

# WEEKLY NEWS - April 1, 2026



*Please keep the following people  
in your prayers*

**Congregation & Community:** Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanelle 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.

\*Please submit items for the Church Calendar to Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. For the prayer list, please speak with a deacon or the pastor.

## Office News

**Office Hours** Monday - Thursday  
8:00-12:00 pm

**Rentals / Usage  
Fellowship Hall**

**GFCC - Rehearsal - May 9 at 6pm**

**Greater Freeport Community Choir Concert  
May 9 at 7pm**

## April Meetings

Faith Formation - Sunday, April 12 following Worship

Missions - Monday, April 13 via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09>

Trustees - Tuesday, April 14 at 6pm

Council - Thursday, April 16 at 6:00pm

Diaconate - Sunday, April 26 following worship

Discipleship - Thursdays at 1pm in the Gathering Space

Bell Ringing - Wednesday, April 15, 22, 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. Hall.

## Join our Chicken Pie Mission

### We Need Your Help!

We would like to fill the freezer with whole chickens, chicken breasts or thighs for our next chicken pie making session. If you are moved to help fill the freezer, they can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen hallway.

### We also have frozen chicken pies and gravy for sale

Chicken and Gravy Pie - \$25  
Small Chicken and Gravy Pie - \$13  
Pint of Gravy - \$7

And as always, thank you, thank you, thank you!

## From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar

During Holy Week, we remember Jesus' last days alive on earth. Tomorrow on Maundy Thursday we will join our sister churches from Gray and New Gloucester at the New Gloucester church for a soup-and-bread supper (5:30 p.m.) and a Communion and Tenebrae service (6:30 p.m.). A high point of the service will be the combined choirs singing an arrangement of "Wondrous Love." The Tenebrae service, with 12 Readers, tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper, his betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his trial(s) before Jewish leaders (the High Priest and others), "King" Herod, and the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. The script will take us to the moment when Jesus is "led out to be crucified."

We will gather again with our sister churches on **Friday**, this time **at the Gray UCC church**, for a **Good Friday service at 5 p.m.** The Good Friday service will be led by Rev. Lindy Howe, but your Interim Pastor will be present and will participate if needed. The combined choir will sing.

**On Sunday, the North Yarmouth Sunrise Service will be led by Amanda Skupin at 6 a.m. at Skyline Farm.** Many thanks, Amanda! Following the Sunrise Service, breakfast will be served in our Fellowship Hall! At **9:30 a.m. we will have a traditional Easter Sunday service celebrating the Resurrection**; as Easter is on the first Sunday of the month, **we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.** The choir will sing both a choral Introit and an anthem. My sermon, "Rejoicing in the Resurrection," will be a meditation on John 20:1-18, the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with the Risen Christ, and his sending her forth to tell the Good News (for centuries, Mary Magdalene has been known as the apostola apostolorum, "the apostle to the Apostles."). After the service we will enjoy a festive coffee hour. Thanks to the Faith Formation team, **the Young People will have an Easter Egg hunt.**

As your Interim Pastor, I hope very much to see you at one or more of these services. In any event, have a most Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Peace be with you,

*Rev. Cynthia*

pastorbiggar@gmail.com

## Some thoughts about our prayer list ...

Prayers of intercession are important to us in this church because we care about each other and things that may be happening in our community and world. At the same time it is important to respect the personal privacy of others, especially since we communicate via the internet.

Here are some guidelines for eliciting prayers on another person's behalf:

□ A person's name should only be published in a prayer list with the permission of that individual.

□ If the person is extremely ill or is a minor, the caregiver, parent or guardian may give permission.

□ Health details should be shared only with permission.

□ When information is shared, less is best. The Lord knows all the details; it is not necessary for us to know everything in order to pray.

If you would like to add someone's name to our prayer list, please speak with one of the deacons or the pastor.

The Diaconate

## 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.

## 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

## Faith Formation

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!

# LENT & HOLY WEEK

## SCHEDULE

### **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):**

5:00 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):**

**approx. 6:45am** at the church following the sunrise  
service at NYCC

### **Easter Sunday (April 5):**

9:30am (worship) at NYCC

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>FH= Fellowship Hall</b>  <b>CR= Community Room</b>			<b>1</b>  5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir 7p AA-FH	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday 1p Discipleship 5:30p Soup & Bread 6:30p Tenebrae Service at New Gloucester Cong. Church, 19 Gloucester Hill)	<b>3</b> Good Friday  5p Good Friday Service at Gray Cong Church (11 Yarmouth Rd\, Gray\, ME)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Easter 6a Easter Sunrise Service (Skyline Farm), 95 The Ln  6:45a Easter Breakfast (NYCC)  8:30a Choir Rehearsal  9:30a Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10a Tuesday Gals  6p Paley's Men's Group-CR	<b>8</b>  5:45p Girl Scouts-CR  6:30p Choir  7p AA-FH	<b>9</b>  1p Discipleship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9a Pet Place Pantry
<b>12</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal  9:30a Worship  11a Faith Formation	<b>13</b>  6:30pm Missions via Zoom	<b>14</b> 10a Tuesday Gals  6p Paley's Men's Group-CR  6p Trustees	<b>15</b>  5:45p Bell Ringing (CR)  6:30p Choir  7p AA - FH	<b>16</b>  1p Discipleship  6:30p Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
<b>19</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal  9:30a Worship	<b>20</b> Patriots Day  Office Closed	<b>21</b> 10a Tuesday Gals  6p Paley's Men's Group-CR	<b>22</b>  5:45p Bell Ringing (CR)  6:30p Choir  7p AA - FH	<b>23</b>  1p Discipleship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30a Choir Rehearsal  9:30a Worship  11a Diaconate	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10a Tuesday Gals  6p Paley's Men's Group-CR	<b>29</b>  5:45p Girl Scouts (CR)  6:30p Choir Rehearsal  7p AA	<b>30</b>  1p Discipleship	<b>Lyn will be out of the office on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.</b>	