	2,850.00
ENDOWMENTS					
4130	General Fund	37,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	42,000.00
4135	Norton/Pond Fund	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	3,600.00
4140	Chadbourne Fund	27,100.00	27,600.00	22,000.00	31,200.00
4145	Capital Reserve Fund	2,200.00	2,400.00	0.00	3,600.00
4150	Mission Fund	7,300.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
4155	Chikanga building Fund	2,800.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
4180	Parsonage Fund	10,500.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	12,000.00
	SUB-TOTAL	89,700.00	93,600.00	83,200.00	104,400.00
UNRESTRICTED GIFTS/ DONATIONS					
4215	Miscellaneous Gifts	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,483.80	1,000.00
4225	Parish Hall & Church Usage	1,000.00	1,000.00	646.00	1,000.00
4230	Member Support	70,000.00	70,000.00	74,607.28	77,000.00
4235	Non-Member Support	3,000.00	3,000.00	13,852.50	6,000.00
4240	Plate	12,000.00	18,000.00	18,540.34	14,000.00
	SUB-TOTAL	87,000.00	93,000.00	109,129.92	99,000.00
WEDDINGS					
4255	Wedding income-church	800.00	800.00	1,005.00	800.00
4257	Wedding income-Custodian	325.00	325.00	195.00	325.00
4260	Wedding income-Pastor	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,400.00	1,750.00
4265	Wedding Income-Music	1,125.00	1,125.00	200.00	1,125.00
	SUB-TOTAL	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,800.00	4,000.00
FUNDRAISERS					
4285	Other Fundraisers	100.00	100.00	315.00	100.00
4290	Mission - Special Offerings	1,500.00	1,500.00	6,988.59	1,500.00
	SUB-TOTAL	1,600.00	1,600.00	7,303.59	1,600.00
	TOTAL INCOME	185,150.00	195,050.00	219,071.05	211,850.00

2026 Proposed Budget

Current number	Description	Budget for 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	2026 Proposed Budget Request
EXPENSE CHURCH WIDE					
MISSIONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH					
6005	Outreach Projects	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,025.00	1,000.00
6010	Outdoor Ministry	500.00	500.00	675.63	500.00
6020	Pastor's discretionary	1000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	1000.00
6025	Pastor's discretionary (contributions)			12,277.54	
	SUB-TOTAL	2,500.00	2,500.00	14,978.17	2,500.00
MISSION GROUP					
6055	Mission outreach	7,300.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
6060	Mission UCC	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
6065	Zimbabwe Building fund	2,800.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
6070	Mission designated offering	1,500.00	1,500.00	6,988.59	1,500.00
	SUB-TOTAL	13,600.00	15,500.00	20,988.59	17,500.00
DEACONS					
6105	Deacons Fund	400.00	400.00	123.75	400.00
6110	Deacon's & Worship Supplies	400.00	400.00	339.03	400.00
6115	Conference fees and travel	200.00	200.00	183.78	200.00
6120	Visiting minister	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
	SUB-TOTAL	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,896.56	2,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH LIFE					
6155	M&CL supplies	400.00	400.00	414.98	400.00
	SUB-TOTAL	400.00	400.00	414.98	400.00
PASTOR					
6205	Salary	54,001.00	56,013.00	56,013.00	57,944.00
6210	Housing Allowance	16,200.00	16,804.00	16,683.96	17,383.00
6215	Annuity/pension	9,828.00	10,194.00	10,194.00	10,546.00
6220	SS/medicare offset	5,370.00	5,570.00	5,570.00	5,763.00
6225	Life insurance / disability	1,053.00	1,092.00	0.00	1,130.00
6235	professional allowance	500.00	500.00	493.52	500.00
6240	continuing education	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
6245	mileage/travel expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
6250	pastor comp weddings	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,400.00	1,750.00
	SUB-TOTAL	92,302.00	95,523.00	93,954.48	98,616.00

