

WEEKLY NEWS - July 23, 2025



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

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Linda Lambrides, Blanche Mays, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns, Nancy White

Wider World: United Church of Christ, General Synod; People recovering from disasters in Texas, No. Carolina, So. California, and elsewhere; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

New Carpeting to be Installed

The brown carpeting in the hallway to the office, Upstairs to the Upper Room and down the stairs to the basement is slated to be replaced on Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22nd. To this end, items will need to be moved from certain areas to allow the carpet installers to easily do their work. Things may look a bit untidy for a few days before and after for this work to happen, but in the end we will have a nice new look!

From the Office

Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

Rentals / Usage

Saturday, August 2 **Parking Lot**

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 2nd
Indoor Yard Sale 9-1pm
Saturday, August 16
Anniversary Party 3-7pm
Saturday, October 11
Baby Shower - 11am-3pm

The Gospel according to Charlotte's Web

One of the books I loved to read to my children and grandchildren is *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. And not just because the book is almost as old as I am, first published in October 1952. Nor because it is set in Maine; in 2017 I saw that the farm where White lived in Brooklin was up for sale—complete with the barn that inspired the book. Those details help, of course, but the real reason I love the book is the way it re-tells the Gospel.

A recent article by Lindsey Cornett tells it better than I could:

“I love Charlotte's Web . . . because it paints such a beautiful picture of the kingdom of God. . . . Charlotte's Web portrays a counter-cultural way of living and honoring one another, of making our world more whole. On Zuckerman's farm, it is the despised, the lowly, the feared—the rat, the pig, the spider—who are best able to see each creature for the gift they are and to create a home where all are seen and cared for.

“Wilbur begins as a runt who must be killed because of the burden he is on the farm system, because he will take more than he can give. Later, he faces death because suddenly he is valuable—not for who he is . . . but because of what he can provide for the farmer's table. Wilbur is a helpless weakling; he is small, afraid, and often lonely.

“But over time, through his friendship with Charlotte and the way she gathers all the farm animals into participation in her life-saving mission, Zuckerman's farm becomes a home where each creature is seen as infinitely valuable, not because of their utility or productivity but because of their inherent radiance, because the community would be diminished without them. . . .

“Charlotte is the story's Christ figure. E.B. White could have made her a terrifying black widow or even a grotesquely alluring yellow orb weaver, but she is instead a common brown garden spider, mostly overlooked and when noticed, despised. To save Wilbur's life, Charlotte uses the power of words—much like our own storytelling savior who arrives with a sword in his mouth. Charlotte's words are a beatitude, revealing all that is true of Wilbur and the least of these.

“When Rachel Held Evans described the Kingdom of God in her book, Searching for Sunday, she said, ‘This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.’ This is the exact picture E.B. White painted in Charlotte's Web, and so it has become a story I return to again and again when my imagination needs renewing, when I need to reconsider what it means to lay down my life for a friend.”

This coming Sunday we gather for worship and celebrate Holy Communion. Join us, if you are able, on-site or on-line. If you are worshiping on-line have a bit of bread and cup of juice ready to partake along with those who are gathered in the Church. Because “there's always room for more” at God's Table.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Paul

Help for Texas

A huge thank - you to NYCC folks for the generous financial help we were able to send to Texas! \$1,700.00!!!

This may be the most we have ever sent out to help with such a horrendous disaster. Many of you commented about how many climate caused disasters our country is going through.....let alone the world beyond our country. It would be a blessing to know that they all are receiving the kind of help we were able to offer. Your Missions Board is so grateful.

Bean Supper?

Our friends from the New Gloucester church have asked us if we would like to jointly sponsor a public baked bean supper this fall for the benefit of both of our churches. The Church Council has discussed this idea and will support if we can get some dedicated volunteers to work on a committee with the New Gloucester Church.

Please reach out to any member of the Church Council if you would like to volunteer during the month of August. We would like to begin joint planning for this event during September.

