

WEEKLY NEWS - March 4, 2026



*Please keep the following people
in your prayers*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), Candy Burgess, Jean and Butch Goff, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Blanche Mays, The Moon Family, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanelle Stearns

Carol Davis died peacefully at Bay Square February 11. The family will be doing a private graveside service in Haverhill, MA in the spring.

Wider World: People recovering from natural disasters and conflicts in the U.S. and around the world. Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

Church Admin., Lyn, will be out of the office on Tuesday, March 10th.

Jeanne will check in.

New Music Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for interested and committed people to serve on the new Music Committee. You don't have to be a musician, just interested in the viability of our music program and able and willing to serve. It is estimated that the committee will meet about once a month. There will also be ample opportunities to help out, even if you are not on the committee.

Please contact Music Director, David, to express interest and/or get a fuller description of the role of the committee.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

**Rentals / Usage
Fellowship Hall**

Friday, March 6 - 5pm

Greely Rec. Cheer Spaghetti Supper
Fundraiser

Monday, March 9 - 5pm

Greely Girls Hockey Banquet

Saturday, March 14 - 4pm

Turkish Cultural Ctr Event

Saturday, March 21 - 11am

Bahai New Year Event

March Meetings

Trustees - Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm

Faith Formation - Sunday, March 15th
following worship

Missions - Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm via
Zoom.

Council - Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm

Discipleship - Thursdays at 1pm in the
Gathering Space

Bell Ringing - Wednesday, March 4th and 18th
at 5:45pm in the Community Room

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.



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We would like to thank the Girls Scouts of
Maine; Nidoba Service Unit for their
generous donation of diapers and wipes
for the use of the Fellowship Hall for
their Girl Scout Cookie Rally. This
product will be delivered to families in
need. Don't forget to buy your Girl Scout
Cookies!

?????? 5 for 5 ??????

NYCC has been a 5 for 5 church for several years and we have never made much fuss about it. We just do it. Some folks know all about it, some a little and some not much at all. Our new Pastor feels we should share the good news about being a 5 for 5 church and so the Missions Board will briefly explain what our gifts do for others in the wider world through the National United Church of Christ Conference. Five times a year an envelope appears in your Sunday morning Bulletin, obviously there for you to put some money in it. You deserve to know more!

The 5 opportunities for giving are:

* Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Funds the ongoing, day to day work of the conferences and national ministries.

*One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS): Supports disaster relief, refugee ministries, and sustainable development.

*Neighbors in Need) (NIN) Supports ministries of justice, advocacy, and compassion in the U.S. and beyond.

*Strengthen the Church: Funds new church starts, leadership development, and youth ministries.

*The Christmas Fund: Provides financial assistance to active and retired clergy and their families.

A couple of years ago the Missions Board decided to send no less than \$200.00 to each of these wider missions. If this amount doesn't come in the envelopes the Missions Board adds money to reach \$200.00. If folks give more than \$200.00, it all goes to the conference.

Maybe this takes some of the mystery out of the 5 for 5. NYCC doesn't make a loud noise about being a 5 for 5, we just do it. And with gratitude for your support.

Blessings,
Your Mission Board

On my drive to North Yarmouth from Saco several times per week, I am enjoying scenic landscapes that are new to me. Each of my pastorates in Maine--in Standish, in Sanford, and now in N. Yarmouth--have required a 35-45 minute commute. Each time, I have driven “back ways” as much as possible and have enjoyed passing by woodlands, fields, lakes, ponds, homesteads, and other lovely sights. The commute provides quiet time to reflect on my sermon, the worship service, or meetings that I will have at church.

Commuting on interesting back roads has mostly been a blessing, but occasionally a challenge--for example, the Sunday I had not realized that the Ironman Triathlon would stop traffic for nearly an hour at the intersection of Rts. 112 and 202 at Tory Hill in Buxton, an intersection that I had to drive through to get “to work” in Standish. That Sunday I arrived 45 minutes late for a special service we were having at The Old Red Church. Thankfully, the music director and a deacon who had worked as a telemarketer had been able to keep things going, and the congregation kindly remained in their seats as I preached a much-abbreviated sermon.

