

# North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

## WEEKLY NEWS - January 15, 2025

*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**

**Cindy & Bill Tompson**

**Nancy White**

### **From the Office**

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

### **Clynk Donations - Thank you!**

A big thank you to everyone who donated bottles to the OCLM fund through Clynk! In 2024, we raised an incredible \$268.40—that's a whole lot of 5-cent bottles! Your generosity helped us spread a little extra holiday cheer by sending gift cards to church members and friends at Christmas. What a blessing!

### **From Pastor Zeb**

**Dear Beloveds of God,**

I hope you are doing well this week.

Thank you to the choir and to David for covering for me last Sunday as we celebrated Nolan's one year birthday! I can't believe it has been a year already. It has been a wild journey and Soph and I are so grateful for all the love and support that we have received.

It is a hard feeling knowing that we only have two more Sundays to worship together. I am so grateful to this congregation and for the Spirit-led movements that brought us together. I feel like we had a beautiful time together even if brief, and I will always carry this congregation in my heart and prayers.

This Sunday, we will be having a workshop on creating a behavioral covenant together, after worship. I hope you can be there and help us craft this statement together. A covenant is a beautiful document that helps us remember the divine spark in each of us and how our relationships with one another are a form of prayer. I believe that covenanted relationships are a foundational element of a religious community that defines our faith more clearly than any statement of belief.

Our Scripture readings for Sunday are 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 and Matthew 18:15-20. Our theme will be on covenant, accountability, and how the church is the ongoing body of Christ in the world, high aspirations to be sure!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Zeb

### **Year End Statements**

**The year end statements are now available. They can be found in the office in alphabetical order on the work table. You may pick yours up during office hours or on Sunday.**

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## Book Club

### Does anyone want to join us for a Book Club?

Reach out to Sara Rose, 829-2037 or email shr41694@gmail.com

Open to bi-weekly or monthly meetings at church

Monday or Tuesday evenings 5:30 pm

This book stood out to me ~ two weeks ago, Pastor Zeb's message included the Beatitudes, saying through this prayer, Jesus speaks to the people where they are today. What a great place to start!

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Title: **The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character**

By: John Stott, Dale Larsen, Sandy Larsen

Format: Paperback

Number of Pages: 64

Vendor: InterVarsity Press

Publication Date: 2020

'The Beatitudes reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessing: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as his followers in a world with values much different from God's. As we study these qualities and integrate them into our lives, we will receive the blessing Jesus promised to his followers then and now.

John Stott was one of the world's leading and most-loved Bible teachers and preachers. In this newly updated Bible study guide you can explore Scripture under his guidance, enhancing your own in-depth study with insights gained from his years of immersion in God's Word.'

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## From Vice Moderator Marsha Heath

Thank you all officers and members of all boards and committees for all of your service in the past several years. You may recall the we had chosen to stay in our positions after the pandemic and during Zeb's first year as our pastor for continuity purposes.

Please think about whether you would like to make a change and serve the church in another way. This is the time of year to consider changes in our service to the church and to God as we approach annual meeting in January. Thank you!

## Help Fill the Grocery Cart

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. Harrison Food Bank is now serving over 1000 families, up quite a bit from the 600 they previously served. We would like to send another grocery cart full this month if possible.

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

## Celebration for Zeb, Soph and Nolan

We will be celebrating Zeb, Soph and Nolan and their time with us on Sunday, January 26 following Zeb's final service with us.

Please bring a dish to share. This can be a (heavy Hors d'oeuvres or healthy snacks). A cake will be provided by David Myers-Wakeman. If you bring something hot in please bring it in already cooked and in a crockpot. We will not have folks working in the kitchen so that we can enjoy the celebration.

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## January Meetings

Bylaws Committee - Tuesday, January 21 at 10:45 am.

Tuesday Gals - Tuesday, January 7 at 10:00 am

Men's Club Breakfast - Saturday, January 18 at 7:30am at Toddy Brook

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am.



## Attention: Committee and Board Chairs

It's that time again! Annual reports... Please get your report of what your committee or board has done in 2024 and maybe even plans for 2025 to Kathy Whittier by December 31. Financials will have until the December numbers are complete. Hard copy is ok, but if you send a computer file, please use Word. I need reports from:

Pastor  
Diaconate  
Trustees  
Missions  
Faith Formation  
Treasurer — Year and 2025 budget  
Nominating  
Men's Club  
Women's Fellowship  
Flower Committee  
Pastor-Parish Relations (if they met)  
Bylaws  
Music (optional)  
Any others that had activity during 2024

It is always good to present as complete a picture as possible of our church activities for the year and to remember that our annual reports are archived for future church.

Thank you. If you need a copy of last year's report, please contact Kathy or Lyn.

## Scenes from the Epiphany Concert held on January 11.

There were over 90 folks in attendance. Kathy W. was recognized for 40 years and Priscilla B. for 50 years in NYCC Choir. If you were unable to attend the concert you can watch it on YouTube.

Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1hmzTPGc7c&t=294s>

## Pledge Envelopes

"There are pledge remittance envelopes on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Don't be concerned about the dates (2023) or the number on the envelope.

We discontinue the use due the cost involved, however, we have a supply of them, so feel free to use them.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lois Knight"

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| Sun                                                                                                  | Mon                                           | Tue                                                                                                                              | Wed                                               | Thu                                | Fri       | Sat                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                      |                                               |                                                                                                                                  | <b>1</b> New Year's Day<br>Office Closed<br>7p AA | <b>2</b>                           | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>12p Wish Family Gathering (Fellowship Hall)                                   |
| <b>5</b><br>8:00a Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30a Worship<br>11a Diaconate Meeting                          | <b>6</b>                                      | <b>7</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br>10:45a Bylaws Committee Mtg (CR)<br>6p Epiphany Concert Rehearsal<br>6p Paley's Men's Group | <b>8</b><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br>7p AA        | <b>9</b><br>6:30pm Council Meeting | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>9a Pet Place Pantry<br>12p Epiphany Concert Rehearsal<br>2p Epiphany Concert |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30a Worship<br>11a Faith Formation<br>Stone Soup<br>Job Fair | <b>13</b>                                     | <b>14</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br>10:45a Bylaws Committee Mtg<br>6p Paley's Men's Group<br>7p Trustees                       | <b>15</b><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br>7p AA       | <b>16</b>                          | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)<br>2p Epiphany Concert Rain Date    |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30a Worship                                                  | <b>20</b> Martin Luther King<br>Office Closed | <b>21</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br>10:45a Bylaws Committee Mtg<br>6p Paley's Men's Group                                      | <b>22</b><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br>7p AA       | <b>23</b>                          | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30a Worship                                                  | <b>27</b>                                     | <b>28</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br>6p Paley's Men's Group                                                                     | <b>29</b><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br>7p AA       | <b>30</b>                          | <b>31</b> |                                                                                           |