

WEEKLY NEWS - December 3, 2025



Please keep the following people in your prayers

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Jean and Butch Goff, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Linda Lambrides, Blanche Mays, The Moon Family, 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.

Attention All Boards and Committees

As we approach the Advent season and our Annual Meeting in January, the Bylaws Committee would like to remind all boards and committees of the Church to review the new Bylaws and the Standard Operations Manual to see if there are sections that you would like to revise or add to as it pertains to your committees. Any revisions need to be presented to the Congregation at the annual meeting so we can vote on them. Please submit them to Kathy W. by January 4 so she can have them ready for the meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Interactive Christmas Story

Volunteers Needed!

Interactive Christmas Story

Our Christmas Eve family service will have an interactive Christmas story this year, and we need volunteers! No experience necessary. Some training provided. Sense of humor and joy for Jesus are a must. If interested, please see Amanda Skupin.

The Shed is Happening!

Shed Project

The Trustees started building the shed last Saturday. Additional construction dates will be announced. Come join us!



From the Desk of Pastor Day

Advent Adverts

Tuesday morning I was watching the morning news program to find out about the weather. After a while, I realized that almost the entire program was one long promotion for various products. Not just the many commercials, but the program itself was a long beyond to consumerism.

Black Friday, small business, Saturday, cyber Monday, and now travel Tuesday is impinging on what has been giving Tuesday. None of them are a single day, but seem to last several weeks. And of course they push the consumer to act quickly, so as not to miss these “deals.”

Social media is even worse. One item caught my interest, and immediately I was inundated with more ads for more of the same. In secular society Advent has become a feeding frenzy of consumerism.

The retailers in the United Kingdom take a different approach. There what we call commercials are known as adverts. And rather than aggressively push products, the adverts are creative, quirky, humorous, and sometimes heartwarming. Of course, the stores hope that the good feelings will carry over to shopping. At the end of this article, I have put a link to the top 10 UK adverts for 2025.

Advent calls us as followers of Christ to be countercultural. O, we still prepare special foods, participate in family activities, and other festivities, and exchange gifts as tokens of our love for one another. But by God’s grace, may we resist the temptations of overindulgence and consumerism.

Instead let us use Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to follow Christ ever more closely. Girded by hope, let us work for peace and justice, joyfully and, above all, with love.

Grace & peace

Pastor Paul

[Top Ten Christmas Adverts 2025 - YouTube](#)

Nativity Display Open House

On Saturday, December 20, we will have an open house from 9:30–2:00. I’ll be sharing my nativity collection. I now have 100 nativities from 50 different countries. please let me know if you can help with some light refreshments. Thank you. Display will be up through Sunday, December 21.

If you are not able to be here on that weekend, my nativities will also be displayed during the Festival of Trees at Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, December 6–14. Check here for details.

[FOT 2025 - Schedule](#)

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December Meetings

Diaconate - Sunday, December 7 following worship.

Missions - Monday, December 8 at 7pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09>

Trustees - Tuesday, December 9 at 6pm.

Council - Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the Financial Office

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

Discipleship - Thursdays at 1pm in the Gathering Space

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.

From the Office

Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

**Rentals / Usage
Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, December 12
Birthday Party - 11am-3:00pm**

**Friday, December 26
Azerbaijan Society of Maine - 5:30-9:30pm**

Stewardship

The pledge cards for 2026 have been distributed. If you haven't received one, please call the office and Lyn will send you one.

It is important that these pledge cards be returned by Sunday, December 7th so that the Trustees and Council can start to work on the 2026 budget.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Lois Knight at 207-318-0017 or Lknight52@maine.rr.com

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.

Greater Freeport Community Chorus

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/greaterfreeportchorus>

From Missions

A CAN OF SOUP????? A BOX OF PASTA?????

The grocery cart in our Gathering Space has kind of gotten lost in the shuffle of late. NYCC has been busy filling the trailer, purchasing Christmas gifts for folks in assisted living homes, and helping clothe the unhoused in Portland.....to name a few. The church folks, you, are incredibly giving to our various projects. Adding an item to the food cart, especially on Communion Sunday, would be one more way to help those who can use our gifts of basic food or personal care items.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Your Missions Committee

From Faith Formation

The Christmas tree in the sanctuary could use some help. Faith Formation invites you to bring an ornament from home to hang on the tree during the Advent and Christmas season. The ornaments will be returned to you after Epiphany. There will be a sign up sheet to write your name and description of your ornament to make sure it gets back to you.

Sunday School



The Sunday School classroom shines bright decorated by the kids for the Christmas season. Come check it out!





Advent

Join us this Advent as we prepare for Christmas together with Sunday Worship Services at 9:30 am.

Worship Services during Advent feature music by our Sanctuary Choir, the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Discipleship for All Ages, seasonal carols, Bible reading, prayer and more.

During the service children are dismissed for Sunday School.

Advent begins a new year in the Church Calendar centered on the Gospel of Matthew, which starts with the genealogy of Jesus. Among the 42 men named as Jesus' ancestors, Matthew inserts four remarkable women. Pastor Day's messages will focus on the stories of these women and what we can learn from them.

**Nov. 30 – The First Sunday of Advent –
Tamar: Holding onto Hope**

**Dec. 7 – The Second Sunday of Advent –
Rahab: Making Peace**

**Dec. 14 – The Third Sunday of Advent –
Ruth: Finding Joy**

**Dec. 21 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent –
Bathsheba: Surprising Love**

Nativity Display

Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:30 am—2:00 pm

Pastor Day will share his collection of almost 100 nativities from 50 countries around the world. Come and reflect on the deeper meaning of Christmas as you learn the stories behind the Nativity. Light refreshments will be served.

Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24

5:00 pm –

Family Worship Service – Interactive Christmas Story

11:00 pm –

Traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	3 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	4	5	6
7 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	8	9 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	10 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	11 6p Greater Freeport CC Rehearsal 6:30p Council	12	13 9a Pet Place Pantry 11a L. Marks' Birthday Party (FH)
14 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 1:30p GFCC 3p Greater Freeport Community Choir Concert	15	16 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Epiphany Rehearsal (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	17 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	18	19	20 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 9:30a Nativity Display
21 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	22	23 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	24 Christmas Eve Services 5p Family Srvs 11p Lessons & Carols 7p AA	25 Christmas 	26	27
28 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	29	30 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	31 No Choir 7p AA			