Thank you,

Jeff Shorey



Indoor Yard Sale

Our annual summer indoor yard sale will take place on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00-1:00 pm. If you have items that you would like to donate to the yard sale, there will be someone at the church from 11:00am - 3:00pm and 5:30pm - 7:00pm. on Friday, August 1 to accept items and assist if needed. Items can be dropped off before then if they are put in the big room under the Fellowship Hall. Thanks, Gary D.

Journey Together 2025

Last night we enjoyed a pot luck of our favorite childhood foods- mac and cheese, goulash, English muffin pizzas, cake, and more!

We built Lego temples, acted out the story of Jesus in the temple as a child, and made worship bags for children in our congregations. Next week is another pot luck- this time crunchy and colorful! We want to see a wide variety of foods, just as we have a variety of people in our community.

After dinner we will explore how the church is one body and find ways to use all five senses to worship God.

We hope you will join us at 6:00 p.m. next Tuesday!



August Meetings

Diaconate - Sunday, August 30th following worship.

Trustees - Tuesday, August 12 at 6pm.

Council - Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm.

Missions will not meet in July or August.

Choir is on Summer break.

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.

Journey Together - Tuesdays through August 26 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Volunteers for Office Coverage

We are looking for folks who would be interested in sitting in the office from 10am -12pm Monday - Thursday from Tuesday, September 2 to Thursday, September 18th while Lyn is on an extended vacation. This job would include checking the phone for messages, the computer for emails and answering the door and phone. If one of these items is not your thing? No worries! We can work around it. This is all easy to do and a training session can be done easily. You can bring the paper or a book with you! If you are interested in helping out please email or call Lyn at nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com or 829-3644 with a date or dates that you would be interested in covering. Thank you!

Coverage Dates Needed:

Wednesday, September 3.
Monday, September 8

Wednesday, September 10
Monday, September 15

Wednesday, September 17
Thursday, September 18



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?????? A DEODERANT STICK , A PAIR OF WHITE SOCKS AND A BOTTLE OF WATER ??????

These particular items put a smile on the faces of many folks who had little else on a very warm Monday this week. I had not been able to find very many on the streets for the past 3 or 4 months, at least where it was a safe place to stop, so when Nancy White (Grace Street Ministry), offered to combine our supplies of light weight clothing, personal care items, lots of white socks, a few snacks, and most importantly, Reese's Peanut Butter Candies, we headed to Portland. My car was packed to the brim!

For the first time in a long time, we found quite a few folks in the park. We started carrying the water and bagged snacks and personal care items to them, but as soon as they were invited to come over to the car where they could "shop", it wasn't very long before we were out of most of our supplies. Again, I was struck by how much they expressed appreciation for what they received. Lots of blessings and hugs were given and accepted!

I think one more warm weather trip is in order. Supply folks with lighter weight clothing, especially white socks, personal care items, and snacks. Help to get them through September. So, if you are so inclined to help with this project, that would be wonderful and hugely appreciated.

If I'm not around you can leave items on the stairs (going to the upstairs room) by Lyn's office and I'll take it from there.

With a ton of gratitude,
Jeanne



August 7th, 2025
6pm-9pm

**Harrison Food Bank
Gala & Auction**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Appetizers served by
Lake Region Caterers
Cash bar
Live music by Jeanine Loubier
Silent Auction and Live Auction
Tickets are \$ 50.00 each

Event will be at the Ronald St. John Community Center
176 Harrison Road, Harrison, ME

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**NORTH YARMOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3 GRAY RD.**

**INDOOR
-YARD-
SALE**

SHOP IN
AIRCONDITIONED
BLISS!

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 2ND
9AM-1 PM**

THERE WILL BE LOTS
OF GREAT ITEMS TO
CHOOSE FROM
INCLUDING
FURNITURE,
HOUSEHOLD, BOOKS,
TOYS, AND MORE.

~ August 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9a-1p Church Yard Sale 3:30-10:30p Parking lot rental for wedding
3 9:30a Worship	4	5 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Journey Together 6p Paley's Men's Group	6 7p AA	7	8	9 9a Pet Place Pantry
10 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	11	12 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Journey Together 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	13 7p AA	14	15	16 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 3p-7p Fellowship Hall Rental
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31 9:30a Worship	Church Admin., Lyn, will be on vacation Sept. 2-18 th .					