2026 Proposed Budget

Current number	Description	Budget for 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	2026 Proposed Budget Request
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
CE Coordinator					
Educational Materials/Activities					
6355	Bible Study	250.00	250.00	215.84	250.00
6360	Curriculum	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
6370	Sunday School Supplies	250.00	250.00	75.00	250.00
6375	Youth Ministry	250.00	250.00	525.00	250.00
6380	Retreats		0.00	0.00	0.00
6385	Playground Upkeep	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	SUB-TOTAL	1,200.00	1,200.00	815.84	1,200.00
MUSIC					
6405	Choir Director/Soloist	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
6410	Music Production	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
6414	IT Specialist	3,096.00	3,177.73	0.00	0.00
6415	IT specialist SS & Med	236.84	243.09	0.00	0.00
6422	Organist/accompianist salary	5,366.40	5,508.07	5,825.60	5,697.86
6423	Organist/accompianist SS & Med	410.53	421.36	508.80	435.89
6425	Guest instrumental/Soloist	400.00	400.00	150.00	400.00
6430	Organ/Accompianist Substitutes	400.00	400.00	175.00	400.00
6435	Organist/Accompianist Weddings	1,125.00	1,125.00	200.00	1,125.00
6440	Music supplies	100.00	100.00	20.97	100.00
6445	Piano Tuning/organ repair	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	SUB-TOTAL	13,834.77	14,075.25	7,880.37	10,858.75
	SUB-TOTAL TOTAL CHURCH WIDE MISSION	125,836.77	131,198.25	140,928.99	133,074.75

2026 Proposed Budget

Current number	Description	Budget for 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	2026 Proposed Budget Request
ADMINISTRATION					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT					
6510	Salary	18,607.57	19,098.80	19,098.84	19,638.00
6515	SS & Medicare	1,423.48	1,459.14	1,461.12	1,504.28
6520	Car allowance	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
	SUB-TOTAL	<u>20,331.05</u>	<u>20,857.94</u>	<u>20,859.96</u>	<u>21,442.28</u>
PERSONNEL					
6535	Payroll services	1,800.00	1,800.00	873.63	1,800.00
6540	Workers comp insurance	1,025.00	1,080.00	1,198.00	1,101.00
	SUB-TOTAL	<u>2,825.00</u>	<u>2,880.00</u>	<u>2,071.63</u>	<u>2,901.00</u>
COMMUNICATIONS/ SPECIAL					
6551	On line communication	1,000.00	1,864.00	1,600.11	1,864.00
	SUB-TOTAL	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,864.00</u>	<u>1,600.11</u>	<u>1,864.00</u>
CONFERENCE DUES					
	UCC Dues (per member dues to conference)	1,680.00	1,680.00	3,020.00	1,600.00
	SUB-TOTAL	<u>1,680.00</u>	<u>1,680.00</u>	<u>3,020.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
OFFICE					
6605	Church supplies	700.00	700.00	132.52	700.00
6610	Equipment & Repair	500.00	500.00	544.00	500.00
6615	Office Supplies	800.00	800.00	575.26	800.00
6620	Postage	600.00	600.00	566.10	600.00
6625	Publicity	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,550.28	1,500.00
6630	Phone - Internet	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,378.66	3,000.00
	SUB-TOTAL	<u>7,100.00</u>	<u>7,100.00</u>	<u>6,746.82</u>	<u>7,100.00</u>

2026 Proposed Budget

Current number	Description	Budget for 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	2026 Proposed Budget Request
FACILITIES					
BUILDING					
6705	Insurance	4,871.00	6,163.00	6,701.00	7,212.00
6710	Wentworth playground/parking lease	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
6715	Building Security/generator	800.00	800.00	753.00	1,800.00
6720	Repairs/Maintenance Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,863.88	2,000.00
6725	Church Improvements	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,214.74	10,000.00
6730	Sprinkler Maint.	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,391.50	5,000.00
6735	Snow plow & landscape	4,000.00	4,500.00	5,045.00	4,500.00
6740	To Capital Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
6745	Capital Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SUB-TOTAL	20,671.00	22,463.00	17,969.12	32,512.00
CUSTODIAL SERVICES					
6805	Salary	5,911.46	6,067.52	5,561.94	6,276.24
6810	SS & Medicare	452.23	463.59	467.43	480.13
6815	Wedding Clean-up	325.00	325.00	180.00	325.00
	SUB-TOTAL	6,688.69	6,856.11	6,209.37	7,081.37
UTILITIES					
6905	Electric	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,293.41	3,500.00
6910	Oil & Propane	3,500.00	4,500.00	7,093.53	4,500.00
6915	Water	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
	SUB-TOTAL	7,010.00	8,010.00	9,391.94	8,010.00
	SUB-TOTAL FACILITIES	34,369.69	37,329.11	33,570.43	47,603.37
	TOTAL EXPENSES	193,142.51	202,909.30	208,797.94	215,585.40
		-7,992.51	-7,859.30	10,273.11	-3,735.40



