

Join us for Worship!

We are worshipping in person on Sundays at 9:30 am. For those who wish to join us online please connect with us on YouTube at [youtube.com/c/nyccucc](https://www.youtube.com/c/nyccucc). If you would like to see the Sunday Bulletin that can be found on our website at <http://nyccucc.com>. If you wish to make an offering it can be made online through Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>. You can also give by text: Text "Give" to 883-751-0314.

Advent Reflections

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Day

Happy New Year! That's right; the First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church Year. And as with the calendar New Year, it's a great time to make a resolution for a fresh start. In particular, Advent is a wonderful time to start a habit of following a Daily Devotional of Scripture reading and prayer. It may be a habit you'll want to continue, or it could be just for the season of Advent & Christmastide.

There are lots and lots of choices available – in print and on-line. You may already have chosen one. But if not, here is one that I would like to recommend: ***Prayerful Reflections: Advent and Christmas Devotional for 2022***, written by 32 diverse Christian women leaders, pastors and teachers, is a daily encouragement to connect with God through scripture and prayer. I am personally acquainted with several of the contributors. Each day of Advent offers you an opportunity to **Read** scripture, **Reflect** on its meaning, **Respond** to the Holy Spirit and **Rest** in God's love. We encourage you to share this free devotional with your friends, family and fellow Christians.

It is available as a PDF file or you can subscribe to the Blog. Here is the link:

<https://www.spiritualdirectionwithjulia.com/advent2022?fbclid=IwAR2m0FE0D6A09Wqr3KqsG4c7huQRpYMPix9Uwl1potZyzJ6RbArnZIThbek>

Another fun way to count down the days to Christmas and Epiphany – especially for families – is the ***Wandering Wisemen Facebook*** page:


<https://www.facebook.com/thewanderingwisemen>

And of course, I hope you can join us in worship on Sunday mornings and on Christmas Eve. And for a special **Nativity Display Open House, 10am to 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 17**. I will be sharing my collection of 75 nativities from around the world, as well as some whimsical ones for children and the young-at-heart. And we'll have coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, and cookies; it will be great time to visit with friends and neighbors, too. (Please let me know if you can help with the set-up beforehand and/or hosting on Saturday. Thank You.) I'll leave the display up through Sunday, Dec. 18.

I wish you all a very Blessed season of Advent and Christmas.

Pastor Paul

Invitation to Join the Choir

The NYCC Choir cordially invites you to be a Choir Tryer for the Christmas Season. We practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and on Sundays at 8:30 am before our service. We promise that you will have a lot of fun and make some beautiful music! 

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

We are in need of volunteers for the Christmas Pageant. This is a narrated program, so there is no dialog and no lines to learn. Rehearsals will take place on December 11 and 18. The pageant will be performed on Christmas Eve, December 24 at the 5 pm family service. Please, come join us!

Sharing Sleigh 2022

This year The Sharing Sleigh Christmas gift program will provide Christmas gifts to senior citizens living in nursing homes or who are isolated living by themselves. NYCC has been working with this program for six years as one of the programs that the Mission Committee supports. Names are provided to the Sharing Sleigh by town offices and nursing homes in the surrounding areas including the Windham area. Local businesses also donate to the program in a variety of ways with the Pet Pantry being the recipient of pet supplies to our program from business donations to the Sharing Sleigh.

If you choose to participate in the program this year here is the procedure:

Call or email Dale King and select a person from the attached list. She will then need your phone number and will put you down for the gift for the person you have selected. Please choose a person by December 4 so that you have time to shop and wrap the gift with the person's name on it (but do NOT put anything on the tag that would indicate where the gift came from). You could say From: Santa. Please bring your tagged gift to church by December 15 so that the Sharing Sleigh can pick it up on December 18 and have time to deliver it for Christmas. Below is the contact number for Dale.

Daleking004@gmail.com; 207-653-3491. Thanks for participating in this Missions outreach project and enjoy sharing the blessings of the holiday season!

