

WEEKLY NEWS - October 14, 2026



Fall Clean-up Scheduled

What: Raking, general lawn maintenance, and perhaps some indoor chores as well to get the church locked in before the snow.

When: Saturday, November 7 beginning at 9 am. - noon.

(Rain Date: Saturday, November 14th)

Fuel Provided: There will be cider and donuts for all volunteers.

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

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 22 - 5pm
Baby Shower

Pumpkin Carving/Trunk or Treat Cancelled

The Pumpkin Carving/Trunk or Treat set for Saturday, October 24th has been cancelled. Instead we will celebrate Halloween on Sunday, October 25th as part of our 220th Anniversary service and open house. You are encouraged to wear a costume.

September Meetings and Activities

Missions - Monday, October 19 via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87304560399?pwd=9Ql3o8li3FcwKHJVasY0tLAC5j3BWZ.1>

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).

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From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, October 14, 2026

Excitement is building around the upcoming celebration of NYCC's 220th anniversary. And there is much to celebrate! In this uncertain world, the mere fact of reaching an anniversary of this magnitude is celebration worthy. With the help of God and good people, this church has endured fires, floods, cranky furnaces, broken beams, major building projects, controversies, long-and short-term pastorates, and many other challenges. Yet you are still opening your doors on Sunday mornings for worship—and offering hospitality to the community many other days--welcoming whoever comes: “God welcomes all, and so do we!”

On Sunday, October 25, after the worship service, the Celebration Team will host an Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope that visitors from the community will venture in, enjoy light refreshments, examine the timeline, and watch the slide show that Celebration Team members have prepared.

On All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1, we will celebrate Communion together and commemorate the saints of NYCC (“saint” ultimately means “one who has lived a good life dedicated to the service of God.” Most “saints” are ordinary people who live faithful lives.) And then members and friends of the church will enjoy a delicious chicken pie luncheon.

Come and celebrate with us!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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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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<https://www.facebook.com/grayfirst>

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



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick and Woodfords Congregational Church of Portland are proud to announce a concert to benefit The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) at 7 pm on Saturday, October 24th at the Woodfords Church. This eclectic and exciting concert will feature a wide variety of music, poetry, and dance presented by Maine artists from a diversity of cultural backgrounds and life experiences.

Musical artists include Madeleine Hanna and the 4-person Jawahir Arabic Music Ensemble performing song and dance primarily from Lebanon, The Pihcintu Multinational Girl's Choir along with the band Akiwacu, featuring the voices of children from 16 different countries impacted by war, famine, and turmoil, and Hadithi Abdulle, oud player and singer from Somalia, presenting music on the theme of resiliency and personal testimony. Poetry will be shared by Jeri Thériault, a Franco-American poet from Maine, and Richard Blanco (via video)—selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history. Signed copies of his poetry suitable for framing will be available by donation. The evening will be topped off by the Singing Resistance chapters of both Portland and Brunswick-Topsham who will lead songs developed in 2026 as resistance cries in the face of the Minneapolis ICE occupation. Pulling this all together will be our amazing emcee: Brunswick comedian, Mohamed Awale.

Donations will be accepted at the door and go directly to ILAP as well as to presenting artists who have been impacted by recent immigration activity. ILAP is Maine's only statewide provider of free immigration legal services. ILAP advances justice for Maine's immigrants through free immigration legal services, community outreach, and advocacy.

Please join us for this unique and inspiring concert to benefit Maine's immigrant community!

When: Saturday, October, 24th, 7-9pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Where: Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St. Portland, ME 04103

Additional info: Cash based-donations accepted at the door with proceeds going to benefit ILAP and performers in need.

North Yarmouth
Congregational Church

Upcoming Fall Events

October

- 220th NYCC Anniversary Open House-11am -2pm
Light Refreshments
Halloween goodies and crafts for the kids

Oct 25

November

- Christmas Fair 9-2 pm
- Chicken Pie Sale

Nov 21

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Ongoing Events

- Worship Sundays at 9am.
- Church School
- No Church School on October 25th

During Worship

More information

3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth
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NYCC 220th Anniversary Open House

We are gearing up for the 220th Anniversary Open House on **Sunday, October 25th from 11-2pm**, and we need your help with donations of finger food and fall decorations for inside and outside the church. Please choose from the list below.

For Decorating:

- Pumpkins

Food Requests:

- Mini Sandwiches such as chicken, tuna, egg or ham salad
- Cookies
- Brownies
- Mini Doughnuts or Doughnut Holes
- Veggie Platter
- Apple Cider
- Cut up Fruit pieces (not fruit salad)
- Cheese and Crackers
- Flavored Crackers

More information

Please connect with Marsha Heath to let her know what you will be bringing. Email Marsha at mrsheath51@gmail.com and put 1025 in the subject line.

~ 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)
18 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	19 6:30pm Missions via Zoom	20 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	21 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	22 1p Book Discussion 5p Sargent Baby Shower	23	24
25 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 220 th NYCC Anniv. Open House	26	27 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 5:30p Girl Scouts (Community Room)	28 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	29 1p Book Discussion	30	31 Halloween 