



North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

Weekly News September 22, 2021

MASKS REQUIRED

Following CDC and our own guidelines at NYCC, masks are again required to be worn in the church building regardless of your vaccination status. Please keep them on for the entire time that you are in the building. We will be holding worship service as we have been in the Fellowship Hall with social distancing guidelines in place. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Requests

For prayer requests, pastoral care or if you or someone you know is struggling in our community please contact Pastor Nancy at nyccrevnancy@gmail.com

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Julie Beggs
Marion Goff
Sandra Golonka
Vince Golonka
Richard and Nancy Lowell
Blanche Mays
Lin Tompson Murphy
Cindy Tompson

Join us for Worship!

We are now worshipping in-person and online on Sunday at 9:30 am. At this time we are worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. At this time we are still following

CDC guidelines and are requiring you to be masked and socially distanced. For those who wish to join us online via livestream please connect with us YouTube at youtube.com/c/nyccucc. If you would like to see the Sunday Bulletin that can be found on our website at <http://nyccucc.com>

Choir Meets Next Week

The Choir will meet for the first time on September 29 at 7:00 pm. in the sanctuary. We will be socially distanced and will wear masks. We will discuss what the choir will look like going forward for NYCC.

UCC appeals for disaster Relief

If you would like to help with disaster relief for Haiti, the United States, etc., you may do so directly with the UCC or send a check to church or donate online at Tithely, and we will send it in to UCC Disaster relief efforts.

You may also make a gift by mailing a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, to PO Box 71957, Cleveland OH, 44194. Please be sure to note where you would like your contribution to go on your check in the memo section, or in an attached letter.

Church Cleanup Day Planned

The Trustees have set up a cleanup day for Saturday, November 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rain date November 20. We will be winterizing the church and doing yard clean-up. Please join us with work gloves and a rake. The more people that join us the quicker we will get everything done. More hands make lighter work!

Honoring Local Veterans

The Town of North Yarmouth wants to honor our local veterans and is looking photos. If you would like to contribute photos of local veterans please contact Bill Tompson at 829-5253 or c_t_at_home@hotmail.com

Community Food Pantry

As of 8/11 the list of Food Pantry needs include:

Traditional baked beans (No other beans)

Italian and Ranch Dressing

Olives

Canned corn or peas

Chicken or beef gravy

Pasta sauce

School snacks, protein bars

Popcorn

Chips & salsa

Ritz or Triscuit crackers

Box cake and frosting

Sugar

Maple syrup

K-cups

Coffee-Medium Roast

Cranberry juice

Deodorant

Pain relievers

Tissues

Help for the Homeless Preble street outreach collaborative (SOC) efforts: as you know, I am one of the co-pastors at Grace Street Ministry, a street ministry for those experiencing homelessness in Portland. Over the last year or so, we have been helping with the SOC at Preble Street. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we help distribute meals throughout the city in the mornings and late afternoons. It has been an enriching experience as we have added that to our ministry. On Sundays we offer a prayer service with communion at 11:00am. A recent addition - from 12-2pm on Sundays we join with Preble Street to offer whatever clothes, and other items like toiletries we can in Deering Oaks Park right across the street from the PO.

My schedule is to work in Portland on the 2 last Tuesdays of each month (3 if a five Tuesday month) and the last Sunday of the month.

I am hoping that you might consider bringing in special donations for the last Sunday outreach. New men's boxers and women's underwear and t-shirts and bras, consignment ready other clothing items (jeans, sweat pants, hoodies) etc., toiletries, bottled water, individually packaged snacks. If you want to come join me on a last Sunday that would be great!

Other items as continued needs for Tuesdays include Hannaford cards, DD cards, single ride metro bus passes.

Thank you, pastor Nancy

Coffee Hour

Good news everyone! We will be starting up coffee hour once again following the church service this coming Sunday, September 26th. We will be offering some individually wrapped snacks and bottled water.

Delegates Needed

The annual meeting of the Cumberland Association will be held via ZOOM on Sunday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Nancy and I will be attending on behalf of our congregation and invite anyone else in the congregation to attend. Please give me a call at 829-5940, and I will provide you with the ZOOM connection. You may also connect live through Facebook Thanks, Marsha Heath, Moderator

Smash The Stigma!

Please note this flyer "Smash the stigma". You may have seen these already around town and in Cumberland. We will be posting a sign this week on church property to promote this cause. Marsha Heath moderator



our upcoming event:

CREATE AWARENESS NOW
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
September 28, 2021 * 6:00pm-8:00pm
Greely High School Library
CASCO BAY CAN
Presented by Eric Brown & Peter Scott-
MSAD 51 School Social Workers
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH
SUBSTANCE USE

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CUMBERLAND/ NORTH YARMOUTH MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THESE SPONSORS:



From our Choir Director

Hello, Singers - and Parents of Singers!

If you are receiving this email, it is because at one point - what seems like many years ago now - you or your children sang with us at North Yarmouth Congregational Church. Although there are still many Covid concerns amongst us all, I have had several folks reach out to me recently with interest in doing some singing together. And, as anxious as I am myself about getting back into it (do I even know how to conduct anymore?!), I am interested as well!

Jesse and I have engaged in quite a bit of discussion over this topic, and being vaccinated, we each feel safe enough to meet everyone in person, masked, and socially distanced in either the sanctuary or fellowship hall to resume some semblance of singing together this fall. This could take on many forms, from just gathering for a half an hour, spread out, to do warmups to get ourselves back in shape; to singing simple pieces or hymns; to trying short small group pieces; to even bringing out full familiar anthems to sing if we feel comfortable enough.

Much of what we decide to do this season would depend on how many folks would feel comfortable getting together. Jesse has created a Google Survey that you can fill out to help us decide what kind of interest we have. Nancy and I have also agreed that ordering special Singers' Masks would be a necessity that is within our music budget, and once we know how many folks would like to sing with us this fall, we can place an order for the appropriate number of masks plus some extras. We are making no solid plans right now to sing during our Sunday services, but we hope you will answer and submit the following survey so that we can get an idea:

<https://forms.gle/b4i4toPoo9opccW87>

if that link gives you trouble, try the longer version:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhsbqhzd490BWjRDjcwMOBFQGrWebV_4xkRc2wj6jAhgokJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please know that there is no judgement towards anyone who still does not feel comfortable joining us for any reason. I know that some folks who may even feel OK with getting together in person may just not feel vocally comfortable after having so much time off from singing - and that is understandable as well! We appreciate and respect honest answers, as the safety and comfort of everyone involved is our utmost priority. With that said, so many have been greatly missing making music together, and I know that this is a major concern for our souls, as well - which is why I want to start something up again this season, even if we have to implement restrictions.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you, and as always, please let me know if you have any questions or issues or the link to the survey gives you trouble. Thank you all so much!

SING-cerely,
-David