

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



**Communion Sunday is fill the  
grocery cart day!**

Please help fill the cart with non-  
perishable foods this Sunday!

**Dear Beloveds of God,**

I hope you're having a great week. You are all  
in my heart and prayers.

Last Sunday, I mentioned a few upcoming  
opportunities for further fellowship. David and  
I are developing a youth group to start in  
June. I'm also looking to start a series of  
evening campfire church services in the  
summer, and we're starting a small group  
ministry for those living with cancer and other  
serious illnesses. Please let me know if you  
would like any details about these upcoming  
opportunities.

This coming Sunday is Communion Sunday.  
We warmly welcome you to this ritual as a  
time to remember the love, sacrifices, and  
promises of Jesus and how the Spirit moves  
and stirs within us. If you view our services  
online, please be ready with some bread and  
juice so you can take part in communion.

I am always honored and happy to bring  
communion to those who cannot physically  
attend worship. If you would like a visit,  
please know that I am here for you.

Our scripture readings this Sunday are from  
the Epistle of First John 5: 1-6 and the Gospel  
of John 15: 9-17. Our theme will be Jesus'  
deep and abiding friendship. We may not know  
all the mysteries of the divine, but we can rest  
assured that Jesus is our friend and  
encourages us to befriend and spread a  
ministry of love and grace to all.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Zeb

## 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

## 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.

## Community Chicken Pie Supper Meeting

We are planning on holding a Community Chicken Pie Supper on Friday, May 24th. This will be a 100 person limited sit down supper with lots of music by David Myers and company. We will be holding a meeting directly after worship this Sunday in Fellowship Hall to get a group together and start planning. We need lots of help to make this supper work. If you would like to help or would like more information about what we are planning please join the meeting. If you have any questions please give Mark a call at 653-4931.

## 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.

## NYCC STREET MINISTRY.....FALLING OFF WAGONS

After getting the most amazing helpers putting the lunches together, grabbing a bag of socks, loading the car, Caroline and I were off to Portland. Priscilla had asked to go with us as had one of Caroline's school friends, Erin. We did not know where we would find folks today, but it didn't take long once we got to the city, especially near Preble Street and Elena's Way. Once parked Caroline, Erin and Priscilla took off with the lunches, and I grabbed the bag of socks. As I walked along folks were helping themselves to a pair or two, very polite and appreciative. As I continued down the street a middle aged man was coming toward me. I offered him the socks and his response was, "I am so sick". Needless to say I was very concerned, especially not knowing why he was sick. He did not look good at all. I backed up a little.....just in case. I asked him what was wrong; he kind of fumbled an explanation, finally just admitting to me that he had fallen off the wagon last night. In my day this meant alcohol. Eventually he admitted that it wasn't alcohol.....he had not had anything to drink in a long time. It was drugs AND then he proceeded to list several drugs.

I need to admit that I know next to nothing about today's drug culture, but was shocked that he could name so many ...I'll call them street drugs. We kind of awkwardly stood there for a moment, when I finally quietly said, "I can't give you money for drugs" and you know what his response was? Very politely and softly "Thank you". I've thought a lot about him the last few days.

On the way home someone commented about the "hugeness" of the homeless problem There was a long silence and finally Caroline spoke, "We have just given out 24 tasty lunches and a some dry clean socks. That feels right."

The problem is indeed huge. In my opinion the drug situation is a major factor, if not THE major problem, If drugs were taken out of the equation. I wonder what would be left.

We are incredibly thankful that NYCC is so supportive of this ministry. Because of you, on Sunday 24 folks had a lovely bag lunch and a pair or two of dry socks!

Caroline and Jeanne

### 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=bFp1T3IyZ1RWM0cvQSt0L21nenlrQT09>

**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.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the church cleanup. After the two big snow/ice storms we had a lot of outside work to do, so that is where we concentrated our efforts. The church yard and gardens look great.

Thank you to George for replacing some parts on the lawn mower and making sure that it is in good working order.

Trustees

**Holly and Charles Slonina will be adding to their family!**

Orions's sister, Lily was born on April 26.

While they thought they would be bringing her home yesterday, an update from Holly: Lily is going through withdrawals and we can't take her home yet. Later in the week. She is at Maine Med and we are allowed to go visit her.

Since they are not prepared for a newborn, I connected Holly with a great group in the area , Birth Roots, who will be able to provide them with some of the items needed to set up for bringing the baby home. If you are interested, below is a link to a wants and needs list on Amazon for them. Hope you can help out!! Leah Davis

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/holly-slonina-april-2024-auburn/1G6LWJHVOYSX6>



**Administrative Professionals' Day**

Thank you so much to everyone for the Gift Card, Cards and plant for Admin. Day. Your unexpected gifts made my day! -Lyn

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

**I Dream a World**

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

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

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 daily Helms, M.D.E

~ May 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	2	3 6p Greater Freeport Community Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	4 7p Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert (FH)
5 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	6	7 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	9 6p Girl Scouts (FH)	10	11 9a Pet Place Pantry
12 Mother's Day 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Faith Formation	13 6:30am Missions Via Zoom	14 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group 7p Trustees via Zoom	15 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	16	17	18 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 10a Shorey Memorial Service -FH
19 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 11a Council	20	21 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	22 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	23 6p Girl Scouts (FH)	24	25
26 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Paley's Men's Group	29 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7p AA	30	31	