

# WEEKLY NEWS - April 15, 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, 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.

\*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

**Office Closed on Monday, April 20 in  
observance of Patriots' Day  
Rentals / Usage  
Fellowship Hall**

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

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

## April Meetings

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.

## Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup is planned for Saturday May 2  
at 9am with a rain date of Saturday, May 9th.

## Collecting Pringles Cans

Candace is collecting empty Pringles chip cans with the  
lids for a Christmas Fair project. They can be dropped  
off in the office. Thank you.

## 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 the spiritual season of Eastertide, the Lectionary invites us to consider stories about Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, including "The Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-35). In this passage, two of Jesus' followers are walking home to Emmaus from Jerusalem, commiserating with one another about the tragedy of Jesus' crucifixion and the mysterious news they have heard: "Christ is Risen!" Suddenly, Cleopas and his companion are joined on their walk by a stranger whose conversation they find comforting if a bit challenging. In Emmaus, they invite the stranger into their home for supper, recognizing him as Jesus "in the breaking of the bread." In that moment, Jesus disappears. Cleopas and his companion return to the other disciples in Jerusalem with the Good News that Jesus has been "made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

This story invites us to consider how we experience the presence of Christ (or God, or the Spirit). One Brother Lawrence experienced (and "practiced") the Presence of God while doing mundane tasks in the Carmelite Monastery in Paris where he was a lay brother (mid to late 1600's). Some of his more educated contemporaries collected his testimonies and sayings into a book, "Practicing the Presence of God." I have my own copy of this, somewhere, but was interested to find it in a "700 Club" edition in the "Little Free Library" at Ocean Park where I was walking my dog Millie on Sunday afternoon. This book is clearly of interest to Protestants (even members of the "700 Club") as well as scholars in the field of Medieval Studies (which I used to be), and Roman Catholics.

I encourage us all to practice whatever activities bring us into the Presence of God, whether it's walking on the beach, meditating on our porches, praying, or reading scripture or books that encourage meditation.

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Blessings and peace,

***Rev. Cynthia***

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## Trustees News

The Trustees had their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14.

They received and reviewed the Treasurer's financial report. The report showed that revenue and expenses are in line with the budget projections.

The wish list that was published in last week's newsletter was reviewed and all members felt that the items need to be prioritized.

The spring cleanup is scheduled for May 2@ 9am with rain date of May 9.

Gary informed the committee that there is a meeting on Wednesday, April 15 to formulate a plan for enforcing the rules for rentals and who will address any issues with the condition that the space is left in post rental.

Work on the storage shed will resume as weather and time permits.

## 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.

## Pilgrim Lodge Help

No matter your age there is something for you at our Pilgrim Lodge church camp.

Gail S. is a great resource if you have questions about this particular camping experience. The Missions Board is offering \$100.00 scholarships to any church connected person interested in attending. Pastor Cynithia is planning a Pilgrim Lodge Sunday soon. We can probably gain a lot of the ins and outs of PL at that time. Stay tuned!

Your Missions Board in action

ps: you probably could invite a friend to join you.....we'd help them, too.

## An Opportunity to Honor and Remember Pastor Nancy

Your Missions Board has opened up an opportunity to remember Pastor Nancy by sending a gift of \$200 to The Grace Street Ministry organization.....a ministry that was near and dear to Nancy's heart, and one to which she gave so much of herself. If you feel that this is something you would like to " get in on" that would be great.

If you write a check, please make it out to Grace Street Ministry; if you give cash, please write on something so we know what it is for. Dale K., Sue B. Anne G, Jon B. or Jeanne C. or the plate on Sunday morning will accept your gifts and add them to the \$200.00 from Missions.

This is such a beautiful way to honor Nancy.

Thank you,  
Missions Board.



## 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**

## **IT'S BAAAACK !!!!!!!!**

Plans are underway to "fill the trailer" for the Harrison Food Bank, and if the number of folks who asked for help at our pet pantry last Sat....that would be 19 !.( We have never had that many folks needing help for their pets.) indicates in any way how folks might be challenged to make ends meet today, Harrison has its work cut out for them. They serve so many people.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks, but we know diapers and basic food items are always appreciated.

May 17th is our day for folks to bring their goods.

Stay tuned !

Your Missions Board in Action Emoji  
ps. thank you Jon B , for your trailer.

## ~ April 2026 ~

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  6:00p 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>	

# HELP FILL THE TRAILER!!



**CANNED GOODS**

**CEREAL**

**RICE**

**DIAPERS**

**WIPES**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**JELLY**

**SOUPS**

**PASTA**

**SAUCE**

**GIFT CARDS**



**FOOD DRIVE - HELP DONATE TO SUPPORT  
THE HARRISON FOOD BANK  
ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND  
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS.  
PLEASE DO NOT DONATE  
OUT OF DATE ITEMS**

**SUNDAY,  
MAY 17TH**

**AT NORTH YARMOUTH  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
3 GRAY ROAD**



**TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
RAIN OR SHINE!!**