

WEEKLY NEWS - October 7, 2026



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

The Church will be closed on
Monday, October 12th in
observance of Indigenous
Peoples Day.

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 22 - 5pm
Baby Shower

Saturday, October 24th
Pumpkin Carving

September Meetings and Activities

Faith Formation - Sunday, October 11
following worship

Trustees - Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm

Missions - Monday, October 19 via Zoom
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Diaconate - Will not be meeting in
October

Activities:
Book Discussion - Thursdays, September
17-November 19 at 1p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:30pm
and Sundays from 8-8:30 a.m.

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. No Meeting on October
13th.

220th NYCC Anniversary Open House -
Sunday, October 25th from 11-2pm..

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).

We pray for those who are struggling with, or in recovery from addictions including alcoholism, and their families and friends.

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From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, October 7, 2026

Fall in Maine is, for many of us, its most beautiful season. At the church recently I have taken the time to walk around exploring the grounds and regarding the building from various angles. The trees in the background may be “at peak” this week. I could not resist taking a quick photo on my cellphone yesterday around 1 p.m.



As you look at this photo you will notice the red sign over the entrance to the Gathering Space. It says, “We’re Celebrating! 1806-2026.” This month quite a few members and friends of the church are working together to prepare for the Celebration events: an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 25 (from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and a Chicken Pie Lunch after the Worship Service on Sunday, Nov. 1. The Open House will feature light refreshments and a slide show; and the church timeline created for the 200th Anniversary in 2006 (expanded to cover the past 20 years) will be on display in the Fellowship Hall. During the All Saints Sunday worship service on Nov. 1, we will remember some of the “saints” of NYCC.

Please plan to join us for these events, and invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia
pastorbiggar@gmail.com

Santa's Workshop News

SANTA'S WORKSHOP FAIR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting on Saturday, October 24 at 10 am for all folks helping with the annual Christmas Fair. We are looking for people who head up tables as well as folks who help out. There is plenty of work for many! The date of the fair is Saturday, November 21, from 9:00-2:00 (or maybe 1:00? Subject to discussion). If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact either Gail or Kathy. Thanks!

It is Sunday afternoon . . .
It seems there's nothing to do,
Well then,
Grab your socks!!
Have we got a deal for you!!



Middle School (Grades 6-8) Youth Group at Gray Congregational Church

Not your everyday church . . .

Not your everyday Youth Group . . .

Not your everyday Religion . . .

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of every month; 12:30 – 2:00 pm (Unless announced otherwise.)

In the Parish House (behind McDonalds) – Next meeting October 11

- Lunch provided (October—chicken nuggets and fresh fruit)
- Free giveaway for all who attend (Pop Rocks)
- October will feature Carving pumpkins and other fall fun
- Free? – Yes FREE!!!

Whoever you are . . .

Wherever you are on life's journey . . .

Wherever you are on your own spiritual journey . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME – HERE!!

With Jenn and Ben

First Congregational Church, Gray UCC

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FMI: Call Jenn Dupuis at (207) 657-3649



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

COMBINED SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES 10/1/26

This was a combined meeting for September and October; the next scheduled meeting will be November 15, unless any business necessitates a meeting.

Cynthia listed services through November and December: 10/25–Open House to display timeline and slideshow. Open to community after the morning worship. 11/1–All Saints Sunday with Special Luncheon for past and present members and friends. Slideshow and new history books available. 12/23–Longest Night Service at NYCC. 12/24–Family Service at 5:30 pm; Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm.

A financial review: Higher heating oil costs expected – 75% increase in the price. A person is needed to act as Assistant Financial Secretary to backstop Jeanne.

Trustees reported that work is needed on the sprinkler system in the back hall of the Fellowship Hall. They are looking into a maintenance contract for the heating system. No updates on the gable end repair—bids for carpentry are still needed. Phone and internet changes have been completed. The Fellowship Hall has been cleaned. Heat trays and spray for mold on the roof will be completed this fall.

Diaconate/Faith Formation: Pumpkin carving 10/24. Hanging of the Greens after worship 11/29. Advent devotionals have been ordered.

Missions: Food drive 10/4. Many donations to the Pet Place Pantry have come in from HART and the Greater Portland Animal Refuge League.

Performance reviews for paid staff: Lyn-Marsha; Mark-Trustees; David, Jesse, Peter-Diaconate. These will be completed before 1/1/27.

New Business

Historical Celebration: Book is at the typesetter, to be completed for 11/1. Lois and Marsha are preparing invitations for the 11/1 worship, luncheon, and program going to past members. Open House 10/25 with timeline and slideshow.

Baby grand piano: Not actively seeking, but David and Jesse will follow up if one comes up
Sign by the dumpster to be removed.

“We Are...” sign: MOTION: Approve placing this sign outside the Gathering Space from 10/11-11/28.
Leslie/Lois. VOTED.

Maine UCC and Cumberland Association meetings: Jeff to attend the Friday meeting of the Maine UCC as a delegate 10/2. Kathy to attend the Cumberland Association meeting on 10/25 at Auburn High Street Church.
MOTION: Approve Jeff and Kathy to attend the Maine UCC and Cumberland Association as delegates.
Gary/Jeanne. VOTED.

Stewardship: One person needed to assist Lois with Stewardship campaign. This and the process for the campaign will be discussed at Trustees.

Nominating Committee process: Three people will serve as a Council subcommittee. Marsha will head this as Vice Moderator and find two other people.

Jeanne asked that someone help her look at ways to reconfigure committees to streamline.

Meeting adjourned.

**North Yarmouth
Congregational Church**

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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~ October 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1p Book Discussion	2	3
4 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	5	6 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	7 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	8 1p Book Discussion	9	10 9a Pet Place Pantry
11 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	12 Indigenous Peoples Day Office Closed	13 6p Trustees	14 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	15 8am Roll Pie Bottoms Labels Bags 1p Book Discussion	16 8am Roll Pie Tops Etc. Afternoon Assemble pies	17 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook)
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