

MONASTIC LIFESTYLE

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Chanting and prayer rise from a tiny convent in Stanwood as a trio of Christian Orthodox nuns follow ancient monastic traditions.

The women in the Convent of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple are Orthodox nuns, part of the ancient Christian church. The nuns were sent five years ago from Boston to open this convent in rural Stanwood. They maintain a cycle of daily religious services in the chapel that forms the center of their lives. Candles flicker in red glass holders that illuminate sacred icons as they raise their voice in praise.

The nuns try to support themselves with their handiwork, creating candles in a workshop next to the convent, a blue and white house, on the edge of the woods. The workshop air is warm and fragrant as they melt 100 percent pure beeswax and pour it into molds for votives and tea lights. Every step is done by hand to "create candles made with care and prayer."



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