WEEKLY NEWS - June 17, 2026

In Our Prayers

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are
• mourning the loss of loved ones;
• serving our country in the military,
including James B., E-6, US Navy; Nick M., Master Sergeant, Maine Air National Guard
• experiencing health issues or personal concerns,
including George D. (brother of Leah D.), Candy B., Sandra and Vince G.,Steve Q., Lori M., and Kaitlin Q., Wayne and Beth M. ; 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,
• 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.

Council Meeting Cancelled for June

The Church Council will not be meeting this month due to many people being away as we start another beautiful summer here in Maine. If anyone has something that needs to be addressed before next month's, meeting, please contact anyone on the Church council for assistance. Thanks and have a wonderful summer!

Trustees News

The Trustees held our regular meeting on June 9. We are in good financial standing and any expenses over budget have been covered by targeted donations. We are reviewing a "wish list" of repairs to prioritize building maintenance needs, and also reviewing the terms of some church investments to cover potential costs of those repairs. The shed is almost complete and we will have a safe place to house our yard equipment next winter. Jeff and Roger have been hard at work installing upgrades to our AV system in the Fellowship Hall and improving our outdoor lighting. Roger and Trudy Pushor were installed as new Trustees at the May Council meeting and we are grateful for their willingness to serve our Church community!

From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, June 17, 2026

This coming Sunday, June 21, when I will be away, please welcome to the pulpit as guest pastor, the Rev. Jane MacIntyre. A biographical statement from Rev. Jane is copied below.

June 21, the summer Solstice, the day when the sun is shining the longest, marks the official start to summer. In Maine this is a particularly lovely time of year. Of course, it will be hot soon and we will start meeting in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall on the first Sunday in July (July 5).

Next Sunday, June 28, the worship service for this church will be with our sister UCC churches in Gray and New Gloucester, the first of three joint services planned for this summer.

Joint services with Gray and New Gloucester are scheduled as follows:

June 28, at the First Congregational Church of Gray, UCC, at 10 a.m.

July 19, at the First Congregational-Christian Church of New Gloucester, UCC, at 9:30 a.m.

August 2, here at our church, at 9:30 a.m. (Communion Service).

For your cognizance, next Sunday's service in Gray is intended to celebrate that church's one-year anniversary as an Open and Affirming Congregation. There will be a combined choir. I know that David Myers-Wakeman will be singing, and other North Yarmouth choir members have also been invited.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer, and I hope to see you in church when I return to the pulpit in July.

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Cynthia
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Rev. Jane MacIntyre

The Rev. Jane Campbell MacIntyre, a “cradle Congregationalist,” is a graduate of The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was called as Pastor and Teacher of South Parish Congregational Church UCC, Augusta, ME; Berkely Congregational Church, UCC, in Berkley, MA; and as a sabbatical interim in Alstead, NH. She has served on Associational Committees for Church and Ministry in both Maine and Massachusetts.

Besides her Master of Divinity, she holds a Master of Science in Information Systems from the Graduate School of Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from the Boston-Bouve College (now part of Northeastern University).

Rev. Jane is married to Tim, a retired pharmacist. They have three adult children, Scott, Tim, and Bruce, as well as five grandsons and two granddaughters, all residing in southeastern New England. The MacIntyre family enjoys coming “up to camp” near Raymond, Maine, every summer.

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

Fellowship Hall Rental

aturday, June 20 - 3pm
Parking lot rental for wedding at The Barn

Sunday, June 28 - 2pm
Jewish Community Alliance of So. ME

Strawberry Festival News

We have scheduled the 2026 Strawberry Festival for Saturday, June 27 from 1-3pm. I am reaching out to all of you in hopes that you will be available to help out with this event in whatever way you can.

This is the timeline that I hope will work out with your schedule so that you can participate:

Thursday, June 25
8:00 am Make Pies and Prepping Berries
This would be 8-10 am or 10:30 am

Friday June 26
Setting up fellowship hall for the festival
This should not take more than a couple of hours, if that. Time is flexible.

Saturday June 27
8:00- 10:30 am slicing berries for shortcakes and selecting berries for dip a berry
12:30 pm Workers should arrive and double check their table
1-3pm Festival

Please let me know either way if you can or cannot participate so that I can adjust duties as I have volunteers.
Any and all help is appreciated,
Hope to hear from you!
Leah

Faith Formation Events **July-October 2026**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 10	Doors Open 5:30 Movie at 6:30	***Movie Night: The King of Kings*** *Movie night with pot luck dinner. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, movie at 6:30*
JULY 31	6:00 PM	***Portland Sea Dogs*** *Faith and Family Night at Hadlock Field*
AUG 13	5:30 PM	***Trivia Night*** *Pot luck dinner and trivia night. Trivia questions on NYCC history, UCC history, and Bible knowledge.*
SEPT 13	9:30 AM	***Sunday School Kickoff*** *Special service for Sunday School and fall Bible Study kickoff. Pot luck lunch following service.*
OCT 4	9:30 AM	***World Communion Sunday*** *Celebrate church unity and ecumenical cooperation*