Trustees of Trust Funds

Trustees of Trust Funds 2025

The Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for investment and administration of all moneys given to the Jackson Community Church in trust. The trustees met twice in 2025; once to award scholarships and once to review the investments with F. L. Putnam, the organization's financial advisor. The current guidelines are: 1) Fixed Income to be 20% to 50% of the portfolio, 2) Equities (50 – 70%), 3) Alternatives (0 – 10%), and 4) Cash (0 - 10%).

The Funds of the Trustees and their purposes are listed below:

The Jackson Church Investment Fund

Funds from the Jackson Church Investment Fund are disbursed for use in church operations.

The Olive Z. Godfrey Scholarship Fund

The Olive Z. Godfrey Scholarship awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to local Jackson students in 2025. The Godfrey Scholarships are offered to post secondary students based on the following criteria: you are a full-time, legal resident of Jackson, New Hampshire, you have financial need and you have achieved above average grades (a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.).

The Marjorie T. March Mission Fund

The Trustees oversee the investment of the March Mission Fund with the Mission Committee administering the operations of the Fund.

The Chadbourne Bequest

During 2025, the Trustees acknowledge that at least forty worship services were held in the Jackson Community Church which meets the conditions set forth by the Bequest. Any disbursements from the fund are expended primarily on capital updates relating directly to the historic structure, parsonage, meeting room and church offices.

The William K. Norton and Lilla M. Pond Memorial Fund

The William K. Norton and Lilla M. Pond Memorial Fund was established to support the general operations of the Jackson Community Church.

The Capital Reserve Fund

The Capital Reserve Fund is used to assist in providing financial resources in major, non-recurring building maintenance of the church

The Parsonage Fund

The Parsonage Fund was established for the purpose of assisting in providing housing support for the minister. Proceeds of the sale of the parsonage were used to establish this fund.

The Chikanga Partnership Fund

The Chikanga Partnership Fund is to provide ongoing support in construction and maintenance efforts to the Chikanga Partner Church in Zimbabwe. The Trustees oversee the investment of the Chikanga Partnership Fund with the Mission Committee administering the operations of the Fund. Disbursements are prohibited if the Fund balance is less than \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hastings, Chairman, Bob Griffin and Linda Gray, Trustees

Trustees of Trust Funds

TRUSTEES of the JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR TO DATE JANUARY 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025

FUND	Beginning	Income	Contributions	Withdrawals	Transfers	Ending	Allocation	
							Description	%
Jackson Church Investment	\$ 959,490	\$ 108,658	\$ -	\$ (38,400)	\$ -	\$ 1,029,748	Equities	69%
Godfrey Scholarship	699,030	79,585	-	(25,000)	-	753,615	Fixed Income	24%
Mission	186,861	21,106	-	(8,400)	-	199,567	Alternatives	4%
Chadbourne	700,245	80,978	-	(22,000)	-	759,223	Cash	3%
Norton/Pond	63,843	7,383	-	0	-	71,226		
Capital Reserve	59,039	6,827	-	0	-	65,866		
Parsonage	269,518	30,521	-	(10,800)	-	289,239		
Chikanga Partnership Trust	70,973	7,687	-	(3,600)	-	75,060		
	\$ 3,008,999	\$ 342,746	\$ -	\$ (108,200)	\$ -	\$ 3,243,544		
		Fees equal \$ (18,106)		Return for the year to date = 10.96%				
		Income includes dividends, interest, change in market value less fees.						

