## North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

# WEEKLY NEWS - October 29, 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.

## **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.

## Fall Church Cleanup

Fall Church Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Rain date is November 15th.

Christmas Fair Jewelry Table



We are looking for Jewelry for the Jewelry table. If you have jewelry that you are no longer wearing and would like to donate it to the fair, place it in a box with Dale's name on it, and drop it off in the church office. Dale will pick it from there. Thank you!

## From the Office

Monday - Thursday 8:00-12:00 pm Rentals / Usage Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall Friday, November 14 Wedding Celebration - 6-11pm

Saturday, November 15
Girl Scout Event - 9:30-11:30am

November 20 & 21 Christmas Fair Setup

Saturday, November 22-9-2pm Christmas Fair

Wednesday, November 27 Family Function - done by 5pm

### **November Meetings**

Diaconate - Sunday, November 2 following worship

Missions - Monday, November 3 at 7pm via Zoom

Trustees - Tuesday, November 11 at 6pm

Council - Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm

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



## Chicken Pie Making!

#### **SCHEDULE**

We will start on October 27th at 9am to make dough balls.

Thursday, November 6 - 1pm - Pick and freeze chicken. We need 8 people

Wednesday, November 12th - 9am - Roll pie dough bottoms, bag and freeze. We need 6 people

Thursday, November 13th - 8am - Make gravy - we need 2 people to help Mark. Each person would help for 2 hours.

Friday, November 14th - 9am - Roll tops for pies, and cut up extra chicken. Then we break for a potluck lunch and then assemble all the pies. Need at least 6 people.

There is also a need for clean up help.

The schedule and sign up sheets are now posted in the Gathering Space.

If you have a friend who would like to help please invite them along. The more the merrier! If we don't get enough folks to sign up on a given day we will cancel the day so as not to put too much work on a few people.

## Men's Club Fair Items for Sale

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:

Soda - 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.
Yellow Cheese slices- 2 ½ lb. - \$7.50.
Chocolate Chip Cookies(frozen) - \$2 each.

#### From the Desk of Pastor Day

#### 1) Covenant-Making God & Covenant-Making People

This past Sunday – Reformation Sunday – I spoke about our Covenant-making God and God's promise to make a New Covenant with God's people. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) I referred to a stained-glass window in

a church I served that had symbols of the covenants God had made with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and us.

We then looked at our Congregational heritage of making covenants with one another to form local churches. We reminded one another of our own Church Covenant and our Behavioral Covenant.

The next day this photograph from Aroostook County showed up in my Facebook newsfeed. It is a wonderful reminder of God's over-arching covenant for us.



#### 2) Prayers for Jamaica



As I write this for the Newsletter, Category 5 Hurricane Melissa is making landfall in Jamaica. It is the 3rd most powerful storm on record, and by far the strongest hurricane to hit Jamaica. Winds up to 200 mph and a 15 foot storm surge are forecast. Let us pray for the people of Jamaica.

From there the storm is expected to make a second landfall in eastern Cuba as a Category 4 hurricane, and then impact the Bahamas and possibly Bermuda.

#### 3) Daylight Saving Time Ends



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. However, if you do forget and get to the church early, you can enjoy listening to our choir rehearse. Watch out, though, David may just recruit you!

You are also welcome to join David for an Advent Music Kick-off Potluck Lunch after worship (approx.. 11:00 am) in the Community Room.

Here is the link to sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/177blngpIqWNAkFGpjjla ZIEZVDfCAuI5i0kz8LzX8Q/edit?usp=sharing

#### 4) Enlarging the Table

This coming Sunday, November 2, we will share together in Holy Communion.

As the holidays approach, many of us will be adding leaves to dining tables to accommodate extended families. On Sunday we will consider another way to "enlarge our tables." With the government shutdown, it has been announced that no SNAP benefits will be paid in November. That is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps, which helps those facing food insecurity. Many food pantries will be hard pressed to make up the gap. Sandy Swett from the Harrison Food Bank will be with us to talk about how we can help. Then, on November 9 we will launch our drive to fill the trailer!

## "You're not leaving the table until you've cleared your plate."

JESUS CHRIST, 33AD



#### 5) All Saints Sunday / All Souls Day



Finally, November 2 is also All Saints Sunday & All Souls Day in the Church Calendar. It is a time when congregations remember those from the Church family who have joined the Church Triumphant as well as other Loved Ones who have died. There will be a time in the service to speak their names aloud as we gather with the "Communion of Saints" at the Table.

Grace to you, and peace ... Pastor Paul

~ November 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	3	10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	<b>5</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>6</b> 1p Chicken Processing	7	8 9a Fall Church Cleanup 9a Pet Place Pantry
<b>9</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	10	Day Church Closed 10a Tuesday	<b>12</b> 9a Roll Pie Tops for Pies 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>13</b> 8a Gravy Day for Chicken Pies		15 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 9am Rain Date for Fall Cleanup 9:30a Girl Scout Event (FH)
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<b>23</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	24	6p Paley's Men's	<b>26</b> 12p K. Bruder Family Rental (FH) 7p AA	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day Church Closed	28	29
<b>30</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship				Happy Thanksgiving!		