

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January 22, 2023

**January Items of the Month** - This month, we will be helping fill the shelves of the **Brookline Food Pantry**. They have several special requests as well as needing food and non-food items.



### Special Request Items

Full/Queen Winter Blankets  
Twin Winter Blankets  
Pillows

### Urgent Needs

Men's Toiletries

Deodorant

Vitamins

Aspirin

Laundry Soap

Sponges

Trash Bags

Ziplock Bags (gal/qt)

Flushable Wipes

Paper Products

Dishwasher Detergent

(for machine dishwashers)

Juice Boxes

Pasta Sauce

Mayo

Ketchup

Jelly & Jam

Coffee, not decaf

Saltines

Sugar

Chef Boyardee Canned Pastas

Bottled Juice

(especially cranberry & apple)

### **Ash St Shelter Dinner Chefs Needed**

Our Senior Youth Group will be cooking dinner for Ash St Shelter in January, but we are looking for volunteers to help provide dinners on the second Friday of future months. You just cook the meal and deliver; we will give you a grocery gift card to offset the costs of the food ingredients. Please contact Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org) if you would like to help.



**Food & Fuel Assistance** -If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org)

**Blessing Bag Collection** - The Flock will be collecting items for Blessing Bags for Nashua Soup Kitchen in January. We will be looking for **travel sizes items: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.** *All items are due by **February 12*** and can be left in the CE Bin outside the front doors of the church or dropped off in Flagg Room on Sundays.



**Flowers** –Sign up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office with plenty of dates available or send an email to [sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org) to request a date and also send your dedication.

**Coffee Hour** – Virtual Coffee Hour Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the hour. Look for the Zoom link in your email.

### **Church Office Hours For This Week:**

Monday – Closed, Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30, Wednesday – 12:30 – 3:30, Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30

Friday – 8:00 a.m. – noon

**Community News...**

**The UCC New England Women's Celebration XI** will take place March 17-19, 2023 in Manchester NH. The New England Women's Celebration takes place every four years. It is held over (or near) the weekend of Mothering Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, which is traditionally a time when the strict observances of Lent were relaxed for a day so church folks could return to the Mother Church of their roots.

The purpose of the Celebrations is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church. It is organized by women from United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations across New England; however, women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend.

Early bird pricing is available until Feb 1st. Register for the weekend or just Saturday. For more information and to register: [uccwc.org](http://uccwc.org)

**Racial Unity Team Hosts 2023 Art & Poetry Challenge for New Hampshire Residents of All Ages**

The Art & Poetry Challenge - the living, breathing proof of the power of the arts - is an annual challenge hosted by the Racial Unity Team. First-, second-, and third-place cash prizes will be awarded to winners in elementary, middle school, high school and adult categories in both art and poetry.

Every New Hampshire resident is invited to submit an original poem or visual work of art inspired by this year's theme: ***"A hidden past >>> an inclusive future."*** Children and adults are encouraged to find a story that is rarely told and express how it helps us move toward a more inclusive future.

The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2023, and winners will be announced in June. Submissions will be exhibited across New Hampshire in local libraries, art galleries, and on the Racial Unity Team website.

For challenge rules and resources visit: <https://racialunityteam.com/art-and-poetry-challenge>.