NAME	GENDER	SIZE AND GIFT REQUEST
ROSIE C.	F	WOMENS 4X-SHIRTS AND PANTS
PAULINE A.	F	WOMENS 2X-ANYTHING WITH A MONKEY ON IT
LINDA C.	F	WOMENS 2X - DRESSES AND HIGHTGOWNS
BONNIE O.	F	ANIMATED STUFFED CAT AND SOFT FLEECE THROW
JOHN A.	M	MODEL ANTIQUE CARS /PICTURES/POSTER OF ANTIQUE CARS
MARK S.	M	MENS 3XL SWEATPANTS & STRECHY SPORT SHORTS
MATT S.	M	MENS 3XL SHIRTS & CURRENT COUNTRY GOSPEL CDS
VICTOR D.	M	MENS 3XL SWEATSUIT & BASEBALL HATS
PERLEY L.	M	MENS LG SWEATPANTS & CANDY
RONNIE L	M	MENS LG FLANNEL OR FLEECE LINED WINTER VEST
DONNIE M.	M	MENS 3XL LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS & SNACKS
DARREN F.	M	IRISH SPRING GIFT SET & SNACKS
HOWARD S.	M	MENS LG WINTER PAJAMAS & MENS LG SLIPPERS
MIKE G.	M	MENS 2X BLACK HOODIES & T-SHIRTS
JANET G.	F	WOMENS XL NIGHTGOWNS AND SHIRTS
JANE F.	F	WOMENS XL PANTS & MITTENS/HAT
STEVE H.	M	MENS XL T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSUITS
RONNIE C.	M	MENS SMALL SHERPA-LINED ZIP-UP HOODIE & POPCORN
TRUDY S.	F	STUFFED ANIMAL SIAMESE CAT & CANDY
ARMAND C.	M	MENS XL LONG-SLEEVE FLANNEL SHIRTS & SNACKS
CURTIS D.	M	MENS XL LONG-SLEEVE COLLARED SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS
SCOTT M.	M	MENS XL PATRIOTS T-SHIRTS & BASEBALL HATS
TOM R.	M	MENS LG ZIP-UP SWEATSHIRTS AND GLOVES
LINDA E.	F	WOMENS XL LONG-SLEEVE FLANNEL SHIRTS & SWEATERS
SARAH G.	F	ART DRAWING SET WITH COLORED PENCILS

Advent and Christmas at North Yarmouth Congregational Church

Sundays ~ 9:30 am ~ Worship with us

We celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, anticipating the One who comes to us as a Child. Each week we light the Advent Wreath, sing carols of the season, and our gifted choir shares beautiful music as we prepare for Christmas.

Saturday, December 17

10 am—12 noon ~ Nativity Display Open House

Experience the meaning of Christmas as you view a collection of 75 Nativities from around the world, including some special ones for children and the young at heart. Enjoy a cookie and coffee, tea or hot chocolate as you visit with your neighbors.

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:00 pm ~ Family Christmas Worship
Walk-on Pageant, Choir

11:00 pm ~ Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day, December 25
No Service ~ The 5 pm Christmas Eve Service
will be available to watch on-line

New Year's Day, January 1
9:30 am ~ Worship Service with Holy Communion

Annual Reports - Update

To all Chairs of Boards and Committees. It is time to write your reports for the Annual Report. The deadline for reports is has been moved to Sunday, January 6. Please adhere to this deadline as the reports need to be compiled and printed and handed out on the 15th. If you would like to review your report from last year, please let Lyn know, and she will send you the report. Please send your reports to Lyn in the office at nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com. Jeanne Chadbourne, Church Clerk

NYCC Street Ministry Update

Caroline and I are going into our cold weather mode as of November and will stay with that plan until warm weather returnscan we say April ? The menu will be hot breakfast sandwiches and hot coffee. This worked really well last year. Missions is supporting us with this plan. We won't be giving out as many meals as we do when it's warm, but the folks do like these treats. If you are so inclined we could always use financial help with this project OR we are hoping you will put together hygiene bags (they don't have to be large bags) which could include small items, small being the operative word, such as a bar of soap, sani wipes, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shaving gear, you get my drift.....and perhaps a wrapped candy bar AND they really like chocolate, always puts a smile on their faces.

