

# WEEKLY NEWS - April 8, 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

It's now Eastertide, a Season of the Spirit which lasts until Pentecost. As one who studied and taught older forms of the English language in my "first career" I occasionally like to use old fashioned ecclesiastical terms, including "Eastertide," which sounds poetic (at least to my ear). Though in Maine we will not see trees with white blossoms for a while, the following poem by A.E. Housman (1859-1936) is in my mind and heart during this season. Perhaps this will resonate with some of you as well:

My colleagues, Rev. Lindy Howe (Gray), Rev. Sheri Nelson (New Gloucester)--and I-- have all heard very positive comments about the joint Holy Week services, and we hope to continue working together as sister churches for special services and events.

First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in (and made wonderful contributions to) our Holy Week and Easter services: David and Jesse Myers-Wakeman and Choir members; Sandra Brann, Leslie Eastman, and Gail Strattard, who served as Readers on Maundy Thursday; Amanda Skupin, who planned and led the Easter Sunrise Service; Jeanne Chadbourne and everyone who helped with the Easter breakfast; the Flower Committee and all who donated flowers for Sunday; everyone who worked behind the scenes to help things go well--and everyone who came to the services and gifted us with your presence! Special thanks to Lyn Glassock for help of many kinds.

### Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.

Eastertide blessings,

***Rev. Cynthia***

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## Church Council Notes

### **Donation Requests:**

We have been asked to provide more cabinet space in the church office for better accessibility and organization of church records. We are looking to add two 30" x 30" wall mounted cupboards. The cost for materials is \$425 and the cabinets will be installed by church volunteers. Any donation towards this expense would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the many failures of our heating system this winter that affected our services we required about 5 unplanned service calls. To make the system reliable we had to replace many components, including burner nozzles, zone valves, transformers and thermostats. The bills are finally all in and while we are still working with the vendor W.H. Demmons to get a better understanding of them we have incurred a cost of over \$8,000 that was not in our budget this year. We would appreciate any donations towards this expense. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### **New projects:**

This past year we unfortunately had renters who did not follow our rental guidelines resulting in extra efforts by our staff and Sexton. We will be meeting with the Trustees, Sexton and interested parties to decide what our rental priorities should be and how to best manage them. If you have ideas or would like to be part of the discussion, please reach out to any Trustee or Council member.

### **The following projects are being developed for completion this year.**

1. Repair and painting of the north gable end of the Sanctuary.
2. New office Wi-Fi that will be protected by our network firewall to keep out potential hackers.
3. Parking lot lighting expansion and upgrade of fixtures and timers to provide energy cost savings and better lighting coverage of our parking lot.
4. Completion of the new AV system for the fellowship hall to provide easier simpler access for anyone using the facility.
5. Upgrade insulation, lighting and heating to obtain better energy efficiency and comfort for our Music Director's office.
6. Timing and costing of potentially connecting to the new Yarmouth Water District main being constructed on our road.
7. We are actively seeking a church member volunteer to manage our website and online presence on social media. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

## 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.

**NORTH YARMOUTH  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

**MAY 23, 2026**

**9:00AM - 1:00 PM**



**ITEMS FOR SALE MAY INCLUDE: CLOTHING,  
SHOES, POCKETBOOKS, BOOKS, PUZZLES,  
GAMES AND TOYS, KITCHEN ITEMS,  
SMALL FURNITURE, TOOLS,  
SEASONAL ITEMS AND MORE!**

**3 GRAY ROAD, NORTH YARMOUTH  
ON THE CORNER OF ROUTES 115 AND 231**

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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>	