

WEEKLY NEWS - October 21, 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.



Thank you for another successful "Fill the Trailer" Food Drive for Harrison Book Bank. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated items to make this happen!

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

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 22 - 5pm
Baby Shower

September Meetings and Activities

Mission - Monday October 26 at 6:30pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85631408074?pwd=5QdEjb6yqjcupkkJEZpl9z2udNmWkb.1>

Diaconate and Faith Formation will have a combined meeting on Sunday, November 8 following worship.

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..

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. You are encouraged to wear a costume.



In Our Prayers

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

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- serving our counWe 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., Jasmine L. (Trudy P.'s granddaughter), Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., 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.

*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.





Some of the most colorful trees that I have encountered this fall are on Walnut Hill. I could not stop to photograph those while I was driving to the church. However, when Millie-dog and I were taking our morning walk yesterday, the tree in the photograph made me think of the story of Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-6), which “was blazing, yet it was not consumed.” Inspiring in multiple ways!

NYCC has provided inspiration and support to the North Yarmouth community for many generations, and we get to celebrate that on the next two Sundays: Oct. 25 (with an Open House from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.), and Nov. 1 in our commemorative All Saints Sunday service and traditional Chicken Pie luncheon (starting around 11:30 a.m., by invitation to members and friends of the church).

Good Stewardship is one reason NYCC has been able continue providing inspiration and support to members and to the community over the years, and Fall is the traditional season to talk about that openly. This past Sunday I preached my annual Stewardship message: “Why I Am a Tither”: giving testimony to a personal faith practice.

As your Interim Pastor I am an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees, including Stewardship. This year’s Stewardship Team (approved by the Trustees) includes Lois Knight, Jeanne Chadbourne, and Trudy Pushor. Because of the Celebration services, we will wait until November 8 to continue talking with you about Stewardship. The annual Stewardship letter and pledge card will be handed out at church on Nov. 8 and mailed to other church members. We ask you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge to the church in 2027.

May NYCC continue to shine with Inspiration and Love!

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!

Snacks

!!!SNACK TIME!!!

For whatever reason , our local school kids sometimes need a little something to get them through to the next meal or activity or whatever. The reasons are varied for sure.....they forgot it, parents can't afford it, or maybe they gave it to a friend who was hungry.

NYCC has been furnishing snacks for a year or two (a missions project) and the guidance counselors are so thankful for the snacks we take to them. If you are interested in helping with the snack program, here's what's popular, with the kids.

Little bags of popcorn, little bags of goldfish, and cheese and cracker sandwiches, There are other snacks, but remember , we can't take anything with peanut butter into the schools.

If you bring any snacks to the church, just put them on the stairs next to Lyn's office and we will take it from there. Sweet snacks probably should be avoided.

Thank you so much;

Missions



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 **Oct 25**
Light Refreshments
Halloween goodies and crafts for the kids

November

- Christmas Fair 9-2 pm **Nov 21**
- Chicken Pie Sale **Nov 21**

Ongoing Events

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

More information
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth
nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com
829-3644

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

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

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Please bring
Work gloves and
a rake.

FALL CHURCH CLEANUP

Saturday, November 7th - 9am to Noon.



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



Donuts and Apple
Cider for all volunteers

Rain Date
Nov. 14

Please join us. Many hands make light work!

~ 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
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