

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 26, 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



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

Blood Drive Mark your calendars for our next Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 11** from 10 am – 3pm in Hardy Hall. Online registration is recommended at www.redcrossblood.org

Spring Forward Don't forget to 'spring forward when Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00 am on **Sunday, March 12!**

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 4th Sunday of each month after fellowship through the end of June. Our first meeting is on Sunday, February 26th. 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 (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 & Focaccia 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!

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