

WEEKLY NEWS - September 16, 2026



North Yarmouth Congregational Church,
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Office Hours Monday - Thursday
8:00-12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

**Worship is back in the Sanctuary beginning
this Sunday, September 20th.**

**Church Admin., Lyn, will be on vacation
from September 21-October 5. Jeanne C.
will be going into the office each day to
check in on things. Rev. Cynthia will be
checking email.**

September Meetings and Activities

Council - Thursday, September 17 at 6pm

Diaconate - Sunday, September 27th
following worship

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
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Book Discussion - Thursdays, September
17-November 19 at 1pm

Choir Rehearsal begins again on
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From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, Sept. 16, 2026

Homecoming Sunday, September 20, is also Faith Formation Sunday. We will recognize, bless and dedicate our Faith Formation program for another year. Formerly known as “Christian Education,” Faith Formation encompasses Sunday School and youth ministry; adult Bible studies, book discussions or discipleship groups; and church family events such as Trivia night in August and the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper last February. The Faith Formation team, ably led by Amanda Skupin, is directly responsible to the Diaconate.

At a time when many churches are no longer able to offer Sunday School, I am thankful that NYCC does. With Amanda’s leadership, you brought Sunday School back, staffing the program for 2025-2026 with several wonderfully willing teachers including Sandy Brann, Lois Knight, and Jess Smith. Following church safety protocols, there is always a second adult in any room where an adult is leading a children’s activity. What a blessing that George Black, Jeanne Chadbourne, Leah Davis, Jeff Shorey and others have made themselves available to serve as the “second adult”! Without these volunteers, NYCC would not be able to offer Sunday School.

Following church safety protocols, anyone who is working with or supervising children at church in any capacity is required to fill out and sign the NYCC Volunteer Registration Form. These forms will be available at church on Sunday. If you are directly involved with children at church, but have not filled out the form, please do so. I will be filling one out the form as your Interim Pastor.

For the 2026-2027 Christian Education year, we need several more volunteers: at least one new teacher and two or three “second adults.” Amanda will speak to this need on Sunday. In the meantime, if you have ever thought of helping with Sunday School, or if reading this piece inspires you to think about it, please give this your prayerful consideration.

Hope to see you on Sunday, and please invite a friend!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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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 Candy B., George D. (Leah D.'s brother), Sandra and Vince G., Samuel N., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanellen S., and James S. (husband of Amanda 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 neighbors, friends, colleagues, and fellow Christians who are “New Mainers” or “sojourners,” seeking to live, study, work, and raise their families peaceably among us (See Leviticus 19:33-34).

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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!

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. We will take this special offering on October 4. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Snacks

A couple of years ago the Missions Committee heard that there were kids, especially in the middle school, that were hungry way before it was time to go home. They eat lunch very early.....like 10:30!.....and when it was time for any after school activity, they were famished. Most of the kids in our school district can well afford snacks to tide them over, BUT we found out that there were quite a few kiddos that did not have access to snacks.

We started getting snacks to the Middle School, and you can't imagine how much the staff that takes care of these issues appreciates what NYCC is able to do. They are so grateful.

When we first shopped for these snacks, it was a fairly reasonable expense. Not any more! And we are now furnishing the M.I Wilson, grades K through 4, school. Again, the guidance office folks are so thankful. I suspect that there are more families who are struggling to afford these "extra" items.

Your Missions Board is continuing this activity and are hoping that you might help us by throwing a snack or two into your cart as you shop.

There are a couple of restrictions, i.e., nothing with peanut butter, and we don't buy sweet sugary snacks. Cheese Crackers, popcorn, and gold fish (these go over big with the younger kids). and the snacks need to be in individually wrapped packages.

If you want to help with this mission, you can put the snacks on the stairs right outside the office and we'll get them to the schools. Thank you so much.

Your Missions Board

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!

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

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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Upcoming Fall Events

September

- Cumberland Fair **Sept 26-Oct 4**

October

- Pumpkin Carving at 5:30pm **Oct 24**
- Trunk or Treat
- 220th NYCC Anniversary **Oct 25**
Open House-11am -2pm
Light Refreshments

November

- Christmas Fair **Nov 21**
- Chicken Pie Sale **Nov 21**

Ongoing Events

- Worship Sundays at 9am.
- Church School **During Worship**

More information

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	2 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	3	4	5 4p Parking Lot Rental-Broader
6 9:30a Worship In Fellowship Hall	7 Labor Day Church Closed	8 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Trustees	9 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	10	11 Patriot Day	12 9a Pet Place Pantry
13 Fall Sunday School Kickoff 9:30a Worship Back in the Sanctuary	14 6:30p Missions	15 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	16 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	17 1p Book Discussion 6p Council	18	19 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
20 Homecoming Sunday and Potluck 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	21	22 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	23 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	24 1p Book Discussion	25	26
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