WEEKLY NEWS - November 11, 2026



Celebration of Life for Candace Smith

On Saturday, November 28th at 11:00 am, there will be a Celebration of Life for Candace Smith at the North Yarmouth Church. We will be providing a reception for family and are looking for donations of sweets and deviled eggs. We will also be looking for help to set up and serve. Please contact Kathy at (207-254-7509 or kwhit119@yahoo.com) if you can help.

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

Fellowship Hall

Girl Scout Event
Saturday, Nov. 14 - 4-9pm

November Meetings and Activities

Council - November 19 at 6pm

Activities:

Book Discussion - Thursdays through 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.

Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair will be happening on Saturday, November 21 from 9-2 pm.

Christmas Fair Setup on November 19 and 20th.

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.

We lift up Nelson S. and family in our hearts and prayers on the loss of his beloved wife, and our friend Candace. Plans for a celebration of life for Candace are still being made at this time.

*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, November 11, 2026

On November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m., Armistice was signed, bringing World War I to an end. One of my grandfathers, Thomas Wade Bland (aka “Daddy Wade”), a country boy from North Carolina, joined the U.S Army and served in France during WWI. Like most Veterans, he did not like to talk about the war, but my mother, who taught high school French, could sometimes get him to talk about France.

The end of World War I is especially worthy of remembrance. This war left European landscapes devastated and veterans disfigured or suffering from the effects of poisonous gas and / or “shell shocked.” Soldiers on both sides of the war were entrenched in muddy, bloody ditches from which they had to emerge on command into gun and cannon fire and bayonets.

There is a famous story of a Christmas Eve truce during World War I, when German and Allied soldiers got together in “no man’s land,” played soccer and card games, exchanged treats from packages sent from home, and sang “Silent Night” / “Stille Nacht.” Then they had to go back into their respective trenches and prepare to engage each other as enemies the next day. It was an especially cruel war.

The Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, offered at Kings College in Cambridge, England, every year since 1918, was designed by a British Army Chaplain to minister to soldiers during World War I. A Christmas classic, this service is broadcast every year via the BBC and National Public Radio. Using scripture readings and carols, the service tells the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am grateful to David Myers-Wakeman and the Diaconate for their support in offering my adaptation of the Kings College service this year at NYCC. I am hoping that several of you will serve as Readers (the readings are from the King James Version of the Bible). Please let me know if you are interested.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

Pastorbiggar@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Support

Thanksgiving Support for the Harrison Food Bank

The Harrison Food Bank (HFB) expects to deliver approximately 1,500 Thanksgiving dinners this year to clients directly, and to other food pantries that they support. The church Missions Committee is collecting non-perishable donations to take to the Harrison Food Bank in support of helping to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those people who need that help. Below are a list of items that would be helpful to keep in mind as you purchase your own Thanksgiving supplies. If you would like to participate, just drop any items into the grocery cart in the foyer, and they will be taken to the Harrison Food Bank. Sunday, November 22, is the last day for drop off. Items will be taken to the HFB on the 22nd after church. Thank you for all the help the church has been consistently providing to people in need!

Gravy, packets or jars
Instant mashed potato
Green beans
Mushroom soup
Box of stuffing mix
Cranberry sauce
Condiments such as pickles, olives

Missions Committee

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


“Snack Time”
Santa’s Workshop Christmas fair at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church at 3 Gray Road, 9am to 2 pm.
11am-Christmas Fair luncheon sit in or take out: chicken pie and cream of spinach crabmeat soup
Crafts, knits, silent auction, jewelry, stained glass ornaments, greens, cabot, cheese wheels, cookie walk, baked goods, candy, james, jellies, relishes, chicken pies,gravy, pie dough balls.


North Yarmouth Congregational Church
Upcoming Fall Events
November
• Christmas Fair 9-2 pm Nov 21
• Chicken Pie Sale Nov 21
Ongoing Events
• Worship Sundays at 9am. During Worship
• Church School
• No Church School on October 25th
More information
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth
nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com
829-3644

~ 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** 9a Church Clean-Up Day
8 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting 11a Faith Formation	**9**	**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 9a Church Clean-up Rain Date 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**					