## North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

# **WEEKLY NEWS - November 12, 2025**

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), 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.

#### From the Trustees

The Trustees held our regular meeting on Tuesday, November 11. The church finances are in good shape and we are still running a budget surplus, which is good news. We also reviewed expenses for the year to date and discussed next year's budget items for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. We will have a joint meeting with the Church Council to further discuss the budget.

We would like to better mark the entrances to the parking lot and build a shed on the grounds to house our lawnmower and other equipment. For this, we are asking for donations of building materials, including, but not limited to:

-pressure-treated 2x8 boards for the shed; -4x4 posts at least 5 feet long to mark the parking lot entrances; and -reflectors to put on the posts.

If you can supply these or any other construction materials, please contact Gary Davis.

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

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 26 Family Function - done by 5pm

The Church will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Yesterday was Veterans Day.

Why is Veterans Day always on the 11th, and not simply the 2nd Monday in November? The armistice that ended the fighting took effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The Treaty of Versailles officially ending WWI, "the Great War," the "War to End All Wars," was signed on June 28, 1919. Only 20 years later WWII began, September 1, 1939. And how many wars have taken place since then!

In Canada, the U.K. & elsewhere Armistice Day became observed as Remembrance Day, honoring veterans & remembering the fallen. In the U.S. a separate Memorial Day dates back to the Civil War. After WWII Armistice Day was re-designated as Veterans Day.

But long before then, the Christian Church has celebrated November 11 in commemoration of Martin of Tours (ca. 316-397). Martin was a Roman soldier who became a Christian, ultimately the Bishop of Tours. After his baptism, Martin resigned as a soldier; Christian faith and serving in the pagan Roman army were mutually exclusive. Martin became known for pacifism and for caring for the poor—even as a soldier he had used his cloak to cover a poor beggar.

Let us, then, observe the spirit of Veterans Day as more than just one day to honor those who served. Let us continue to care for those who bear the wounds of battle in body, mind, and spirit. And let us dedicate ourselves to follow the example of Martin of Tours in peace-making

and caring for the poor.

Grace & peace, Pastor Paul

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Day revpaulday@gmail.com 207 712-9896







#### 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.

## **November Meetings**

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.

#### Greater Freeport Community Choir

**Greater Freeport Community Chorus** presents their Holiday concerts with Jesse Myers-Wakeman, Artistic Director, on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Meetinghouse Arts, 40 Main St., Freeport, ME and Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00pm at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd., North Yarmouth, ME. "A Ceremony of Carols" features Benjamin Britten's titular work along with songs and carols from around the world. The program highlights music from cultures and communities around the world to show how music can help foster peace.

The chorus will be accompanied by Kellie Moody. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and under 18 free; no online or presale tickets.

Find out more about the chorus at: www.gfccsings.org or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/greaterfre eportchorus

## Chicken Pie Making!

#### **SCHEDULE**

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.

#### Discipleship

The Discipleship group will meet at the church in the Gathering Space on Thursdays, at 1pm..

#### 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.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help escort "billions" of leaves off of church property last Saturday in every which way imaginable. This leaves a lot of room for the snow that is on the way!













~ November 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
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)
<b>16</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	17	18 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's	<b>19</b> 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	<b>20</b> Christmas Fair Setup 6:30p Council	<b>21</b> Christmas Fair Setup	<b>22</b> 9a – 2pm Christmas Fair
<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!		