

WEEKLY NEWS - May 13, 2026



In Our Prayers

We pray for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, including Lori Webber Dimick, whose mother, May, died recently; serving our country in the Military, including James Black, E-6, US Navy; or experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., Sandra and Vince G., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanellen S.

We pray for those in the wider world, nationally and globally who are: hungry or unhoused, experiencing violence and destruction from wars and conflicts, rebuilding their lives following natural disasters, or recovering from trauma.

We pray for 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. Thank You.

Nancy's Grace Street Ministry

In memory and honor of Pastor Nancy, NYCC has sent \$1,275.00 to GSM. Thank you so much to all who contributed to this cause...Pastor Nancy was so committed to helping the unhoused population in Portland.

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PLEASE DO NOT DONATE OUT OF DATE ITEMS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!!

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

From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, May 13, 2026

For the next few Sundays, our worship services will celebrate significant days in the church year. I hope you will come, and bring a friend!

Sunday, May 17, is “Ascension Sunday.” According to Scripture and tradition, Jesus remained on earth and occasionally appeared to his followers for 40 days after his Resurrection. He promised them that the Holy Spirit would be with them soon, and he challenged them to be witnesses to his life, ministry, teachings, and resurrection. “Ascending” to his father, God, Jesus left his followers who had gathered with him on a hillside. On May 17, the third Sunday of the month, we will also light candles while sharing prayer concerns and testimonies.

Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit (as Wind and Flame) to Jesus’ followers in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit empowered Peter and others to speak in multiple languages to people who had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate one of the Jewish festivals. Wear something Red (or flame-colored) to church!

Sunday, May 31, is Trinity Sunday, when we will consider the mystery of the “Trinity”: how one God exists as (or in) “three persons.” The classic hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty,” speaks to this mystery.

Sunday, June 7, is a Communion Sunday and “Pilgrim Lodge Sunday.” I am hoping that several people of different ages will share with the congregation about what Pilgrim Lodge has meant to them.

Sunday, June 14, is “Music Sunday”! Besides special musical selections, the service will include prayers, scripture, and poetry. There will be no sermon. June 14 also marks the end of the “Sunday School year” and the last Sunday the choir will sing until September.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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Russian Dinner

The Russian Baptist Church in Gorham is having another of their special dinners on May 16 at 6 pm at 211 Mosher Road in Gorham. Ethnic meal from "Soup to Nuts". While you are enjoying the meal, you will be serenaded by the young people's choir. The evening also includes a raffle of gift cards and a fabulous dessert auction! Meal and a show! Donations will be accepted for the meal.

Gail S.

May Meetings and Activities

Council - Thursday, May 21 at 6pm

Diaconate - Sunday, May 31 following worship

Discipleship - Thursdays at 1pm in the Gathering Space

Bell Ringing - Wednesday May 6 and 20, 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.

Pringle Cans Needed

Collecting Pringle Cans for a Christmas Fair Project

Candace is collecting Small and Large Empty Pringle chip cans WITH THE LIDS. They can be dropped off in the office. Thank you.

Garden Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! to assist in the maintenance of the church's perennial gardens. The care needed is for "deadheading" the old blossoms and checking for unwanted grass or dandelions. A layout is on display in the Gathering Place if you would like to take just a section of the garden.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Lois Knight.

Pilgrim Lodge Scholarships

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.

Exciting Opportunity!

Are you interested in history, specifically the history of our church? Our 220th anniversary is coming up in September 2026 (more information on this later in the year), and part of our celebration includes updating the timeline that was created in 2006 for our 200th anniversary.

The original timeline, which will be brought out of storage and exhibited, needs to be updated for the last 20 years. The first timeline included related events for the church, the town, and the country from 1806-2006.

We are looking for some volunteers, especially with some computer skills, to help research, organize data, and physically create the last 20 years of the timeline.

If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Mark Heath or Rev. Cynthia.

Learn more about our church!

Volunteers Needed for the Flower Committee

Ellen and Gail have been doing a great job providing flowers to brighten up the sanctuary and inspire us all. But, they could use some assistance. If you think you might be able to help, please see Leslie, Gail or Ellen. It would be much appreciated!

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!



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Many congregations will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026.



IT'S ALMOST RUMMAGE SALE TIME!

The annual Women's Fellowship/Tuesday Gals Rummage Sale will be happening on Saturday, May 23. We are looking for lots of volunteers, especially for cleanup. Drop-off days at the church will be Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22. Please do not bring anything earlier because there is no place to store it. We are looking for salable items such as housewares, china, pots and pans, small appliances, linens, clothing, books, games, toys, knick-knacks, puzzles. Please, no electronics unless you know they are working. Other items also welcome, as long as they are salable, clean, and working.

Again, volunteers are needed to help set up, work during the sale, and clean up. We are also hoping that parishioners might also pick up anything leftover on Sunday and take it to Goodwill...

Contact Gail or Kathy to let us know if you can help in any capacity. Thanks! We look forward to a lot of great items and a great sale!

~ May 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9am Church Spring Clean Up
3 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	4	5 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	6 5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	7 1p Discipleship	8 6p FCC Rehearsal (FH)	9 9a Pet Place Pantry 7p Freeport Community Chorus Concert (FH)
10 Mother's Day 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	11 6:30p Missions Mtg via Zoom	12 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	13 5:45p Girl Scouts (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	14 1p Discipleship	15	16 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
17 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9-2pm Fill the Trailer Food Drive 9:30a Worship	18	19 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	20 5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	21 1p Discipleship 6p Council	22 Rummage Sale Set Up	23 9a Rummage Sale
24 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	27 5p Girl Scouts (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	28 1p Discipleship	29	30
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