

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February 20, 2022



**Lenten Study Series** - Our Lenten Study series begins on March 9 and will use a book by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie entitled, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. The Lenten Study group will hold hybrid meetings most Wednesdays **at 7 p.m. on March 9, 16, 22** (NOTE: *Tuesday this week because Church Council meets Wednesday!*), **30, and April 6 and 13**. We have 15 copies of the hardcover book (\$15.00) in the church office if you'd like to purchase a copy.

### AV Ministry Team Thank You One More Worship Service Operator Desired

Thank you and welcome to the five church members who have volunteered to be AV operators for Sunday worship services: Diane Fallier, Chris Hyde, Jessica Marchant, Cindy Ryherd, and Phillip Stephenson. With the giving of their time and talent, we are able to ensure that virtual/streaming worship services will continue uninterrupted.



We would like to have ONE MORE volunteer for a total of six in the rotation, especially since Cindy will likely have to step out of the rotation much of the time come September of this year. What knowledge is needed will be provided with training, as well as documentation. The AV operator needs to arrive at the church 60 minutes before the start of the worship service and typically is done within 10 minutes after the service.

Please consider volunteering your time to be a part of the AV ministry team as a worship service operator. Contact [HollisChurchIT@gmail.com](mailto:HollisChurchIT@gmail.com) for more information.



**Scam/Phishing Alert!** - Friends, it appears that phishers/scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated! Please be alert and aware. Folks have been receiving messages--not just emails, but now also text messages--purporting to be from me, sometimes even addressing the recipient by name. They usually ask you to respond to that message, help

with a gift card/voucher, do a favor of some sort--and are usually signed with something like, "Peace and Love, Pastor Tanya".

Several things to know:

1) **I will NEVER ask individuals to send me money or help out with a gift card; the church has resources and proper accountability procedures for that.**

2) When I use a title in signing my name, I use **Rev.** Tanya and not **Pastor** Tanya (though I'm equally happy to be addressed by either!).

3) If you ever wonder whether a correspondence you're receiving is actually from me, please check the address it's coming from (mine is: [pastor@hollischurch.org](mailto:pastor@hollischurch.org)), and/or call the church to ask (603) 465-7797. Please do NOT click on any links or open any attachments if you're not absolutely certain the email or text message is from me!

**Mission & Action: February Items of the Month:** Donations for the Brookline Food Pantry

The Brookline Food Pantry is a source for those in need not just in Brookline, but also Hollis, Milford, Mason, Jaffrey and Townsend.



- Non-perishable foods (coffee, olive oil, cake mixes and frosting, juice boxes, pet food – or \$10 giftcards to purchase meat products)
- Personal Hygiene Items (incontinence supplies, deodorant, toothpaste,

etc)

- Pharmacy Needs (vitamins, pain relievers, first aid supplies)

They would also like frozen or refrigerated items, but please call ahead when dropping those items off. The pantry is located in the bottom floor of the Brookline Town Hall at 1 Main St, call 603-673-8855 ext. 300; brooklinenh.us/public-welfare or look them up on Facebook.

We have collection bins in the coat cubby inside the church's center (handicapped) entrance. Please place your donations of eyeglasses, cell phones and travel toiletries in their new bins. Donations may also be dropped in the M&A collection bin outside the church's center (handicapped) entrance.



**Ash St Shelter Dinner Chefs Needed**

We are looking for cooks to help provide dinners for the Ash Street Shelter on the second Friday of every month, numerous dates available. You just cook the meal and deliver; we provide you with a gift card to pay for the food. Please call Lee Harper at 603-320-1500 or blharper@tds.net if you would like to help.

**Food & Fuel Assistance**

If you know anyone needing assistance in paying for heat this winter, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at blharper@tds.net.



**Winter Clothing Collection** - A group of students at Hollis Brookline High School is collecting warm clothing for Ascentria Care Alliance, a faith-based non-profit organization that helps Afghan refugees in NH. They are accepting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats, and sweaters. There is a collection bin outside the center entrance of the church. Thank you for supporting their efforts.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets in the Emerson Chapel on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your coffee and join us! Everyone is welcome! Any questions, email Irene at [rinorian@comcast.net](mailto:rinorian@comcast.net) or Patricia at [patricia.cordell27@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.cordell27@gmail.com)



**Coffee Hour** – 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 this week:**

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Wednesday - 12:30-3:30 pm

Thursday – 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Friday -8:00 am - noon

If you need assistance please call (603) 465-7797 during office hours or email

[sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org) or [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org).



***Community News....***

**2022 Art & Poetry Challenge** - The 2022 Art & Poetry Challenge, an annual event hosted by the Racial Unity Team is accepting submission until April 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 5 categories and up to \$6,000 in prize money that will be awarded to winners in elementary (K-2 and 3-5), middle school, high school and adult categories of both art and poetry. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board outside of the church office or go to <https://racialunityteam.com/art-and-poetry-challenge>.