



North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

Weekly News November 15, 2023

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Sheila Babcock, Pet Pantry Patron
David and Michelle Bickford
Terri Bickford
Candy Burgess
Carol Davis
Sandra & Vince Golonka
Blanche Mays
Cindy & Bill Tompson

Dear North Yarmouth friends and family,

I hope you are well. I am holding you all in my prayers and the Light.

The holidays are fast approaching, can you believe it? Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and Advent is not far behind. I look forward to celebrating and bringing in the holiday spirit with everyone. We have a lot of events coming up for Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we will have three services. It is a Sunday, and we will host our standard Sunday worship service. We will have a family service at 5 pm, and I hear we will be blessed with our Christmas pageant at that service. The night will end with our late service at 11 pm, and we're looking for people who will help lead that service (as this pastor will be fast asleep by that time). I hope you can put these events on your calendar, and however you choose to celebrate, you will be welcome.

On December 21st at 7 pm, we will host a Blue Christmas service. This is a service to acknowledge that the holidays are not always an easy time. Grief and the need

for comfort and to hold one another can often be dismissed in the atmosphere of joy. Our Blue Christmas is for everyone, especially those who seek comfort and light on the year's longest night.

I am here for you all. I'm in the office every Tuesday from 9 am to Noon, and I invite you all to drop by, say hello, or pray. My schedule is also flexible, and I am happy to make appointments to be available throughout the week. Please let me know if you would like a meeting or a visit.

In our service this week, we will read from the book of Proverbs and Matthew 25: 14-30. Our discussion will focus on our spiritual riches, how to share those gifts, and how to help them grow. I hope to see you there.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Zeb.

Baby Shower for Pastor Zeb & Sophie

There will be a baby shower on Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 am for Pastor Zeb and Sophie. Their first baby is due the middle of January, sex as yet unknown.

If you cannot attend and would like to send a gift or monetary donation, make checks payable to Zeb Green and send to NYCC, 3 Gray Rd., North Yarmouth, ME 04097. Gifts may also be sent to the church address. The nursery theme is woodland creatures.

Hope to see you there!

Santa's Workshop Fair Cookie Walk

The Santa's Workshop Fair is fast approaching on November 19th, and now is the perfect time to break out your favorite recipes and begin baking up a storm to delight our patrons for our Carol's Cookie Walk and Baked Goods tables. Decorated sugar cookies are always a big hit but even the simplest chocolate chip cookie is welcomed, along with seasonal breads and pies, yummy brownies and bars, and delicious jams and jellies. These items can be dropped off the day before or early morning at the start of the fair. If pickup is needed, please call Sue at 831-9014 to arrange a time. Happy baking!

FROM COUNCIL/NOMINATING

Since we do not have a nominating committee at the present time, council will take on that role. To begin with, we would like to know if there are any persons currently serving as an officer or a committee member who would like to step off your current position. Several council members have already talked of shifting positions with one another. Please let me know as soon as possible so that we can begin working to fill all of the positions.

We have openings on the Diaconate, Faith Formations, and Trustees. If you would like to know more about these positions, please ask me, Kathy Whittier, Sara Rose, or Jeanne Chadbourne. Serving is a great way to get to know others in the church! Our annual meeting will be in January; we hope to have many of the positions filled by then. You can reach me at 207-653-1966 (cell) or mrsheath51@gmail.com. Marsha Heath

Church Directory

It is time to update the directory for the new year. If you have any corrections or amendments this is the time to let us know. If you are already in the directory just use the link below on your smart phone or computer to update your own file. If you are not in the directory and would like to be contact the office and we can make that happen. The office can make any changes if you don't have the online directory. If you have any questions please let Lyn know at nyarmouth-ccucc@gmail.com or 829-3644.

Members can log into the Online Member Directory at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. You will need to download the Instant Church Directory app from the app store (green square, white church).

