

WEEKLY NEWS - March 11, 2026



*Please keep the following people
in your prayers*

Congregation & Community: 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, Susanellen Stearns

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.

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

Trustees News

The Trustees had their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10. They received the Treasurer's financial report and while rental income is down year over year, it is still above what was budgeted, and fuel consumption was down significantly in January.

The Trustees reviewed the cleaning checklist given to all renters and prepared a revised form for review at the next church Council meeting. They also discussed options for use of the space below the Fellowship Hall.

Office News

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

Rentals / Usage Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 14 - 4pm
Turkish Cultural Ctr Event

Saturday, March 21 - 11am
Bahai New Year Event

Don't you wonder??????

After watching the news this morning, I couldn't help but think about the ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING offering NYCC will be taking part in this Sunday. I couldn't help but wonder if some of what we give will go to parts of our own country that have been experiencing such damaging storms of late. Loss of life, homes ----unimaginable devastation.

Blessings

Jeanne (Missions Board)

March Meetings

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.

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.

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.



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!

From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar

Now that I have served as your Interim Pastor for six weeks and my schedule is clearer, I want to make sure you know when I will be at the church or working from home, and how to reach me.

If you would like to talk with me in person, the best idea is to make an appointment in case there is a variation in my schedule (such as a regularly scheduled meeting being moved to a different day). My **email address** is: pastorbiggar@gmail.com and my **cellphone number** is: 207-205-4591.

Here is my **regular weekly schedule**:

Sunday: Arrive at the church by 9 a.m. Lead worship and preach. Attend coffee hour and / or meetings such as Diaconate or Faith Formation. Available for conversation or visitation prior to returning home to Saco.

Monday: Personal time and preparing for next Sunday.

Tuesday: Office hours from noon to 2 p.m. (ordinarily). On the second Tuesday of each month, I will work from home due to regularly scheduled online meetings: the Cumberland Association Executive Council and the Maine Conference Interim Affinity Group.

Wednesday: Available for appointments at the church and for home or hospital visitation as needed.

Thursdays: At the church from noon to 3 p.m. (ordinarily), attending the Discipleship meeting from 1-2:30 p.m.

Friday: Day Off.

Saturday: Working from home, making final preparations for Sunday.

Please be in touch if you have any questions.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

pastorbiggar@gmail.com

Easter Flower Order Form

Easter – April 5, 2026

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 22, 2026

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Pot Cover? .50 each</u>
Pansy – 3.5" pot	\$3.39		
Mini Daffodil – 4" pot	\$6.79		
Primrose – 4" pot	\$6.79		
Gerbera Daisy – 6" pot	\$12.74		
Easter Lily (1 Plant/pot) – 6" pot	\$18.70		
Easter Lily (3 Plants/pot) – 8.5" pot	\$56.95		
Daffodil – 6" pot	\$15.29		
Hyacinth – 6" pot	\$15.29		
Tulip (Assorted) – 6" pot	\$15.29		
Hydrangea (pink, White or Blue) – 17 cm pot	\$27.20		
Calla lily – 6" pot	\$27.20		
Tender Azalea – 6" pot	\$28.90		
Pansy Color bowl – 12" pot	\$21.24		

Moss green pot covers are no longer free. .50 per pot.

Total amount: _____ (Check payable to NYCC)

Dedications: (Please write legibly)

Your Name: _____

In celebration of:

In memory of:

Please return this form and payment to the church office.

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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