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

Have you Noticed???

NYCC is so fortunate to have George Black and Lois Knight doing the yard and gardens at our church. The lawns have been mown for the first time this season and the gardens are like "WOW".

Thanks, Lois and George!

Dear Beloveds of God,

I am in awe of the weather we had today. I spent some time walking in the woods, noticing the fresh buds on the trees and the flowers coming to life. It reminded me of the flows and rhythms of life and the cycles of renewal and return. It brings to Psalm 96, "Oh, sing to our God a new song. Sing to our God all the earth. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before our Beloved God."

I hope that if the spirit moves you, you take the time to enjoy this Spring weather, longer days, and the reawakening of our fields and forests. And if you have allergies like mine, be sure to remember that medication is your friend.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating the Ascension of Jesus. We are coming to the end of the Easter Season and the celebration of the Resurrected Christ walking among us, and we are beginning the move into Pentecost and the blessing of the Holy Spirit alighting our souls with sacred fire and insight. I hope to see you this Sunday. Our scripture readings are the Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11 and the Gospel of John 14: 15-27.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Zeb

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.

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.

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.

MAY MEETINGS

Faith Formation - May 12 following worship

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84069218190? pwd=bFp1T3IyZ1RWM0cvQSt0L21nenIrQ T09

Council - Sunday, May 19th following worship

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389724356? pwd=bHEzZy9HR2FCZ3EzY2Z3RTV3ZmN YQT09

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.

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Chicken Pie Supper

Friday, May 24

Doors open at 5:30 pm Plated dinner served at 6:00 pm

On the Menu: Chicken Pie, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, decaf coffee, lemonade and dessert.

Entertainment: live music! Cost \$25.00 per person.

Reservations will be taken from 8-12 pm Monday -Thursday beginning on May 13. by calling the office at 829-3644

This will be a seated dinner limited to 100 guests.

We will need lots of help to make this dinner happen. A sign up sheet to help the week of the dinner with preparing, cooking, setup and cleaning will be on the Gathering Space table soon.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

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North Yarmouth Historical Society

We invite you to a wonderful presentation on Thursday evening, **May 16: Connected Farm Buildings** with historian and author **Tom Hubka**.

Prof. Hubka is the author of Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England, a standard for New England architecture history and cultural studies. It has "the suspense of a detective story and at times the poignance of deeply felt, sympathetic, and social history." (Boston Globe).

Prof. Hubka did a lot of his groundbreaking research in the North Yarmouth area and surrounding towns; photos and descriptions of many area houses and farm buildings appear in his book.

This event is sponsored collaboratively by North Yarmouth, Yarmouth, and Cumberland Historical Societies; Skyline Farm, and Pownal Scenic & Historic Society.

PLACE: North Yarmouth Community Center, 120 Memorial Highway, North Yarmouth.

TIME: 5 PM, meet, greet, and enjoy refreshments. Presentation: 6 PM.

COST: This event is free; donations gratefully accepted.