You don't know how much your moral and or financial support is appreciated. Just know that it is! Jeanne

PS Hygiene bags can be left in office or brought to church on Sundays. We'll just

give them out as they come in. Our trips to Portland are scheduled for the last week of the every month.

NYCC Clothing Ministry

We would like to add to the food portion of the NYCC Street Ministry with basic warm clothing and accessories. If you are so moved, please add your contribution to the box in the gathering space. Most needed and asked for items:

- Warm socks
- Waterproof gloves
- Winter hats
- Hand warmers
- Underwear

These items will be handed out with the lunches when the NYCC crew visits Portland.

If you have gently used warm coats, boots, clothing, that you would like to give, please add these to the box, too. These items will be passed onto Maine Needs or Preble Street. If you have questions, please email Tracy at tdahlgren1140@gmail.com or Jeanne at jeannechadbourne@aol.com.

Kitchen Business

It is easy to leave the Fellowship Hall after coffee hour without looking around to see if the space has been left in a good place. It is important to make sure that any dishes that have been used be cleaned and put away at the end of coffee hour, tables and counters cleaned and floors if necessary. We had a rental on Sunday afternoon, and they came into dirty dishes and unclaimed plastic containers and dishes on the counter. We found homes for some of the plates and dishes, but there are two or three still needing a home. They include a blue double stack cupcake container and a flat container with lid (white with black trim). It is important to show our renters that we care about how we leave our space. Thank you.

NYCC COVID-19 GUIDELINES 10/20/22

We have been following CDC guidelines at NYCC

Generally, each person should have up-to-date vaccines and boosters, use masks when in large crowds, and practice social distancing.

Masks are optional at NYCC but if you are not feeling well, we would appreciate your staying home, in particular for a Sunday worship service as the service can be seen on YouTube.

If you do test positive for Covid-19 and you have minor symptoms, then you should isolate for 5 full days (day of symptoms is day 0, isolate for 5 full days thereafter) on day 6 take two antigen tests in a row spaced 48 hours apart and if they are both negative you can remove your mask.

If you have a moderate case or severe case (needing to be hospitalized) please refer to the Maine CDC guidelines general information relating to Covid-19.

Community Food Pantry Donations.

The first Sunday of the month has been designated as Food Pantry Collection Sunday. We will be focusing on non food items. Current pantry needs include:

Paper towels	Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper	Dish Soap
Tissues	Diapers
Deodorant	Pull-ups
Shampoo	Baby Wipes
Conditioner	Feminine Hygiene Products

Please add your donation to the grocery cart in the Gathering Space. You can donate to the cart at any time. Thank you very much for your ongoing support for the Cumberland Community Food Pantry which supports North Yarmouth families.

Coffee Hour

We have gone back to our traditional coffee hour with homemade baked goods, fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. We still have prepackaged goodies as well.

We are very interested in getting a schedule in place which will rotate so that not one person is doing coffee hour every week. We have a signup sheet at church in the gathering space, so please check it out and consider doing the set up and clean up and goodies, or share it with one person setting up, one person cleaning up, and a couple of people baking or bringing other goodies. Thanks all!

Marsha Heath

A Note from the Nominating Committee

Friends, it is time to tap your energy by joining one of our church committees. We have several openings and we would welcome your help. (Trustees, Diaconate, Faith Formation, Missions, Nominating Committee, Flower Committee). Please let me know if you are interested. My email is apgraham1@gmail.com or just catch me at church.

Thank you, Annie Graham, NYCC Vice Moderator

Continuing Meetings

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm and Sunday Morning at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

Tuesday Gals meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Men's Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 am at Toddy Brook

Pet Place Pantry is open on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00 am.

Please keep the following people

in your prayers ~

Sandra Golonka

Vince Golonka

Dot Hayward

Blanche Mays

Bill Tompson

Access worship directly on our YouTube channel (subscribe to our channel while you are there) at [youtube.com/c/nyccucc](https://www.youtube.com/c/nyccucc)
