WEEKLY NEWS - November 18, 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

The church will be closed on Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day

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.

Christmas Fair Luncheon Helper Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to help with the dishwasher from 12pm to closing on Saturday, November 21st during the Christmas Fair. If you can help please contact Mark at 653-4931. Thank you.

Jewelry donations for the Fair

Do you have jewelry that you no longer wear and would like to find a new home for? It is not too late to drop off donations to sell at the Jewelry table during the Christmas Fair. Please drop off any jewelry to the office. Thank you.

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.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 28th at 11 am.

*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 18, 2026

This coming Sunday, Nov. 22, is both Thanksgiving Sunday and Reign of Christ Sunday. I expect we are all thinking about, and anticipating, gatherings of family and friends on Thanksgiving itself, Nov. 26. As we do so, I encourage us all to be mindful of "the least of these," to whom Jesus refers in Matthew 25:31-46—the focal scripture for "Reign of Christ Sunday" and the subject of my sermon.

Jesus says that "the least of these" are his brothers and sisters, and that when we do something for "the least of these" we do it for him (Matthew 25:40).

Who are "the least of these"? What immediately comes to mind is "the unhoused." But I expect all of us can think of other, additional categories of people who may be considered "the least of these" and who need our compassion and indeed our direct help.

Many In Maine today, according to a series of articles in the Maine Sunday Telegram, are "stretched thin," or just "getting by." Recently both the Deacons and the Missions Board have discussed the increasing need for fuel assistance this fall and winter. The Deacons currently stand ready to help people experiencing emergency food shortages by offering Hannaford Gift cards ($50.00 per card, "not to be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco"), and the Missions Board holds regular food drives for the Harrison Food Bank which supports the needs of people in Western Maine (not far from here). Missions also supports the Food Pantries located in Cumberland, Gray, and New Gloucester. And one of NYCC's ongoing ministries is the Pet Pantry, open once a month to clients in this area who need some help providing food for their pets.

There are all kinds of ways that we can acknowledge and provide help to "the least of these" and to those who are "stretched thin." I encourage us all to prayerfully consider this as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Cynthia

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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

2026 Homecoming Celebration

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the update of our historical timeline adding it to the display developed at our 200th church anniversary. Digging out the display, making repairs and hanging the display in our fellowship hall was a huge undertaking. These same people also organized the homecoming dinner and invited the community in. It was very gratifying to see so many old (and some new) faces coming together to celebrate the life of our church community.

This fellowship is what attracted me to this church and keeps me engaged. I hope you enjoyed the event and had a chance to connect with these hardworking people and thank them! This event was a spark for more activities, and some people are already planning future events like this.

More to come next month!

Jeff Shorey, Moderator

~ 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 No Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27	28
29 8:00a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Hanging the Greens and Potluck	30					