

WEEKLY NEWS - August 5, 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 Black., E-6, US Navy;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including George D. (brother of Leah D.), Candy B., Sandra and Vince G., Sam Kajima., Steve Q., Lori M., and Kaitlin Q., Wayne and Beth M., 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 by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. For the prayer list, please speak with a deacon or the pastor. Thank You.

August Meetings and Activities

(Please check with your committees to confirm you are meeting in August)

Faith Formation - Sunday, August 9 following worship

Trustees - Tuesday, August 11 at 6pm

Council - Thursday, August 20th at 6pm

Diaconate - Sunday, August 30th following worship

Missions will not meet again until September 14th

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.

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

Lyn will be on vacation August 10-13th. Jeanne will check in with the office

Fellowship Hall
Worship is now being held in the airconditioned Fellowship Hall

From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, August 5, 2026

First, a big thank-you to everyone who helped to make last Sunday special, welcoming our friends from Gray and New Gloucester to our joint service, bringing food for our special coffee hour, and/or contributing school supplies for our “Blessing of the Backpacks” project! The Scripture on Sunday was the Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21), and my sermon stressed how Jesus, and the crowd of people he was serving, made a little go a long way. And that is what each person who donated even a pack of pencils did, for those who can use them.

By Sunday a.m., there was an impressive display of new backpacks and a large bin overflowing with crayons, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks, and other items that students and teachers need. The schools in MDAD-15 (Gray-New Gloucester) will welcome these donations. A volunteer from the Gray UCC church who has connections with the school system, graciously loaded the donations into their truck after our joint service on Sunday, and is distributing the supplies to the schools. Special thanks also to David and Jesse Myers-Wakeman for directing and accompanying the magnificent Combined Choir piece, “A Place at the Table,” to Mark and Marsha Heath for coordinating Coffee Hour (with the lovely table displaying food and flowers in front of the big window), to the Deacons for preparing and helping to serve Communion, and everyone else who helped!

Next, a few words about some upcoming services and events. This coming Sunday the scripture is the miracle story, “Jesus Walks on the Water.” The following Sunday we will be considering another miracle story, in which Jesus listens to a Canaanite woman and heals her demon-possessed daughter, long-distance! On Thursday, August 13, there will be a special Family Night event: a potluck supper starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by a game of Bible Trivia (with some UCC and NYCC “trivia” included). The Family Night event is planned and sponsored by the Faith Formation Team. Special thanks to Amanda Skupin!

I will be on vacation from August 18-24. Rev. Jane MacIntyre will once again be your guest pastor on August 23; and I will preach on August 30.

We will continue to worship in the Fellowship Hall at least through Labor Day weekend. In the meantime, please take some time to be in God’s presence on the beach, by a pond, in the woods, or on your back porch! And I also hope to see you at church. 😊

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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Faith Formation

The Faith Formation committee has set the calendar of events for the rest of the year, and we have some exciting events planned! 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!

Church Gardens

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.

Flower Committee Volunteers Needed

Our beautiful sanctuary flowers don't appear by magic! Ellen and Gail have faithfully shared their time and talents to brighten our worship space each week, and they're looking for a few helping hands when we return to the sanctuary.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please see Leslie, Gail, or Ellen. We would love to have you join the team!

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!

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.

Thank you for helping to fill our baskets!!

The month of July is "Let's go to the Beach" and "Coffee and Cocoa" (getting ready for those long winter months! If you'd like to participate, there will be checklists on the Gathering Space 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. Hard to believe, but summer items have been seen on clearance already, so a good time to shop!

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.

Thank you!

"Snack Time" Basket

Items:

Jiffy popcorn
Jolly Time Popcorn
Skinny Pop Popcorn
popcorn seasoning

Ice cream toppings:

M&M's
gummy candy
Sour Patch candy
peanut butter candy

"Happy Hour" Basket Items:

2 stemless wine glasses
cocktail napkins
coaster set
fancy crackers
fancy nuts
dark chocolate bars
chocolate truffles

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY
10Doors 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 6:30JULY
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6:00 PM

Portland Sea Dogs
Faith and Family Night at Hadlock FieldAUG
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5:30 PM

Trivia Night
Pot luck dinner and trivia night. Trivia
questions on NYCC history, UCC
history, and Bible knowledge.SEPT
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9:30 AM

Sunday School Kickoff
Special service for Sunday School
and fall Bible Study kickoff. Pot luck
lunch following service.OCT
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9:30 AM

World Communion Sunday
Celebrate church unity and
ecumenical cooperationNorth Yarmouth
Congregational Church3 Gray Road
North Yarmouth, ME 04097

Help Fill the Cart for the Harrison Food Pantry

The Harrison Food Pantry is in desperate need of dry goods. They are unable to fill the boxes with all of the foods that are needed. Below are some examples of foods that they are looking for, though any non-perishable item that you would like to donate will help.

Please be sure to check the expiration date before donating, as food pantries are unable to give away food that is out of date.

Grains and Cereals: Rice, Oats, quinoa, breakfast cereals

Pastas and Noodles: Dried spaghetti, macaroni, ramen

Legumes: Dried beans, split peas, and lentils

Snacks: Crackers, cookies, tea and coffee

Thank you for your continued help to feed our neighbors!

Your Missions Committee

~ August 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30a Worship At NYCC with Gray and New Gloucester Churches	3	4 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	5 7p AA	6	7	8 9a Pet Place Pantry
9 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	10	11 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 2p History Team Meeting 6p Trustees	12 7p AA	13 Trivia Night 5:30p Doors open for Trivia Night 6p Trivia Night Pot Luck 6:30p Trivia	14	15 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
16 9:30a Worship	17	18 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	19 7p AA	20 6p Council	21	22
23 9:30a Worship With Rev. Jane McIntyre	24	25 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	26 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	27	28	29
30 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	31	Lyn will be on vacation 8/10-8/13 Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation 8/18-24.				