

# WEEKLY NEWS - May 22, 2024

## North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

**Please keep the following people  
in your prayers**

Sheila Babcock, Pet Pantry Patron

Kim Bailey

David and Michelle Bickford

Terri Bickford

Candy Burgess

Carol Davis

Louisa and Karl Gerstenberger

Sandra & Vince Golonka

Nolan, Soph and Zeb Green

Blanche Mays

Steve Quentel, Lori Martin

& Kaitlin Quentel

Rey and Ellen Medrano

Cindy & Bill Tompson

Nancy White

### **From the Office**

The church will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

Church Admin., Lyn, will be taking a vacation day on Tuesday, May 28.

**Dear Beloveds of God,**

I hope you are having a great week.

I want to quickly remind you that next week, from Monday the 27th through June 2nd, I will be on study leave. Pastor Paul Day will lead worship for us that week.

On June 9th, we will play with the liturgical calendar and celebrate a much belated Palm Sunday. The winter weather made us postpone this service. It feels a real shame to me to pass up the chance to wave our palms, to shout Hosannas to God, to celebrate the peaceful and revolutionary moment when Jesus declares a new Kingdom unlike any the world has ever seen, and to pass up on the fabulous anthem that the choir worked hard for that Sunday. So, while we've moved into the season of Pentecost, we will return once more to Palm Sunday.

This Sunday, we will take a moment leading into the Prayers of The People to honor Memorial Day and all of those who've served, struggled, and sacrificed. You are all invited to bring photos, mementos, memories, and stories of loved ones, friends, or mentors who have served and sacrificed. We will pray to offer our thanksgiving, to keep their memories alive, for healing, and for rest.

Our service will commemorate the Holy Trinity. The Trinity is the sacred union of God, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit. The Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our faith. Some say it is a paradox: how can three be One and One be three? While I can't offer to fully solve this mystery, I can celebrate and lead us into wonder of how God, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit are One in purpose, in love, and in blessing this world. Our scripture readings are Isaiah 42: 1-9 and The Gospel of Matthew 3: 13-16.

**Many Blessings, Pastor Zeb**

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## Coffee Signup

We would like to go back to a rotating basis of having a coffee hour host each Sunday. One person can host or two people can co-host. There is now a coffee hour signup sheet on the Gathering Space table. You do not have to wait until everyone has left the Fellowship Hall to leave. Once coffee hour has wound down, you can start your cleanup.

Responsibilities Include:

Setting up Keurig coffee station

Putting out coffee, cups, stirrers, sugar, etc.

Treats can be used from the freezer, kitchen shelves or bring a homemade treat

Clean up after coffee hour and doing any dishes

Checking the dining room and clean off tables

Please speak to a Deacon or someone who has already hosted coffee hour if you have any questions.

## Clothing Ministry

Happy Spring. A quick note to let you know that the Clothing Ministry has changed. We are collecting basic clothing to be given out by the NYCC Street Ministry to people living outside.

The most asked for items include:

Socks  
New Underwear  
T-shirts  
Spring Coats  
Sneakers  
Baseball Hats.

If you are so moved, please leave your donation in the Gathering Space of the church. Thank you for considering this ministry.

## Grocery Cart in Gathering Space

The Grocery Cart in the Gathering Space has been the collection spot for much needed food for our neighbors. Communion Sunday has been our Sunday for food collection but additions to the cart are welcome at all times. The last cartful of food was delivered to the Community Food Pantry in Cumberland where they are now helping over 90 families every other week.

Thank you for your generosity. You are helping many families in our area put food on the table.

## Sign Closet

The sign closet that is located in the Coat/Pet Pantry closet has been cleaned out. The signs that are no longer being used, i.e. Apple Festival, have been moved to the Archive Room. All pertinent signs and easels are still in the closet. Thank you to Leah and Lois for doing this project.

## MAY MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday Gals** meet at 10 am in the 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.

## Youth Group and Choir

Pastor Zeb and our Music Director David are thrilled to invite you to our youth group and choir starting on Wed, June 5th at 5 pm, followed by a simple dinner at 5:45. It is a time to sing songs, tell stories, and nurture our faith. The guiding light of this time together is to help our youth learn about God's infinite Grace and Love and the compassion of Jesus.

Please let Pastor Zeb know if you are planning to attend and if you have any dietary restrictions for our shared meal. - [pastorzebulon@gmail.com](mailto:pastorzebulon@gmail.com)

We would also love adult volunteers to be present and help put together and clean up the meals.

## An Invitation

### **An Invitation to the Ladies of NYCC**

The ladies of Gray Congregational have extended their hospitality once again to the ladies of NYCC.

A potluck is scheduled for Wednesday June 12 at 6:00 pm at their vestry.

Gail Strattard, Leah Davis and I attended last year's potluck which was well attended by the Gray Congregational women and the food was very good. Some recipes were exchanged too!

They would like us to RSVP by Friday June 7th so that they will have the correct amount of tables and seats. Please let me know by email

at [mrsheath51@gmail.com](mailto:mrsheath51@gmail.com) or call me at 653-1966. Thanks, Marsha

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6p Greater Freeport Community Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>4</b> 7p Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert (FH)
<b>5</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	<b>8</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>9</b> 6p Girl Scouts (FH)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9a Pet Place Pantry
<b>12</b> Mother's Day 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	<b>13</b> 6:30p Missions Meeting (via Zoom)	<b>14</b> 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 7p Trustees	<b>15</b> 7p AA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 11a Shorey Memorial Service
<b>19</b> 8:00a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Council	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	<b>22</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>23</b> 6p Girl Scouts (FH)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day- Office Closed	<b>28</b> 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	<b>29</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	