

WEEKLY NEWS - October 28, 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

Greely Volleyball Banquet
Thursday, Nov. 5th-5-9pm

Greely Field Hockey
Tuesday, Nov. 10th-5-9pm

The Church will be closed on
Wednesday, November 11th in
observance of Veterans Day.

November Meetings and Activities

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

Missions - Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Trustees - Tuesday, November 10 at 6pm.

Council - November 19 at 6pm

Activities:

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

Christmas Fair Setup on November 19 and 20th
with the Fair on the 21st from 9am-2pm.

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..



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday,
November 1. Switch your clocks back one
hour at bed time. This switches us back
to standard time.

In Our Prayers

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

- mourning the loss of loved ones;
- 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., Jenn (Charlene B's daughter), 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.

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.

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.

From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, October 21, 2026



From the desk of Rev. Cynthia Biggar, October 28, 2026 At NYCC, we are celebrating the church's 220th anniversary! Last Sunday many people enjoyed delicious refreshments while perusing the timeline, watching the slide show video, and catching up with one another at the Open House. Heartfelt gratitude to Mark Heath and all those who contributed refreshments, helped to mount the Timeline, or worked on the Slide Show!

Earlier in the week I had received a letter from one of your former pastors, the Rev. Gilman Healy (1994-2009), who had received an invitation to the Celebration, and I asked Ellen Medrano to read it aloud during Prayer Time.

Watching facial expressions while Ellen read the letter, I know that it touched those who heard it, and so I am sharing Gil's letter with all of you via this newsletter piece.

We do hope to see you this coming Sunday for our commemorative All Saints Sunday service and (by invitation) the Chicken Pie lunch!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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10-22-26

Greetings, Rev. Cynthia...

I've received your letter/invitation to attend the 220th anniversary of North Yarmouth United Church of Christ. Sadly, I will not be able to attend...even with the allurements of the church's famous chicken pie (bless you, Mark Heath).

I would like, however, to express my deep affection for the saints of NYUCC, and for the ministry we offered together for more than 14 years. I came to NYUCC as a fairly new pastor (ordained for only 4 years at the time), and I am indebted to the nurturance and loving care I received there. We grew together and built a bond of trust that prepared us, for example, to take the leap of "replacing" the old Vestry that burned to the ground in 1978. The successful completion of the new addition to the church can be credited to the committee that led the "charge" and kept the congregation informed of its progress; members and friends became fully committed to the project. And it made my heart soar to see the new hall filled wall to wall with tables of dinners enjoying a chicken pie supper!

Another highlight and joy was the church's annual All Church Birthday Party and Talent Show. We could certainly have fun together just like a giant family. But these are only the tip of the "iceberg" of memories that fill my heart. For those years of shared ministry I am eternally grateful, and thank God for all of it; the fulfilling and joyous, and the challenging times.

From NYUCC I was called to serve the First Church of Christ, UCC in North Conway, NH. I served there for 8 years, retiring in 2017. Upon retirement, my life partner, Dr. Heidi Root, and I moved to Weston, VT, a mile from the Weston Priory, a Benedictine Monastery where yearly retreats helped guide my spiritual growth and development.

These days, as a neighbor to the brothers (monks) of the Priory, I do odd jobs around the monastery, and Heidi occasionally fields questions from brothers about their health. I have also maintained my relationship with Pilgrim Lodge in Maine, spending several weeks across the summer each year doing maintenance and repairs on the camp's many buildings. (By the way, the 13 end tables the NYUCC youth group helped build while I was there (in N.Yar.) are still in service at P.L.)!

As I write this, reflecting on my time at NYUCC, my heart overflows with memories, and with the grace of God that brought us together for those fruitful years. May God bless your celebration, and may God be the Light showing the way for your ministry together in the years to come.

Grace, Peace, and Love to you all.....Gil



“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



Friends of Prince Memorial Library



Prince Memorial Library
266 Main Street, Cumberland



Biggest Sale of the Year!
Gently used, like new books and puzzles for every age at great prices.

*Save the
Dates*

Nov. 4

Wednesday,
November 4
5-8 p.m.
VIP Early Access
\$10/per person

EXTENDED HOURS THURS. & FRI.

Nov. 5-7

Thursday, November 5
& Friday, November 6
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Nov. 10

NEW BOOKS
ADDED DAILY!

Tuesday, November 10
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fill a bag & make a
donation

All proceeds expand, enhance, and support
library programs, events, and services

~ November 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	2	3 Election Day 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	4 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	5 1p Book Discussion 6p Greely Volleyball Banquet	6	7
8 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting 11a Faith Formation	9 6:30p Missions	10 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 5p Field Hockey Banquet 6p Trustees	11 Veterans' Day Office Closed 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	12 1p Book Discussion	13	14 9a Pet Place Pantry 4p Girl Scout Event (FH)
15 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	16	17 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 5:30p Girl Scouts (CR)	18 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	19 Christmas Fair Set-up 1p Book Discussion 6p Council	20 Christmas Fair Set-up	21 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 9-2pm Christmas Fair
22 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	23	24 10a Tuesday Gals (FH)	25 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Hanging the Greens and Potluck	30					