

North Yarmouth Congregational Church, UCC

**Please keep the following people
in your prayers**

Sheila Babcock, Pet Pantry Patron

David and Michelle Bickford

Terri Bickford

Candy Burgess

Carol Davis

Louisa and Karl Gerstenberger

Sandra & Vince Golonka

Nolan, Soph and Zeb Green

Blanche Mays

**Steve Quentel, Lori Martin
& Kaitlin Quentel**

Rey and Ellen Medrano

Cindy & Bill Tompson

Nancy White

Dear Beloveds of God,

I hope you've had a wonderful week and have enjoyed some of the springtime weather we've been having. I am so tempted to start gardening again, but still wary of a future frost risk sneaking in.

We've had a request from State Street Church in Portland to help staff volunteers for their overnight migrant shelter. They are looking for greeters who can volunteer for a couple of hours in the evening and overnight volunteers who can stay in the shelter with their guests. It is a wonderful volunteer opportunity and a great way to serve our Gospel charge to welcome the neighbor. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to be involved. Last season, I was the volunteer coordinator for the shelter, and I am happy to talk more about this amazing ministry.

Our scripture readings for Sunday are The Epistle of 1st John 4:7-21 and the Gospel of John 15:1-8. We will discuss how the Spirit of God and Christ abides in our hearts and makes us a living sanctuary for the divine.

I look forward to seeing you soon. My heart and prayers are with you.

Pastor Zeb

Outside Kitchen Door

If you use the outside kitchen door please make sure to pull it tight to make sure it closes securely.

Thank you!

Church Cleanup Day

Our Spring church cleanup day is set for **Saturday, April 27th at 9:00am**. We will be working to clear up the church yard and parking area, taking down storm windows and also doing some work inside. If you will be working outside please bring gloves and a rake. Please join us as we brighten up the church for the spring/summer season. Donuts and apple cider will be served. Rain date will be May 4 at 9am.

Coffee Sign Up

We would like to go back to a rotating basis of having a coffee hour host each Sunday. One person can host or two people can co-host. There is now a coffee hour signup sheet on the Gathering Space table. You do not have to wait until everyone has left the Fellowship Hall to leave. Once coffee hour has wound done, you can start your cleanup.

Responsibilities Include:

Setting up Keurig coffee station

Putting out coffee, cups, stirrers, sugar, etc.

Treats can be used from the freezer, kitchen shelves or bring a homemade treat

Clean up after coffee hour and doing any dishes

Checking the dining room and clean off tables

Please speak to a Deacon or someone who has already hosted coffee hour if you have any questions.

Grocery Cart in Gathering Space

The Grocery Cart in the Gathering Space has been the collection spot for much needed food for our neighbors. Communion Sunday has been our Sunday for food collection but additions to the cart are welcome at all times. The last cartful of food was delivered to the Community Food Pantry in Cumberland where they are now helping over 90 families every other week.

Thank you for your generosity. You are helping many families in our area put food on the table.

Clothing Ministry

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Happy Spring. A quick note to let you know that the Clothing Ministry has changed. We are collecting basic clothing to be given out by the NYCC Street Ministry to people living outside.

The most asked for items include:

Socks

New Underwear

T-shirts

Spring Coats

Sneakers

Baseball Hats.

If you are so moved, please leave your donation in the Gathering Space of the church. Thank you for considering this ministry.



Thank you to Cathy Bunton and her brother, Bill Bunton for the new gutter extension at the corner of the sanctuary. Bill built this for the church. It looks wonderful and does the job of directing the water away from the church perfectly. We have seen it in action this spring a few times already.

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the church building and grounds together over the winter and spring.

MAY MEETINGS

Diaconate - Sunday, May 5 following worship

Faith Formation - Sunday, May 12 following worship

Trustees - Tuesday, May 14 - 7:00pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84069218190?pwd=bFp1T3lyZ1RWM0cvQSt0L21nenlrQT09>

Council - Sunday, May 19th following worship

Missions - Monday, May 13 - 6:30pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356?pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmNYQT09>

Choir - Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.

Tuesday Gals meet at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert at NYCC

Greater Freeport Community Chorus presents their Spring concert, "I Dream a World," on **Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at North Yarmouth Congregational Church**, and Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Brunswick United Methodist Church. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults, and free for children under 18.

Artistic Director Jesse Myers-Wakeman has chosen "I Dream a World" as the featured work of the program. It features text by Langston Hughes in a setting by Dr. Andre Thomas. The program also includes a selection of traditional spirituals and other pieces highlighting the turmoil of the human condition and offering hope for a more peaceful and loving future for all.

~ April 2024 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 6p Greely Boys Hockey Banquet (Fellowship Hall) | 2 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 3 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 4 Rummage Sale Set-up | 5 Rummage Sale Set-up | 6 9am-2pm Rummage Sale Fellowship Hall |
| 7 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting | 8 | 9 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 7p Trustees | 10 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 11 6p Girl Scouts (FH) | 12 | 13 9a Pet Place Pantry |
| 14 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation | 15 Patriots Day Office Closed 6:30pm Missions Mtg Via Zoom | 16 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 17 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 18 | 19 | 20 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) |
| 21 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Council | 22 Earth Day | 23 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | 24 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA | 25 6p Girl Scouts (FH) | 26 | 27 9am Church Cleanup Day |
| 28 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 29 | 30 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group | Church Cleanup Day rain date – May 4 at 9am. | | | |

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Greater Freeport Community Chorus
Jesse Myers-Wakeman, Artistic Director & Kellie Moody, Accompanist

I Dream a World

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Saturday
May 4, 2024, 7 pm
North Yarmouth
Congregational Church
3 Gray Rd, North Yarmouth

☆ \$10 adults ☆
under 18 free

Sunday
May 5, 2024, 3 pm
Brunswick United
Methodist Church
320 Church Rd, Brunswick

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