

WEEKLY NEWS - January 21, 2026



Please keep the following people in your prayers

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), Terri Bickford, David and Michelle Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Jean and Butch Goff, Sandra and Vince Golonka, 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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

The Church will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Rentals / Usage Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 7th -1-4pm
Marcia Smith Fuller Memorial Gathering

Annual Meeting

January 11, 2026

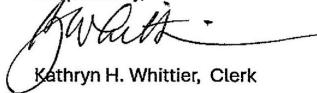
To the Members and Officers of the First Congregational Church, UCC:

The 220th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church, UCC, will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately following the morning worship.

The purpose of the meeting will be to act upon the following:

1. Annual roll call.
2. To discuss and vote on the Annual Report of the church.
3. To discuss and vote on the report of nominations.
4. To discuss and vote on the financial report.
5. To discuss and vote on the 2026 budget for the church.
6. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Respectfully,



Kathryn H. Whittier, Clerk

From the Trustees

New Computer for the Office

We would like to thank the North Yarmouth Men's Club for making it possible for us to purchase the new computer for the church office. They donated the entire amount for us to do that. Roger is working on getting it installed as soon as possible. He will then take the old outdated hard drive to use for the projector in the Fellowship Hall. That system broke a few weeks ago, so this will work out perfectly as we need it for upcoming rentals. We really appreciate the folks from our church family who came to us and told us that they would help with the purchase. It means so much.

Thank you,
Your Trustees

January Meetings

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. Hall.

From the Desk of Pastor Paul

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, I reflected on my October visit to the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was assassinated.

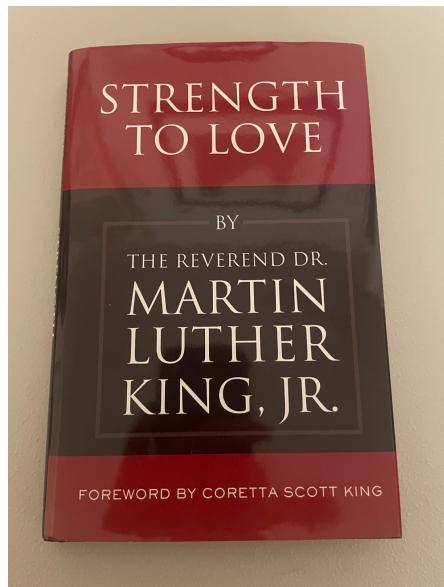
In these days of deep divisions and violence, with civil rights under attack, we need to heed the wisdom of Dr. King's commitment to non-violence, and to embody the courage of that commitment.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

"Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."

The Rev. Dr. King was a pastor and theologian, and above all, a follower of Jesus Christ.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Paul





PJS AND PANCAKES FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

2/17/26 5:30 – 7:00 PM

NORTH YARMOOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Faith Formation committee is hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. We will provide pancakes and bacon. Everyone is welcome – bring a dish to share!

We'll be ringing the Church Bells and burning some Palms!

Pajamas are optional but encouraged!

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians on the day before Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten season leading up to Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning absolution following confession. Christians in many denominations and communities visit their church on *Shrove Tuesday* to confess their sins and clean their soul, thus being *shriven* (absolved) before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of the Carnival or Shrovetide season, in which people indulge in richer, fatty foods before the fasting traditionally observed during Lent. Churches also ring bells to remind people to repent their sins and burn the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday, to make the ashes Ash Wednesday services the next day.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FH-Fellowship Hall	CR-Community Room			1 New Year's Day Church Closed	2	3 1p Kathy W. Birthday-FH
4 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	5 5p 4H-Swiners Potluck in FH	6 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Epiphany Rehearsal (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	7	8	9	10 9a Pet Place Pantry 11:30a Epiphany Rehearsal (FH) 2p Epiphany Concert (FH)
11 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	12	13 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	14	15 5:45p Girl Scouts -CR 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	16	17 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 1p Epiphany Concert Snow Date if needed
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