

WEEKLY NEWS - April 9, 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

Linda Lambrides

Blanche Mays

Steve Quentel, Lori Martin

& Kaitlin Quentel

Rey and Ellen Medrano

Susanellen Stearns

Holly and Charles Slonina

Nancy White

The People of North Carolina

The Black Mountain Orphanage

Southern California

Pope Francis



Sunrise Service

Join us on April 20 at 5:45 a.m. for the Easter Sunrise Service at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth. Breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall at NYCC. If you would like to read or otherwise assist with the service, please contact Amanda Skupin at amanda.skupin@gmail.com.

75th Wedding Anniversary

Don and Arlene Davis will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on April 15. We would love their church family to shower them with cards and good wishes for their special day.

There address is:

540 Perkins Ridge Road, Auburn, ME 04210

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00-12:00 pm

Church Admin. Lyn will be on vacation from April 22 -28. Thank you to Jeanne C. for covering the office for a bit, checking the phones, mail and anything else during this time.

nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com

From the Tuesday Gals

Tuesday Gals will be holding a rummage sale on May 10th. Please start saving salable items still in decent shape for this event. Watch for more information. Thank you.

The **birthday Calendar** is missing a number of birthdays if you would like to add yours. It is in the Fellowship Hall on the table nearest the kitchen door. Celebrate you!

The Greater Freeport Community Chorus presents

their Spring concerts of Celtic and bluegrass music with Jesse Myers-Wakeman, Artistic Director, on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd., North Yarmouth, ME and Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick, ME.

“Shades of Green and Blue: From the Highland Hills to the Appalachian Mountains” explores the music of the Celtic traditions and its evolution as it made its way through the Americas. From traditional songs depicting the storied history of the Celtic peoples to the rousing themes found in bluegrass and regional folk styles, listeners will hear how Scottish and Irish influences took root in the newly settled colonies.

The chorus will be accompanied by Kellie Moody and joined by the North Yarmouth Academy bluegrass ensembles, under the leadership of Nora Krainis. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and under 18 free; no online or presale tickets.

The Greater Freeport Community Chorus was founded in 1996 by the late Sukie Rice of Freeport. The chorus has established an annual scholarship in Sukie's name that is awarded to a local high school graduate planning to study music at the college level. The mixed voice chorus of over 50 members includes singers from 15 Maine towns. Find out more about the chorus at: www.gfccsings.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/greaterfreeportchorus>

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.

Calling all Beauty Lovers

If you love natural beauty, this will interest you! And the flower committee wants you!

Please consider bringing a beautiful bouquet for our Sunday worship services. If you have an interest, please let me know.

Marsha Heath, 653-1966

April Meetings

Council - Thursday, April 10 - 6:30pm

Missions - Monday, April 14 - 7pm via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09)
[pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09)

Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am.

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.

Looking for Readers

We are looking for folks who would like to read scripture or be part of the Sunday service. We have a small list and would like to add to it. If you would like to add your name to this list please send an email to Lyn in the office at nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com or call at 829-3644. Thank you.

Devotional Material Collected

WFST radio station in Caribou, ME collects devotional material. They then send it to missionaries around the world.

If anyone has devotional material (books or monthly) that they have and would like to donate, I will gladly collect and deliver them each month when I go north.

Thank you - Lois Knight



KUDOS ! to the folks who are doing a good job of recycling church :stuff". We have containers in the hallway to the kitchen where you can toss recyclable products, returnable cans and bottles, (this one is helping the Missions Board) and pull tabs from soda cans. This is an easy way for NYCC to be a positive member of our greater community.

SOUPS NEEDED

Our Maundy Thursday service on April 17 will include a simple soup and bread meal in the Fellowship Hall. The deacons are looking for folks to bring a crockpot with soup; the deacons will supply the bread.

Please let Kathy Whittier know what you can do.

The Ladies of First Baptist Church
Invite
The Ladies of the North Yarmouth
Congregational Church to

Daughter's of the King Breakfast

All Welcomed - Ladies, Teens, Young Girls
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Guest Speaker and Guest Singer  
Please Join Us & Bring a Friend!

Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 AM  
First Baptist Church, 346 Main St., Yarmouth  
Contacts: Jean Goff - 207-405-1459  
Lisa Clark - 207-650-3934

\*If you can RSVP by April 22nd



## Summer Fun for Everyone!

Join us starting June 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we journey together in a series of programs for all ages. This is an intergenerational program so everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! We will travel through God's creation, exploring the themes of God, the Spirit, Disciples, the Church, and the World. Dinner will be provided. If you have questions or would like to help with the programs, please see Amanda Skupin, Lois Knight or Sandy Brann.