Historical Report of Balances December 31,

	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending
Jackson Church Investment	\$ 959,490	\$ 1,029,748	\$ 858,388	\$ 986,257	\$ 790,917	\$ 866,152	\$ 986,257	\$ 866,152	\$ 866,152	\$ 797,998	\$ 797,998	\$ 579,469
Godfrey Scholarship	699,030	753,615	624,760	713,236	571,508	628,676	713,236	628,676	628,676	579,469	579,469	154,975
Mission	186,861	199,567	167,129	191,355	153,456	168,129	191,355	168,129	168,129	154,975	154,975	553,818
Chadbourne	700,245	759,223	620,742	695,695	563,780	606,179	695,695	606,179	606,179	553,818	553,818	44,763
Norton/Pond	63,843	71,226	54,871	59,903	48,116	50,713	59,903	50,713	50,713	44,763	44,763	31,932
Capital Reserve	59,039	65,866	50,741	55,205	44,495	47,482	55,205	47,482	47,482	31,932	31,932	223,747
Parsonage	269,518	289,239	241,433	276,447	221,733	242,819	276,447	242,819	242,819	223,747	223,747	58,984
Chikanga Partnership Trust	70,973	75,060	63,688	73,002	58,559	64,067	73,002	64,067	64,067	58,984	58,984	2,445,686
	\$ 3,008,999	\$ 3,243,544	\$ 2,681,752	\$ 3,051,101	\$ 2,452,564	\$ 2,674,217	\$ 3,051,101	\$ 2,674,217	\$ 2,674,217	\$ 2,445,686	\$ 2,445,686	
Budgeted Drawdowns												
Church	\$ 93,600	\$ 76,600	\$ 89,800	\$ 82,600	\$ 88,800	\$ 79,400	\$ 82,600	\$ 79,400	\$ 79,400	\$ 76,600	\$ 76,600	
Scholarship	27,200	24,000	27,000	25,000	27,000	24,500	25,000	24,500	24,500	24,000	24,000	
	\$ 120,800	\$ 100,600	\$ 116,800	\$ 107,600	\$ 115,800	\$ 103,900	\$ 107,600	\$ 103,900	\$ 103,900	\$ 100,600	\$ 100,600	

JCC Restricted Funds

The savings account balance as of 12-31-2025 was \$24,944.05 and restricted as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 1,268.15	Flower Fund	\$ 230.75
Interest & Misc	\$ 24.81	Memorial Fund	\$ 4,652.70
Men's Group	\$ 196.00	Music	\$ 83.02
Pastors Discretionary	\$ 8568.58	Pastors Disc. Heat Fund	\$ 3,370.04
Pastors Salary Escrow	\$ 2,000.00	Prepaid weddings	\$ 4,550.00

All the funds in the savings account are restricted and are not included in budget projections, these funds are held for specific purposes. Over the past couple of years there have been many generous donors contributing to the Pastors Discretionary fund in order for Rev. Gail to help those in need around the Mount Washington Valley. These funds are kept separately in the savings account until the pastor requests funds to be confidentially distributed

Memorial Fund

Memorials are gifts given in memory of friends or family. Most gifts are given in the form of money. Some people want more than a tribute of flowers and a stone in a cemetery to remind them and others of friends or family. The choice of the memorial is often influenced by the interests and commitments of the person in whose memory the gift is given. If there is no choice the gifts are placed in the general memorial fund for items that the church needs or desires. All gifts are recorded in the Memorial Fund book, with acknowledgement to the donor.

Past purchases from the Memorial Fund have been the four Deacons chairs, wax saver for the wedding candle, new hymnals, new Bibles and Baptismal font.

Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$4,552.70
Donations received in 2025:	
In memory of Norman Head	100.00
Disbursements in 2025:	-0-
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$4,652.70

Funds in the Memorial Fund are incorporated in the Church's savings account.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Turner



Building & Maintenance

2025 saw the installation of a new 22KW Generac Guardian Series standby generator. The generator automatically turns on (within 30 seconds) when the power goes out and supports the whole church, including heat and building safety. The generator has fired up successfully twice since being installed. At the same time as the generator was installed the electrical panel in the front of the church was updated to accommodate the needs of the generator.

Yearly inspections were done on the sprinkler system, chairlift, and the fire extinguishers. The fire extinguishers were replaced per the 7 year schedule.

Projects for 2026

In 2026 we would like to have a winter cover built to prevent snow and ice buildup on the generator to keep it working properly. The Jackson Community Church also has an opportunity to purchase a 10 year warranty, which will cover parts, internal computers and labor.

