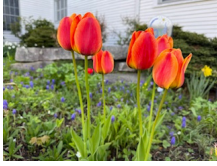


WEEKLY NEWS - May 21, 2025



***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

Strawberry Festival

This year's Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 1-3. This is the 32nd year of the festival with actual events held being 30. (1 year too wet for berries and 1 year due to Covid).

We will be making dough for the Strawberry pies and for the fall Chicken Pie sale on Tuesday June 17 starting at 8 am.

Strawberries will be prepped on June 19 starting at 8 am, along with pie bottoms and tops rolled out. Pies will be assembled starting at 10:30.

If you can help in any way or if you would like to learn more about opportunities, please contact Leah Davis at 776-3419 or email her at lldavis115@gmail.com

Journey Together 2025

Our summer program is only five weeks away! We will need help with set up, meal prep, skits/activities and cleanup. No need to sign up for all twelve weeks--we welcome everyone to serve as they are able. Available dates and opportunities can be found by contacting Amanda. We are also looking for artificial Christmas trees to borrow for the program. Questions? Contact Amanda Skupin at amanda.skupin@gmail.com or (207) 671-6729.

Free Organ

There is an old organ upstairs in the upper office that is going to be removed soon. If anyone has an interest in it please come by and take a look. The wood is walnut. It is not in working order and would take quite a bit of work to make it workable if it is indeed repairable. The plan is to remove it within a couple of weeks if there is no interest. Thank you.

Thank You!

A Reflective Moment

Watching Jon and George prepare the food trailer for its trip to the Harrison Food Bank was a very meaningful moment. On Sunday noon time it was decided to transfer the donations to a pick-up truck as it was a better fit for the amount of product.....wrongby Monday morning a pick-up wasn't big enough ! Between extremely generous church folks and total strangers, NYCC helped A VERY NEEDY area of Maine. We've heard that when the trailer arrived at the food bank, the volunteers were so incredibly excited and so thankful. When something like this happens, does it not reflect on what our church does best ? We help those who need a helping hand. Thank you to Jon for planning this "event", to George for helping with the transport, for church folks who helped in different ways, but a special huge thank you to you folks who gave. We sent a lot of diapers and they are so appreciated. In addition to the products going to HFB, folks also help with financial donations. We received \$150.00 in cash, the Men's Club gave us a check for \$250.00, and the Missions Board sent a check for \$500.00. Such support is so incredibly appreciated.

The Missions Board



Monday - Thursday

8:00-12:00 pm

Monday, May 26

Church Closed in observance of
Memorial Day

Rentals / Usage

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 14

Saturday, June 21

Saturday, June 28

Saturday, August 2 Parking Lot

Photos courtesy of Amanda S. and Jon B..

May Meetings

Council - Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 pm.

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.

PILGRIM LODGE ANYONE ???

If there is anyone in our church, of any age, who is interested in attending Pilgrim Lodge Church Camp, the Missions Board can help with the finances. Please let Ad Min. Lyn know and we'll go from there.



Join us starting June 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we journey together through God's creation. We will explore the themes of God, the Spirit, Disciples, the Church, and the World in a series of programs for all ages.

Dinner provided.

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Trustees Update

The Trustees had our regular meeting on May 13. Leslie Eastman presented the new policies and procedures written by the Bylaws committee as they relate to the Trustees' responsibilities. We also discussed the changes requested by the daycare to the proposed lease and the repairs requested by the daycare prior to signing. A response to the daycare's requests was prepared to present to Council at their regular meeting on May 15. Repairs and maintenance in the last month include fixing the toilets in the daycare bathroom, replacing the switch on the grinder pump to the septic system, and purchasing a new storm door for the pastor's office, which will be installed soon. The Trustees also decided to create a new email address to facilitate communication, record retention and continuity. The new email is TrusteesofNYCC@gmail.com.

Program Dates

June 10—Summer Journey Kickoff

June 17—The Bible = 66 Books

June 24—God's Word is for Everyone

July 1—Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

July 8—Four More for Growth Galore

July 15—Discovering the Disciples

July 22—Becoming Disciples

July 29—Kids in the Temple

August 5—We Are One Body

August 12—God's Praying People

August 19—One God, One World

August 26—Summer Journey Sendoff



Strengthen The Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.

The giving in your congregation can ensure congregations get the help they need from their conference and the national ministries of the UCC. Together we can answer the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a just world for all. We will be taking this offering on Sunday, June 8th.



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May 18, 2025

To the Members and Friends of First Congregational Church UCC:

There will be a congregational meeting of the First Congregational Church, UCC, June 1, 2025, immediately following morning worship to act upon the following items:

1. To discuss and act upon the church's desire to lease space to a daycare in our church facility.
2. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Please note that this is a very important meeting and a quorum is necessary to act. Per our new bylaws, a quorum would be 24 members.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathryn H. Whittier, Clerk

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

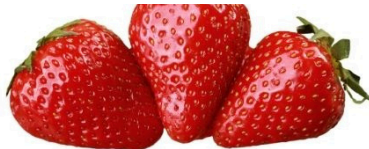
From the Tuesday Gals

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!



2025 Vacation Bible Day Camp

Save the Dates!
Date: June 17, 18, & 19
(Tuesday through Thursday) 8:00am – 1:00pm
Bible Lessons . . . Music . . . Arts & Crafts . . .
Outdoor Games . . . More – Did I say MORE?
MORE AND MORE !!!
The theme this year is . . .
God is with you, even when life is a JUNGLE!
COST Free !!!!
Grades: Pre-K through 6th Grade
Snack and lunch included
For Registration or more info, contact Jenn Dupuis (207) 657-3649
Opening early from 8 to 9 a.m. for supervised play time to make it easier to drop off your jungle kids.
First Congregational Church UCC of Gray
Parish House 5 Brown St. Gray – Behind McDonald's



Strawberry Festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
1:00-3:00 PM

North Yarmouth Congregational Church
3 Gray, Rd. Intersections of Rtes 115 & 231

There will be indoor and outdoor seating

COM

COME AND ENJOY

Strawberry Shortcake w/Homemade Biscuits
Strawberry Jam

Strawberry-Rhubarb Punch

Fresh, Homemade, Strawberry and
Strawberry Rhubarb Pies

Strawberry Sundaes / Dip a Berry

Fresh Quarts of Strawberries

Face Painting AND ENJOY



~ May 2025 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 9a Church Spring Clean Up 7p Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert |
| 4 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting | 5 | 6 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 7 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 8 | 9 Rummage Sale Setup | 10 9a Pet Place Pantry 9a Rummage Sale |
| 11 Mother's Day 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 12 6:30p Missions Meeting | 13 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees | 14 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 15 6:30p Council | 16 | 17 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) |
| 18 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9a-3p Fill the Trailer Food Drive at the Church 9:30a Worship | 19 | 20 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 21 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 26 Memorial Day Church Closed | 27 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 28 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 29 | 30 | 31 |