The main challenge so far enroute to N. Yarmouth has been frost heaves affecting, especially, Winn Road between Falmouth and Cumberland, and Walnut Hill Road. Though I was sorry to have to trade in my old 2012 Subaru Impreza this past summer (because I loved its manual transmission and because “she” had been my faithful companion on many journeys), I am very thankful these days for my 2024 Subaru Crosstrek which is slightly heavier and which has excellent shock absorbers. Recently, I have been reflecting on the frost heaves that inevitably come along on our journeys through life, and the necessity to keep personal shock absorbers in good working order.

As we continue following “The Way” during Lent, I expect we are all thinking about roads or paths we have taken in our lives and the blessings and challenges of travel, whether “travel” is commuting for work, or making a special pilgrimage such as “Santiago de Compostella” (the setting for “The Way”).

I am looking forward to watching “The Way” with any of you who can come, on Friday, March 20. We will have a “family night” potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, see the movie together, and be on our way home shortly after 8 p.m. Many thanks to the Faith Formation team and the Deacons for coordinating this event!

Along the way to Santiago to Compostella, the pilgrims say to one another “Buen Camino”.

Blessings on your journeys,
Rev. Cynthia

Join us for a movie night on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the movie *The Way*, about a man's pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago to honor his son. This movie inspired our Lenten worship series and encourages us to look at life as a pilgrimage that we never walk alone.



Faith Formation Update

The Faith Formation committee is looking for your input on programs and events. Do you want more Bible studies? Dinners? Community events? Movie nights? Programs for all ages? Feel free to speak with Amanda Skupin, Sandra Brann, Jess Smith or Gail Strattard about your ideas and wishes for the year. We would love to hear your thoughts!

Collecting Printer Cartridges

There is a collection container in the office to start collecting used ink cartridges that we will take in to Staples to recycle. This will help with the cost of shredding, etc. for the archive committee. If you generally throw away your used ink cartridges or take them to the transfer station please think about bringing them to the church. We will take care of them for you. Thank you.

The Archive Committee

Light Out

Our Mouse Patrol Leader found all the lights on in the former daycare space. Please make sure to turn out lights as you leave spaces, especially lightly uses spaces where lights may stay on for some time before being noticed.



Daylight Saving Begins on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	2	3 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	4 5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	5 1p Discipleship	6 5p Greely Rec Cheer Fundraiser (FH)	7 Set Clocks ahead 1 hour tonight
8 Daylight Saving Begins 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	9 5p Greely Girls Hockey Banquet 6:30p Missions Mtg Via Zoom	10 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	11 5:45p Girl Scouts (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	12 1p Discipleship	13 March 14 th event setting up tables in the pm	14 9a Pet Place Pantry 4p Turkish Cultural Ctr event (FH)
15 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	18 5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	19 1p Discipleship 5p Greely Hockey Banquet 6:30p Council	20 Spring Begins 5:30p Family Night with Pot Luck Movie "The Way"	21 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 11a Bahai New Year Event (FH)
22 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	23	24 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	25 5:45p Girl Scouts (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	26 1p Discipleship	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate	30	31 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	Church Admin. Lyn, will be out of the office on Tuesday, March 10 th .			

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Family Night with Pot Luck (March 20)

5:30pm Movie "The Way" at NYCC

Palm Sunday (March 29):

9:30am (Worship)

Maundy Thursday (April 2):

5:30 PM (Soup and Bread Service) and

6:30 PM Tenebrae Service at the New Gloucester Church-19 Gloucester Hill Rd. with combined choirs.

Anyone who would like to bring dessert is welcome to do so.

Good Friday (April 3):

5:30 PM Service with Combined Choirs

at the Gray UCC Church - 11 Yarmouth Rd. Gray, ME

Easter Sunrise Service (April 5):

6:00am (at Skyline Farm 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth)

Easter Breakfast (April 5):

at the church following the sunrise service at NYCC

Easter Sunday (April 5):

9:30am (worship) at NYCC