CHURCH CLEAN-UP / MAKE READY FOR WINTER DAY at NYCC

Saturday, Nov 11th, a chilly and windy day, found a very LARGE group of folks on the church grounds and a few inside making the buildings and grounds ready for winter. Despite the wind, leaves were raked and removed, screens down, storm windows up, and draft stoppers stuffed in. Because there were so many helping hands the work was done quickly. After, people enjoyed Lyn's treat of Tony's donuts, along with coffee, hot chocolate or cider. We were out of there before 11:00! Thank you to all who helped!

Food Pantry

Please help us fill the cart with these most needed items. We are replacing our food pantry item list with food staples most requested by the food pantry.

These items include:

Boxed Cereal, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter

Granola and Snack Bars

Spaghetti or Macaroni

Rice, Canned Fruit, Soup

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Jam and Jelly, Juice

Non Food such as paper products are always welcome and needed, too.

Thank you for your generosity. This food will be distributed where it is most needed, the Cumberland Food Pantry or Harrison Food Bank.

November Meetings

Missions - Monday, November 13 at 7 pm via Zoom

Council - Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm

Choir - Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.

Tuesday Gals meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Men's Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Toddy Brook

Pet Place Pantry is open on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Clothing Ministry

Thank you all for making the time to sort and donate clothing. Because of the generosity of the Greater Portland community (NYCC Included), Maine Needs is full up with winter shirts, pants, and sweaters. So, let's pause the collection of winter clothing and focus on the most needed items.

Most Needed Items:

Socks

New Underwear

Warm hats

Gloves

Winter Coats

Warm Boots

If you are so moved, please leave your donation in the Gathering Space of the church. All clothing collected is given to NYCC Street Ministry, Maine Needs or the Freeport Thrift Store.

If you have questions, please ask Tracy or Jeanne.

Greater Freeport Community Chorus

Greater Freeport Community Chorus presents their winter concert, "Frost in the Air", on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd., North Yarmouth and Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm at Brunswick United Methodist Church, 320 Church Rd., Brunswick. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and under 18 free. There are no online or presale tickets.

Artistic Director Jesse Myers-Wakeman, has chosen Randall Thompson's, "Frostiana", a musical setting of seven poems by Robert Frost, as the featured work of the program. Two of the most well-known are "The Road Not Taken" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." Other selections on the program include: "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Faure; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw; and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" with music by Michael Praetorius and Jan Sandstrom. The chorus is accompanied by Kellie Moody.

The Greater Freeport Community Chorus was founded in 1996 by the late Sukie Rice of Freeport. The mixed voice chorus of over 50 members includes singers from 15 local Maine towns. Find out more about the chorus at: www.gfccsings.org or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/greaterfreeportchorus>

Santa's Workshop

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

9AM-2PM

NORTH YARMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth
(on the corner of routes 115 and 231)

**11 AM-CHRISTMAS FAIR LUNCHEON SIT IN OR TAKE OUT:
CHICKEN PIE AND CREAM OF SPINACH CRABMEAT SOUP**

Country Crafts

Hand Knits

Silent Auction

Jewelry

Stained Glass Ornaments

Greens/Plants

Cabot Cheese Wheel

Cookie Walk

Baked Goods/Candy

Jams/Jellies/Relishes

Chicken Pies/Gravy

Pie Dough Balls

Credit cards, cash and checks are accepted

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 2 6p Girl Scouts (Comm. Rm.) 6p Trustees (FH) | 3 | 4 1p Cyr Baby Shower Move Clocks ahead 1 hour |
| 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting | 6 | 7 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) | 8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 9 6p Girl Scouts (Comm. Rm.) | 10 Church Closed Veterans Day observed | 11 Veterans' Day 9a Church Cleanup 9a Pet Place Pantry |
| 12 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation | 13 | 14 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 7p Missions via Zoom | 15 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 16 2pm Christmas Fair Set up 6:30p Council | 17 8:30am Christmas Fair Set up | 18 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 9-2pm Christmas Fair  |
| 19 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 20 | 21 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) | 22 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 27 | 28 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) | 29 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 30 4-9p Sabeti Family Rental (FH) 6p Girls Scouts (Comm. Room) | | |