The 2026 budget includes a request to replace the worn carpet in Fellowship Hall. The area has been measured and we have received multiple quotes from local flooring companies. If approved in the budget, a small team will be put together to continue the discussion and choose the style and color of the new carpet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Turner
Administrative Assistant

Men's Group

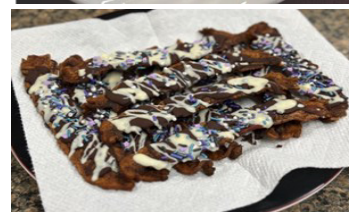
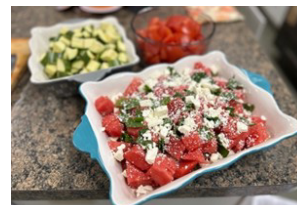
The Men's Group [monthly breakfast] continued a robust season for 2025, gathering in the Jackson Community Church Parish House.

The men shared a meal January through December. We do take a break in August for the summer. Attendance has averaged between 6 and 12 men. This year, the youth groups from Ipswich prepared breakfast in January and March for the men [as one of their community service projects for the "old men" in Jackson]. Each month, breakfast is built around a theme. Themes this year have included "seasonal casseroles", "red velvet pancakes", and "holiday-themed". Although the menu changes each month, the one item everyone can count on is – BACON! This year, we even tried CHOCOLATE-covered bacon!

Each month the men are assigned "projects" afterwards. These included taking down holiday decorations in the sanctuary, installing Christmas trees in front of the church. Another tradition is to choose a local member (or members) of the community and write a note from the group, sent with well wishes and a group photo.

The men's breakfast will resume in January 2026 [Saturday, January 17]. We look forward to another year of fellowship. There continues to be no "regular" schedule, except when the host [Chris Doktor] is in Jackson. Look for future breakfasts to be announced in the JCC newsletter, email and online. We look forward to welcoming all men in the valley to share food and fellowship.

Chris Doktor ("Gail's husband")



Women's Social Group

2025 Jackson Community Church Social Activities (by Ginger Perkins):

Spring: A delightful afternoon of wine tasting for ladies was orchestrated by Sandra Himmelwright at the Alpine Garden Winery in Bartlett. Following the enlightening wine tasting experience, the ladies were afforded the chance to explore the charming glamping campground nestled in Bartlett.

August: The Jackson Annual Bridge Dance consistently serves as a splendid gathering, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of fabulous music and camaraderie! Ginger and David were able to request two tables from JXN Chamber of Commerce for JCC and friends.

October: Sue Carrigan and Ginger had a delightful time at the Jackson Trick or Treat. They encountered a myriad of distinctive costumes, particularly a Revelations angel-inspired ensemble adorned with numerous eyes and a platoon of Army green plastic soldiers. Sue and Ginger distributed candy, a toy and a JCC uplifting message.

December heralds the beginning of the Christmas season with the JCC Family Advent Liturgist readings and the ceremonial lighting of the Advent candles. Among the notable highlights were the live nativity pageants—two this year—bringing immense joy as we witnessed the enthusiastic participation of numerous young individuals! The occasion was further enriched by the exquisite musical performances delivered by our exceptionally talented church members.

December: A perennial favorite is the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, accompanied by spirited reindeer games. This year's gathering took place at Ginger's residence, featuring an engaging Christmas trivia competition. Exquisite cookies and cherished recipes were exchanged, and plates were prepared for those ladies who were unable to attend.





Flower Team

The Flower Committee is comprised of the following dedicated members; Wendy McVey, Joyce Allan, Laurie McAleer, Lisa White, and Gloria Hutchings. These individuals are responsible for providing the flower arrangements that grace the church each week. The outdoor seasonal wreaths and window box treatments are also maintained regularly by our members, Wendy and Joyce who do a beautiful job.

The committee has appreciated the assistance of occasional helpers who are, Sue Carrigan, Lynda Dunwell, and we welcome our newest regular member Ken Carpenter.

If you are interested in being a regular provider, or even an occasional one, we would certainly welcome your assistance! You don't need to have a green thumb, as store bought flowers, potted plants, or other arrangements are beautiful as well. If you wish to recognize a special date or time frame with a commemoration of flowers, please let one of us know so we can plan accordingly.

For 2026 the schedule will be as follows:

January - Wendy McVey
February - Ken Carpenter
March - Lisa White
April - Wendy McVey
May - Joyce Allan
June - Joyce Allan
July - Gloria Hutchings
August - Laurie McAleer
September - Ken Carpenter
October - Gloria Hutchings
November - Lisa White
December - Poinsettias / Christmas

Many thanks to all who help to beautify the church!

Respectfully Submitted By,
Gloria Hutchings