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Faith Formation

The Faith Formation committee had our regular meeting on June 16. We set the calendar of events for the rest of the year, and we have some exciting events planned! July 10 at 5:30 p.m. we will host a pot luck dinner and Movie Night and watch The King of Kings, an animated film of the story of Jesus inspired by Charles Dickens' The Life of Our Lord. July 31 at 6:00 p.m. is Faith and Family Night at the Portland Sea Dogs. More information to come on this opportunity! August 13 at 5:30 p.m. we will have a pot luck dinner and Trivia Night with questions on NYCC history, UCC history and general Bible knowledge. September 13 will be our kickoff for Sunday School and our fall adult Bible study, with a pot luck lunch following the service and classroom tours given by our young people.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our programs and events. As a reminder, our Safe Church policy requires background checks for all volunteers involved in the Children's Ministry. Background check forms are available in the church office. Also, Children's Ministry volunteers in Maine are Mandated Reporters. Training must be completed once per year and is available online at https://mainemandatedreporter.org/, and we hope to host a live training in late August. If you choose to do the online training, please provide a copy of your Certificate of Completion to the church office.

Watch this space for more opportunities to gather, serve, and grow in our faith together!

Flower Committee Volunteers Needed

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!

Help fill the Freezer!

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
Pint of Gravy - $7

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

Exciting Opportunity!

220th Anniversary of North Yarmouth Congregational Church

Are you interested in history, specifically the history of our church? Our 220th anniversary is coming up in October 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 have a strong team in place, but if you would like to help we would love to have you join us!

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

Learn more about our church!

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.

Maine Lions Project Recycle

The donation box out in the entry way is for collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. The Lioness-Lions Clubs collect these from all over the county to be recycled. I think we have become "blind" to the box and it is important! Please think of using this box to recycle your items that are no longer needed. Your donation will help someone See, Hear, or in an Emergency, Call for help!

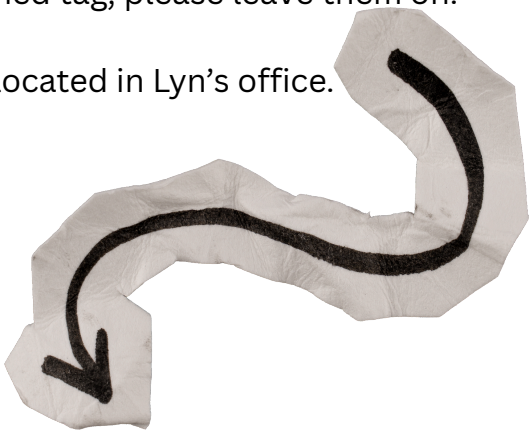
Thank you, Gail S.

Women's Fellowship News

The Women's Fellowship is getting a jump on this year's Christmas Fair silent auction. Every month leading up to the event we will be collecting items for two themed baskets. The month of June is "Bakers Delight" and "Kids Arts & Crafts".

If you'd like to participate, there are checklists on the entryway table to initial or if you want to donate something not on the lists, be sure to write down what It is so we don't receive duplicates. The items need to be new and if they're clear wrapped or have an attached tag, please leave them on.

The baskets are located in Lyn's office.



Baker's Delight Basket
Items Needed
Box Mixes: Cookies, Cake,
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Utensils
Sprinkles
Toppings
Apron
Rolling Pin
Bakeware
Cookie Sheet
Cupcake Pan
Bowl
Spatulas - Rubber
Cans of Frosting
Cookie cutters
Spatula - Metal

Arts and Crafts Basket
Items Needed
Water Color Paint Sets
Crayons
Glitter Glue
Sew/Crochet kits
Beads
Modeling Clay
Sidewalk Chalk
Stickers
Scissors

June Meetings and Activities

Diaconate -will not meet in June. Next meeting will be on July 26th

Discipleship - Thursdays at 1pm in the Gathering Space

Bell Ringing - Wednesday June 3 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.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HELP TO FILL THE BASKETS!

~ June 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	**2** 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	**3** 5:45p Bell Ringing (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	**4** 1p Discipleship	**5**	**6** **FH Rental** 11a Family Service for M. Fowler
7 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 12p Church Picnic (534 New Gloucester Rd.)	**8**	**9** 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Trustees	**10** 5:45p Girl Scouts (CR) 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	**11** 1p Discipleship	**12**	**13** 9a Pet Place Pantry
14 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	**15** 5pm Greely Girls Lacrosse Banquet 6:30pm Missions	**16** 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	**17** 7p AA Choir is now on summer break	**18** 1p Discipleship 6p Council	**19**	**20** 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 3p Parking Lot Rental – Wedding at The Barn
21 Father's Day 9:30a Worship 10:00a Worship Joint service at Gray, UCC	**22**	**23** 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	**24** 7p AA	**25** **8am Strawberry Fest. Pie Baking** 1p Discipleship	**26** Strawberry Festival Set up	**27** 1p – 3pm Strawberry Festival (FH)
28 10:00a Worship Joint service at Gray, UCC 2pm **FH Rental** Jewish Comm. Alliance	**29**	**30** 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	**Rev. Cynthia will be on vacation from June 21-28.**			