

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19, 2023

## February Items of the Month -

Our February Items of the Month collection benefits *all* of our partner organizations:

- ✧ Brookline Food Pantry
- ✧ Family Promise of Southern NH
- ✧ Spring St. (formerly Ash St) Shelter
- ✧ Nashua Children's Home
- ✧ Corpus Christi food pantry
- ✧ Marguerite's Place
- ✧ Bridges

## Everyone has requested:

- Toiletries
- Hygiene Products
- Diapers

Please place your items in the bins outside the front door. Or you may directly shop on Amazon and have them deliver it straight to their door.

**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)

## Flock Adventure Day:

**No school? No problem! Join** in the fun on the first day of February vacation – **Monday, February 27 from 9am-12pm** This winter-themed Adventure Day will be like a mini-VBS: We will start with a lesson and music, followed by outdoor fun (please bring snow gear if we have snow!!), activities, crafts, and snack. For PreK-Grade 6. **Registration form is due by February 19. Please email Kim at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org) for the registration form**



**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 [admin@hollischurch.org](mailto:admin@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.

**Office Hours** New office hours are 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday through Friday (closed Mondays)

## Ash Wednesday

Rev. Bob Fellows will be holding an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

**Rev. Tanya is on sabbatical from February 20 through June 30.**

**An “enhanced fellowship” is planned after worship on February 19<sup>th</sup> to welcome Rev. Bob and wish Tanya well for her sabbatical.**

## Meet the Sabbatical Support Team:

As Rev. Tanya departs for her sabbatical (March 20 – June 30) and Rev. Bob Fellows assumes the pastoral leadership role in her absence, the Sabbatical Support Team, who conducted the Sabbatical Pastor search last fall, will work to support the congregation and to support Rev. Bob throughout his Sabbatical Pastor tenure. The **Sabbatical Support Team consists of:**

**Thom Davies**  
**Paul Edmunds**

**Jessica Marchant**  
**Karen Marino**

**Gudrun Pfeiffer**  
**Cindy Ryherd**

Rev. Bob, with support from our team, will guide the congregation in our own period of rest and play, reflection, prayer, and renewal. A variety of events are being discussed by the team to take place over the next several months: some playful, social and fun, others reflective and contemplative, looking both backward to “stay the course” on things we feel great about, and forward at opportunities we might want the future to look like.

The Sabbatical Support Team will meet with Rev. Bob the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month after fellowship through the end of June. Our first meeting is on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. From that meeting we hope to identify dates and types for both kind of events (playful and reflective) in the upcoming months and look forward to sharing those details with the congregation soon after our first meeting.

If you have questions or concerns for the Sabbatical Support Team, please email [SabbaticalST@hollischurch.org](mailto:SabbaticalST@hollischurch.org) (all six of us will receive an email sent to that email address).

In the meantime, the Sabbatical Support Team wishes a very warm and excited “Welcome!” to Rev. Bob, and our sincerest “It’s time to rest, enjoy, and rejuvenate!” to Rev. Tanya.

## Lenten Loaves and Lessons

As we enter the 40-day period of Lent, people often commit to a sacrifice, but another way to immerse ourselves in the Lenten journey, is to spend some sacred time with Pastor Bob and other members of our congregation enjoying a simple meal and some thoughtful discussion around Lenten topics.

We will be having our Lenten Loaves and Lessons fellowship on Thursday evenings beginning March 3, from 5:30 – 6:45 in Hardy Hall. Pastor Bob will be providing our weekly topic for discussion, no pre work required. A simple delicious home-made meal will be served each week courtesy of members of the Kitchen Mission, Fellowship and Hospitality and adult Continuing Education teams. (Vegetarian and Gluten Free options will be available.) We suggest a \$5.00 offering to be collected at the meal to help cover the food costs.

**Please sign up for each session you plan to attend (important for food prep; please include dietary restrictions) by calling the Church Office or use Signup Genius by COB Tuesday before each session at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ACAC29A7FF2-loaves1>. The schedule is as follows:**

Date	Time	Menu
3/2/23	5:30 – 6:45	Potato Leek Soup & Homemade Rolls
3/9/23	5:30 – 6:45	Beans and Greens Soup & Foccacia Bread
3/16/23	5:30 – 6:45	Carrot and sweet potato soup and sour dough bread
3/23/23	5:30 – 6:45	Chili and Corn Bread
3/30/23	5:30 -6:45	Minestrone Soup and Italian Bread

**We hope you can join us for this special Lenten activity of discussion and prayer enhanced with food and fellowship!**

## Prepared to Serve: An Event for All of God's People

**Prepared to Serve** is a day-long event for all church members in the New Hampshire Conference, UCC filled with fellowship and inspiring, faith-building workshops and exhibits.

### Where and When?

Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, NH

Saturday, February 25, 2023

- Registration (Refreshments)..... 8:00 – 8:45 am
- Welcome/Opening Prayer ..... 9:00 - 9:20 am
- Workshop Block A..... 9:45 – 11:00 am
- Workshop Block B..... 11:20am – 12:20pm
- Workshop Block C..... 12:40 – 1:55 pm
- Installation of Rev. Sara Marean as Associate Conference Minister      2:30 pm



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Reconnecting*

Register online by following the registration link at [www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org). Registration fee includes a continental breakfast, refreshments, and a full buffet lunch or optional boxed lunch. If you serve on a church board, check with your board for possible underwriting of the registration fee.

### 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.

Register for the weekend or just Saturday. For more information and to register: [uccwc.org](http://uccwc.org)

**United Way's annual "Nashua Nor'easter Run / Walk / Drive** community fundraiser is coming up on **February 26th through March 4th**. Nonprofits, schools, and faith organizations around the area are invited to sign up teams and raise money for their own organization. Individuals can create their own team or join their favorite organization's team.

The 5k, 10k, half or full marathon can be done on the participant's own time. We provide them with a map based on the distance they'd like to go. If participants prefer the "drive" option, we suggest the half marathon. All routes take runners, walkers or drivers past many of our local nonprofits, which are indicated on the maps. Sign up at the link below or contact United Way at [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)882-4011. Register here <https://tinyurl.com/uwnano23>