

WEEKLY NEWS - October 2, 2024

A Message from Pastor Zeb

Nolan's surgery was a success. There were zero complications, and she is all set for a full recovery. We are all resting and providing care for her. We are thankful for the continued prayers. Pastor Zeb

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Sheila Babcock, Pet Pantry Patron
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
Susanellen Stearns
Nancy Thomas
Cindy & Bill Tompson
Nancy White

NYCC's Street Ministry's October visit to Portland

Thanks to the Men's Club we were able to take little cartons of milk and orange juice with our lunches yesterday in place of soda. These were left over from their fair booth and were really appreciated by our Portland friends.....especially the chocolate milk!

I'm guessing we will have that on hand for our future visits. Also, and I can't say this often enough, it is amazing that we have such a beautiful crew of folks who put everything together for us and send us off with their blessings. Good people packing hearty sandwiches, Donna's homemade cookies, fruit, snacky foods, and the beverage. It's all good.

It was a beautiful day to be in town, early fall warmth and sunshine were all over the place. We set up our little table and they start "shopping" for lunches, snacks, beverages, clean socks and we have it set up so that they can pick and choose what suits their liking. This is as opposed to getting everything in one bag, which hopefully will reduce food waste, besides it's fun to watch them "shop". They are quite thoughtful and usually considerate not to take more than they probably need. And they are always so thankful. A young man asked us where we were from and it felt so good to say "from a little church in North Yarmouth".

We were able to take 4 or 5 lunches and all other goodies to the park behind Trader Joes and that ended our trip to town. Amanda Davis Skupin helped yesterday as Caroline was on overload with her jobs, fair animals, and chores. Thanks, Amanda, you were a perfect and capable partner.

Someone asked me just before we left the church if I was ever scared or afraid when we were doing our thing. I thought for just a few seconds and easily replied that my greatest concerns are needles on the grass and the extensive amount of duck, seagull, and goose pooh! Unbelievable!

Thank you so much for caring. Jeanne

Celebration of Life at Skyline Farm

Some of you knew our son Jeremy Ames who unexpectedly died last November. Because many friends and family were unable to join us on Chebeague Island for the December celebration or the Burial at Sea, we're inviting everyone who would like to attend an informal, outdoor gathering to honor and celebrate the life of Jeremy.

Saturday, Oct. 5, feel free to drop in anytime between 1-3 p.m. and have a beverage and light refreshment...and maybe share a story.

Hope to see you under the tent at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth ME.

Pam and John Ames

Help fill the Trench

It is time to fill the trench that we place on the Gathering Space table this time of year.

We call it doing "Gourds" work!

We are asking for donations of squash: Blue Hubbard, Butternut, Acorn. Anything you have in mind. You can put a piece of masking tape on the back with your name on it and retrieve it from the Trench when you need it! Other items can include small Pumpkins, Indian Corn and Gourds.

Chicken Pie Supper in October

There will be a Chicken Pie Supper limited to 100 tickets on Friday, October 25.

We will need help peeling and preparing vegetables and desserts. Set up, serving and clean up the day of the dinner.

Donations of whole chickens are always accepted. We have a few in the freezer, but can use more. Ever grateful!

More information coming soon!

Questions, please see Mark Heath.

Help fill the Grocery Cart in the Gathering Space

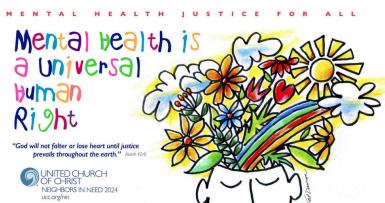
This Sunday

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

Harrison Food Bank where they are now helping over 600 families every week.

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

Neighbors in Need



Neighbors in Need Special Offering

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will collect the offering on October 6, 2024, as part of World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Faith Formation

Homecoming last week was wonderful! It is so good to see everyone and share stories of Summer. Thank you to all who brought goodies ~ there were deviled eggs, fresh fruit, quick breads, and an apple crisp. There is so very much to share with one another.

Homecoming is traditionally the return of our Sunday school. As Chair of Faith Formation for several years, I see our congregation shifting and growing in spirit. I am so very thankful to Gail, Jess, Leslie, Grace, and Janine for their willingness to serve. They each offer their talents and gifts freely.

What we need most is your needs ~ how can we support you individually and as a family? What would you like to see more of, return to, or try? Do you want more family experiences? Bible studies? We need to know what you love about NYCC and how you want to form our community faith.

Please reach out to me by email rosegardenmaine@gmail.com, by phone at 207-829-2037 or any one of us by chance.

October Meetings

Diaconate - Sunday, October 6 following worship.

Trustees - Tuesday, October 8 at 6pm

Faith Formation - Sunday, October 13 following worship

Missions - Monday, October 14 at 7pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzY9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09>

Bylaws Committee - October 8 at 10:45am in the Community Room.

Council - Sunday, October 20 following worship.

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

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

Tuesday Gals meet at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank you!

NYCC is not without an occasional rodent, but because George is here literally daily, they don't get very far. George, a huge word of thanks for your "mouse patrol, dehumidifier emptying AND for keeping the church lawns looking so good this summer.

Lois, what beautiful work you do with the church gardens. Many, many folks comment on them. Not to mention the holiday decorations that appear in a timely manner! It's all good.

And to the Men's Club. Our Street ministry trip on Sunday was unusually fun because of the special treats of O.J. white and chocolate milk you gave us from your fair booth. The folks loved the chocolate milk!

Thank you so much!

A Message to the Congregation

We have notified our tenants about the asbestos abatement process with the attached Memo.

Due to a flood in our church basement several years ago, some of the floor tiles became loose and were a trip hazard. As a part of the repair process the tiles, the adhesive and the air in the basement were tested for asbestos due to their age. No asbestos was found in the air or the tiles. There was a small amount of asbestos found in the adhesive, however the level found was below the threshold established by the Maine DEP.

The attached memo was sent to the 4 tenants of the basement explaining the remediation process. In summary there are no asbestos concerns at this time.

As a precaution we also conducted testing for mold, bacteria and Radon. Airborne Radon was found at levels slightly higher than Maine DEP recommendations. We have solicited proposals from two local abatement companies and will be proceeding with remediation as soon as resources are available. We will keep you posted on our progress and new testing results as the information becomes available.

MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2024

To: NYCC Environmental File
From: NYCC Church Council
CC: Building Tenants

Status of testing for asbestos in the old church basement:

1. Testing for airborne asbestos results were negative. The testing was done by Octagon Cleaning & Restoration.
2. Testing of the VCT tiles from the old church basement was negative. Materials have been ordered.
3. Testing of the adhesive on the tiles from the old church basement found levels of asbestos below the threshold for regulation as specified by the Maine DEP.
4. Tiles that were removed from the hallway in the old church basement and placed in the boiler room were removed by Octagon Cleaning & Restoration abatement company on Thursday, September 26.

Next steps:

1. The area in the hallway by the bathrooms that was previously painted will be retiled with new VCT materials. Based on our current commitment made by our supplier this work will take place within 45 days of this notice.
2. The old boiler room that has loose VCT tiles with adhesive that contains unregulated amounts of asbestos will be posted and secured from access by the public until a future date when abatement can be completed by Octagon Cleaning & Restoration.

Respectfully Submitted,
First Congregational Church of North Yarmouth

~ October 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	2 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	3	4	5
6 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	7	8 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 7p Trustees	9 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	10	11	12 9a Pet Place Pantry
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