### **NYCC's Street Ministry meets State Street UCC's "Clothes Closet"**

A bit of the backstory here.....for several months our street ministry folks have done their normal monthly trip to Portland bearing lunches, warm socks, hats and snacks and plenty of peanut butter cup treats, returning to NYCC with much of our goods coming back with us! We just weren't finding folks on the street. There is a correlation, of course between more shelter space becoming available and Preble Street food trucks going out on a more frequent schedule. This is all very good news. There is a lot more work to be done in this area, but I feel Portland is addressing the situation a little more aggressively.

All this leading up to "what do we do with the amazing supply of warm clothing you folks have given to our ministry"? We found out that the State Street Church opens its doors 3 days a month (the first 3 Wednesdays every month from 1 to 3) to the unhoused and immigrants who need clothing or personal care items, or a bag of treats. Amanda and I took a huge load of goods to them about a month ago.....they were so grateful, but we didn't get to observe the operation. Why? Because we weren't there on a Wednesday!

Last Wednesday I called the person in charge, asked if I could visit and observe, and bring in some product that we had. I went in with shoes, a warm jacket, personal care items, some socks and snacks. The "store" is set up in the church basement, small rooms labeled for age, gender or specific types of clothing. Some rooms the users could go in and browse by themselves, other rooms were gated and a worker was serving the client from the doorway. I sat in a central space that had racks of clothing and a bench. I sat on the bench, wanting to stay out of the way. That worked for a while, then a woman plopped her tote on my lap and through nonverbal directions got me to hold her bag open so she could put the articles of clothing she had picked out in with ease. I could not believe how many articles she got in that bag! I think the space where I was sitting was a "take as much as you want" area. Then I became aware that an eight or nine year boy had sat down beside me, hand held device in hand, taking pictures of me! I wasn't crazy about this situation, and what he was doing with the pictures was disconcerting. He kept turning me into grotesque figures, and he couldn't help but smile. Not one word was spoken. The church workers were really friendly folks, I felt totally at ease, and they were so thankful for what NYCC had sent into them. They make up bags of items like we do with personal care items, snacks, etc. Good stuff !

I do not know if our church will be interested in continuing with this kind of ministry. If you have any thoughts on this, I would be so pleased to chat it up with you. Your ideas and generosity are appreciated so much. What you did for our Street Ministry was over the top!

Jeanne

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| Sun                                                                                              | Mon                                            | Tue                                                                                | Wed                                                 | Thu                                                         | Fri                   | Sat                                                   |
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|                                                                                                  |                                                | <b>1</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br><br>6p Paley's Men's Group                    | <b>2</b><br><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7p AA  | <b>3</b>                                                    | <b>4</b>              | <b>5</b><br><br><br>4p Cultural Potluck (FH) Rental   |
| <b>6</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br><br>9:30a Worship<br><br>11a Diaconate Meeting              | <b>7</b>                                       | <b>8</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br><br>6p Paley's Men's Group<br><br>6p Trustees | <b>9</b><br><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7p AA  | <b>10</b><br><br>6:00p Council/Trustees Joint Meeting       | <b>11</b>             | <b>12</b><br>9a Pet Place Pantry                      |
| <b>13</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br><br>9:30a Worship<br><br>Deadline for Easter Flower Orders | <b>14</b><br><br>6:30p Missions Meeting        | <b>15</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br><br>6p Paley's Men's Group                   | <b>16</b><br><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7p AA | <b>17</b>                                                   | <b>18</b> Good Friday | <b>19</b><br>7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) |
| <b>20</b> Easter<br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br><br>9:30a Worship                                   | <b>21</b><br>Patriots Day<br><br>Church Closed | <b>22</b> Earth Day<br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br><br>6p Paley's Men's Group         | <b>23</b><br><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7p AA | <b>24</b>                                                   | <b>25</b>             | <b>26</b>                                             |
| <b>27</b><br>8:30a Choir Rehearsal<br><br>9:30a Worship                                          | <b>28</b>                                      | <b>29</b><br>10a Tuesday Gals (FH)<br><br>6p Paley's Men's Group                   | <b>30</b><br><br>6:30p Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7p AA | <b>Church Admin. Lyn, will be on vacation April 22 -28.</b> |                       |                                                       |