

# The Parish Voice

May, 2020



First Congregational Church United Church of Christ  
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M-T-W-8:30-11:30am / Thursday 8:00-3:00pm  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

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Reverend Nancy's day off is Monday

**In Response to the Covid-19 outbreak the church continues to be closed to all groups through May 31. We will reassess the situation at that time.**

**The Pet Place Pantry remains open on the second Saturday of each month and we are accepting donations. The Pantry will be open on Saturday, May 9 from 9-10 am.**

## From the Pastor and Church

**Council:** In a meeting on Wednesday, April 29th, the Church Council unanimously decided that NYCC will remain closed until at least May 31st. We will continue staying and working from home and providing online worship as we have been during this Covid-19 isolation time. In the mean time a small task force will convene to study all the suggested guidelines for reopening church safely and make recommendations to Church Council with a phased plan at the May \_\_\_\_\_ council meeting. As this task force is formed over the next days, we will let you know who is on it so that you know who to contact with questions and

concerns. Thank you all for your patience during this time.

Also, please let me know of anyone who needs help either emotionally or financially. I am happy to phone someone and we do have resources available to help folks who have financial need.

Blessings, Pastor Nancy

**Confirmation Class** resumes by zoom! On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, we will have a zoom class at 2pm. So look for your zoom invite for Saturday, May 9th and May 23rd. It's been awhile but all should have the book of Jonah read before May 9th. (it's short - you've got this!) Pastor Nancy

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**Worship from Home**

Live Stream on  
Facebook

[https://  
www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)

## Board of Trustees

Hello to everyone. Things have been very quiet at the church as most of you know. Not much of anyone coming or going. The Trustees are, like many of the committees, doing Zoom meetings. That is a blessing in this uncertain time. We will continue to meet that way until things change and we are told otherwise.

Financially the church is holding our own. Pledges have been kept current so that helps. We hope to see things move forward soon on the final coat on the paving. Earth work is starting to be done as well around the edges by Chris Dahlgren, Gary Davis and Bill Tompson. That is all from here. Please stay well and stay safe.

Cathy Bunton, Chairperson Trustees

## Financial Secretary Note

Like the rest of our world, the financial piece of NYCC has been anything but normal for the month of April. When we first went into our present mode of worship and very limited access to the building I expressed fear or concern about what would happen to the income side of our budget. I was pretty sure that the bills would continue to come in; would we be able to keep up the income end? WELL !! All I can say is we have not had such a "giving" month since I have been doing this job---8-10 years---. I had to be encouraged not to be afraid early in the month. Had I ever thought that the church would struggle to stay financially viable, I was so wrong.

For a number of reasons, the income in April totaled almost as much as the first 3 months of the year combined! Folks from

far away who were tuning into our Sunday services, members paying their pledges ahead, some folks gave more simply because they realized that finances might be dicey for awhile. Whatever the reasons, the church is on fairly stable financial ground. Barring any unexpected huge expenses we should be OK. I use the word OK because we need to continue to be careful with our finances. We look really good today; what will it look like in July? Certainly there are incomes which we will never recover, ie. rentals and Loose Offering (non pledged gifts) to name two. Any fundraisers that would have taken place by now and the thought that some fundraisers scheduled for the next couple of months might or might not happen.

We no doubt need to continue to be careful and watch how church income looks in the months to come. And I will continue to not be afraid. I can do this when I take just a moment to stop and remind myself how generous and caring you are concerning NYCC.

Respectfully, and with a great deal of gratitude,

Jeanne Chadbourne, Financial Secretary

PS I miss you !

We missed administrative assistance appreciation day in April ! Please join me in a HUGE thank you to our church admin, Lyn Glassock for all her hard work and flexibility especially during this time of covid-19 where we are pretty much taking it one day at a time. Lyn has been more helpful and caring than I can tell you. Thank you Lyn!

## Missions

Missions conducted its first successful Zoom meeting at the end of April with the help of Rev. Nancy as our host. In lieu of the pandemic and dire food insecurity, we were all in agreement that now is the time that organizations need our help the most and have decided to donate presently as much as we could. At this time, we will be sending monies to Good Shepherd Food Bank for \$250, Preble Street for \$250, Grace Street Ministries for \$250, Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias for \$500 and Cumberland Food Pantry for \$250.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to a very generous church member, who is remaining anonymous, that presented NYCC with a \$500 Easter donation to be forwarded to the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Lastly, even though our church building is currently closed, Missions is trying to get the word out that our curbside Pet Pantry is still open on the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Feel free to pass along to anyone in our community, who is in need of dog or cat food, to please stop by.

Sue Berube

## Men's Club

Men's Club is on hold until further notice.

For info contact Norman Smith 829-5892 or [smithnorman325@gmail.com](mailto:smithnorman325@gmail.com)



**Kevin and Sarah Balvin  
5-15-1982**

**Guy and Grace Lovell  
5-5-1984**

**Ron and Sue Berube  
5-10-1986**



## May Birthdays

- 1 Butch Goff, David Myers,  
Nora Strawbridge
- 3 Sarah Lockhart
- 4 Janine Dransfield, Pat Field
- 5 Dot Hayward, Sarah Kelley
- 6 Sue Berube
- 10 Emma Dickson, David Lake,  
Kay Meyerhoff
- 12 Marcia Woodward
- 18 Judy Maddox
- 24 Ellen Gagnon
- 27 Nancy White

## Sailboat Church

**We have started our discussion of the book, Sailboat Church and will discuss chapter 2 tonight and tomorrow.** We will have two sessions each week. One will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and the other will be on Friday mornings at 11:00 am. You may participate in either session. We will discuss one chapter per week. For the second meeting on April 30 and May first, please read or reread chapter two. Write down any thoughts and questions that occur to you and review the questions at the end of the chapter.

If you have never participated in zoom meetings before, you may log in with your computer/ipad/tablet and use your home wifi connection OR you may phone in to the meeting and participate audio only. I think that works for all.

North Yarmouth Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sailboat Church Discussion

Time: Apr 23, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**THURSDAYS 6:30 PM** Every week on Thu, 10 occurrence(s)

May 7, 2020 06:30 PM

May 14, 2020 06:30 PM

May 21, 2020 06:30 PM

May 28, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 4, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 11, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 18, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 25, 2020 06:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://zoom.us/j/91440156614?pwd=c3N3Nlh5QWwzbGdwQmg2V0JpVzM1UT09>  
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Join Zoom Meeting

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+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 914 4015 6614

## Sailboat Church Continued:

Password: 377447

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/ab09ka7eYC>

SECOND meeting day/time:

**FRIDAYS 11:00 AM** Time: Apr 24, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Fri, 10 occurrence(s)

May 1, 2020 11:00 AM

May 8, 2020 11:00 AM

May 15, 2020 11:00 AM

May 22, 2020 11:00 AM

May 29, 2020 11:00 AM

Jun 5, 2020 11:00 AM

Jun 12, 2020 11:00 AM

Jun 19, 2020 11:00 AM

Jun 26, 2020 11:00 AM

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Join Zoom Meeting

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## **It Takes A Village**

Thank you to everyone who has made making masks (face coverings) for the basket at church possible.

Marcia W., Chris D., Tuesday Gals, Gail S., Priscilla B. & Pam A. and I know there are more!!

We have made 125 face coverings just for the basket so far and will continue to fill it for as long as we can.

Our ultimate goal is to run out of need before we run out of materials!

**Stay Safe!**