



North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

Weekly News September 29, 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 nyccevnancy@gmail.com

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Julie Beggs
Lyn Glassock
Marion Goff
Sandra Golonka
Vince Golonka
Richard and Nancy Lowell
Blanche Mays
Lin Tompson Murphy
Caroline Rose
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/nycceucc. If you would like to see the Sunday Bulletin that can be found on our website at <http://nycceucc.com>

Choir Meets Tonight

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. We will be winterizing the church and doing yard cleanup. 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

Thank you!

Thank you to Alex and Norm for their work replacing the back door and steps on the Fellowship Hall. They look great.

Thank you to Jim for bring our roadside sign back to life and cutting down the new letters so that they would fit correctly.

We have mentioned specific names, but we know there are many other people who have done lots of work in and around the church keeping our place looking great and in good repair.

News from Women's Fellowship/Tuesday Gals

Yes, there will be a Church Fair and we need your help!

The Women's Fellowship/Tuesday Gals have decided to hold an in-person fair on Saturday, November 20th, following all masking and social distancing guidelines in effect at that time.

We will need workers - folks to help with setup, day of fair work, and cleanup. There will be an in-person meeting on Saturday, October 16th at 10:00 am for those who can help. If you cannot come or don't want to meet in person at this time, please let Kathy(254-7509, kwhit119@yahoo.com or Gail (207-450-1612, gail.strattard@maine.rr.com) know. We will also follow masking and social distancing guidelines for this meeting.

We hope you will help us make this fair a success. Proceeds from the fair go to Women's Fellowship and are used for church and benevolence purposes.

Pastor Appreciation

It may be a UCC thing or a wider celebration, but Pastor Appreciation Day is celebrated by NYCC in October. Why?, you ask. Because Pastor Appreciation Day is celebrated by other UCC churches in October. Last year, under very challenging conditions our church had a lot of fun (it was one of our brighter moments in a pretty dreary year) putting together a mini-celebration thanking Pastor Nancy for her leadership, outstanding virtual services, and simply caring about our church. I'm hoping we want to do it again this year while we continue to operate under rather "strained" circumstances.

There will be an opportunity to add to the celebration table simply by turning a gift/card into the office, or give it to Jeanne C. who will get it on the table.

The last Sunday of the month, OCTOBER 31.....boo!will be the day we say "thank-you !

So grateful for all you folks do for NYCC. Jeanne

Neighbors in Need - Special Offering

In 2021, Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. We will be taking this offering on October 3 by check (Please write Neighbors in Need in the memo line) or through Tithely.