

North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

WEEKLY NEWS - October 1, 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: People recovering from disasters in Texas, No. Carolina, So. California, and elsewhere; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

NYCC Street Ministry Update

A mid-October trip to Portland is in the planning/preparing stage and if you can help, that would be such a good thing. Warm weather clothing, especially gloves, hats, socks, sweatshirts.....you get my drift.....and personal care products will be so welcomed by our unhoused friends. Also slightly used items in your closets or drawers are just fine if you aren't using them!

Grace Street minister, Nancy White, is much better at locating folks than I am, and has offered to help us out. If we can't find those in need in the nooks and crannies of the city, I will take our goods to State Street Church for the clothes closet. They always welcome what we bring in to them.

Thank you so much in advance, Blessings, Jeanne

PS: Don't have time or desire to shop?? I've never turned down a cash gift and will do the shopping, even though shopping is not on my list of favorite activities. 😊

Celebration of Life Service

You are invited to a Celebration of Life for Clark Whittier on Sunday, October 12, at 2pm here at the church. If you want, please wear your favorite Boston sports team gear - Bruins, Red Sox or Patriots. There will be a reception following the service.

From the Office

Monday - Thursday

8:00-12:00 pm

**Rentals / Usage
Fellowship Hall**

Saturday, October 11

Baby Shower - 11am-3pm

Sunday, October 12 - 2pm

Celebration of Life Service

New Email for Candace Smith

2sons6grands@gmail.com

Vacation

Pastor Paul will be on vacation from October 2 to October 15th.

Our guest Pastor's will be Rev. Deborah Loomis Lafond on October 5th and Rev. John Fiscus on October 12th.

Outside Cleanup Day

The Trustees are having a fall work day this Saturday, October 4, from 9-11. We will be spreading mulch, trimming trees and shrubs, and otherwise getting the yard ready for winter. Questions contact Gary Davis at 831-1254.

Volunteers and Baked Goods Request

We are asking for volunteers to help set up and bake for the reception following the Celebration of Life service for Clark Whittier. If you are able to help, please contact Lois at 318-0017 or lknight52@maine.rr.com.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

From the Desk of Pastor Paul...

Neighbors in Need

The First Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. It is a reminder that we are united with sisters and brothers around the world and across many denominational and theological traditions in the One Body of Christ. As a friend often says, "The Church is the Bride of Christ, not the Harem of Christ."

In the United Church of Christ, we receive a special missions offering for Neighbors in Need on this Sunday. One-third of the Neighbors in Need offering supports American Indian Ministries. The U.C.C. and our predecessor Congregational Church has a long history of mission and ministry to and with Native Americans, beginning with John Eliot's work in colonial New England. Two-thirds of the Neighbors in Need offering supports a variety of justice initiatives through Justice and Witness Ministries. These include grants for projects of direct service as well as advocacy. One Hundred Percent (100%) of the offering goes to mission and service!



Prayer for Compassion

God of compassion,

Give us the courage to breathe in care,
and breathe out all that burdens us.
The voices of your people can be lost in a cacophony of need.

Help us to pay attention and see clearly our neighbors.

Encourage us to not only help, but listen,
so all may have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

Strengthen us to confront evil
and alleviate suffering.

Let us not turn away from the direct needs of ourselves and those around us
even as we seek to dismantle deeper injustice.

Turn us toward justice, peace and reconciliation.

We pray in your holy name,

Amen

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

I'm off for a little vacation. See you on the 19th.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Paul

We will be taking this offering on Sunday, October 5th.

Men's Club Fair Items for Sale

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make North Yarmouth Men's Club Booth at the Cumberland Fair a success! We have a few items left over that are for sale at the church. If you would like to purchase anything please come into the church. Checks may be made out to NYCC Men's Club.

Items available:

Case of Water (20) - \$5 each
Soda - Mug Root Beer/Brisk Iced Tea/Mountain Dew - \$1.69 per bottle
Burgers(Frozen): Case of 60-\$94.00 / 4 burgers - \$6 / 2 burgers \$3. Case can be split up.
Sausage Patties(Frozen)- 6 per package - \$6.
Yellow Cheese slices- 2 ½ lb. - \$7.50.
Unsalted Butter(Frozen) - 1 lb. block -\$3.00 each.
Chocolate Chip Cookies(frozen) - \$2 each.

Phishing Alert

URGENT: Phishing Alert

We have received phishing attempts targeting our church community. Please be aware that you may receive emails that appear to be from NYCC and ask you to log in, verify your account, or update your payment information, etc.

The latest was an email from a "Rev Paul Dayram" claiming to be in a prayer session and asking for someone to reply via email, with an email signature with NYCC's information in it. Needless to say, it was reported and the sender was blocked. We have also been asked to give information on payroll and our mailing lists.

Do NOT click any links or open any attachments in these suspicious emails. Make sure to look at who is sending the email by looking at their email address. These are designed to steal your login credentials and personal information. Thank you.

October Meetings

Diaconate - Sunday, October 5th following worship

Missions - October 13 at 7pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09>

Trustees - Tuesday, October 14 at 6pm

Council - Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm

Choir - Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and on Sundays from 8:30-9:00 am in the sanctuary.

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.



FREE!
Yucca Plants at
the church by
the entry doors.
Help yourself!

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year is set for November 22 and Women's Fellowship is looking for donations for the Silent Auction table. If you have items, gift certificates, etc. that you would like to donate, please see Gail Strattard or Kathy Whittier.

~ October 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Paul will be on vacation from Oct. 2-15			1 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	2	3	4 9a Church Garden Cleanup
5 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship Guest Pastor Rev. Deborah Loomis Lafond 11a Diaconate Meeting	6	7 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	9	10	11 9a Pet Place Pantry 11a Rohman Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
12 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship Guest Pastor Rev. John Fiscus	13 Indigenous People's Day Church Closed 7p Missions via Zoom	14 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	15 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	16 6:30p Council	17	18 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
19 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship	20	21 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	22 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	23	24	25
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