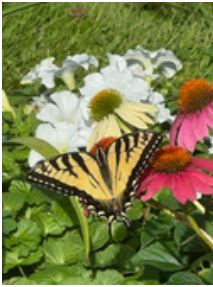


WEEKLY NEWS - August 19, 2026



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)

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.

Vacation Time

Rev. Cynthia is on vacation from Tuesday, August 18 through Monday, August 24.

She will return to work at the church on Tuesday, August 25, with office hours from noon to 2 p.m.

In case of a pastoral care concern while Rev. Cynthia is away, please contact Deacon Leslie Eastman at suneast54@yahoo.com or 207-747-9563.

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

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

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation team held our regular meeting on Sunday, August 9. We finalized preparations for our Trivia Night on August 13 at 5:30 p.m. and reviewed curriculum options for the coming Sunday School year. This fall we will use materials from Illustrated Ministry that correspond with the lectionary readings, allowing our Sunday School class and adults upstairs to learn about the same scripture passages each week. We plan to have the children decorate the classroom on September 13, with lessons beginning on September 20. We hope you will take the time to visit our Sunday School room to see what our children are learning.



We also need teachers and helpers for the upcoming Sunday School year. Background checks and mandated reporter training are required. Background check forms are available in the church office and Amanda Skupin will have forms available at Sunday services. Mandated reporter training takes about an hour and can be done online at mainemandedreporter.org. We hope you will support this valuable ministry!

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.

Trustees

The Trustees held our regular meeting on August 11, 2026. We received a financial report from our Treasurer, and we are on budget for the year. We discussed a proposal to better insulate the back kitchen stairwell, hopefully eliminating the ice issues from years past. This project will involve removing the existing sheetrock and insulation, framing a new ceiling, installing additional insulation and more lighting, and replacing the existing exterior door. If you have questions or are available to help with this project, please see Gary Davis or Roger Pushor.

Women's Fellowship has generously agreed to contribute to the cost of having the Fellowship Hall carpet professionally cleaned. The remainder of the cost will come from our regular budget, and we hope to have it cleaned in mid-September.

After a two-month test, our phone system will switch to a wireless signal this month. This will save on the cost of maintaining multiple landlines and improve reliability of the entire system. All church phone numbers will stay the same.

Lastly, we are looking for additional bids for painting work on the exterior of the sanctuary. If you have a reliable painting contractor you know and trust, please let us know!

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

Old Business

1. Check in with everyone
2. Opening prayer
3. Pastor's report
4. Financial report
- Committee reports
 - a. Trustee's
 - i. Status of internet and phone provider change
 - ii. Status of bid request for North Gable End project
 - iii. Approval of scope of work for Stairway project
 - iv. Music Director office upgrade status
 - b. Diaconate/Faith Formation
 - i. Review process for annual employee reviews
 - c. Missions

New Business

1. Review and approve process and budget for Historical Committee 220th celebration project.
2. Article in newsletter and website for Grand Piano donation (who will head this up?).
- 3.

Open discussion

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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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.				