

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5, 2023

March Items of the Month -

Donations to the [Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter](#) food pantry. **Most-needed pantry items include:**

- * Dried beans – any type, any size package
- * Peanut butter
- * Canned protein (chicken, tuna, etc)
- * Cereal – any type, brand, size, hot or cold
- * Soup -any brand, flavor (broth or hearty), canned, boxed
- * Pasta – any type or brand
- * Rice
- * Shampoo – opened or unopened
- * Toilet paper – any size pkg, families are given 1 roll
- * Body wash or soap
- * Toothpaste and tooth brushes
- * Diapers, size 5 especially needed
- * Deodorant

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)



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!**



On **Sunday, March 19th**, a One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected. Through your collective generosity, the United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries continues to work with both domestic and global partners to care for others: providing food, water, medicines, education, disaster recovery resources, and opportunities for sustainable development to individuals and communities in crisis around the world. We thank you in advance for your generous support of this special Lenten offering!

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open!! Join us July 17-20 from 9-11:30am for a fun filled week of lessons, crafts, STEM, games, snacks & MORE! **Don't miss out! Spots are limited.**

- Ages 4 years - Grade 6
- Must be able to attend all 4 days
- Registration closes June 14
- \$5 per child
- **Need a registration form?** Contact Kim at CE@hollischurch.org or stop at the church office. You can mail the form to the church, drop off or bring to a Flock class.

Sabbatical Support Team Update:

The Sabbatical Support Team had our first meeting with Rev. Fellows after fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 26th. We are excited to announce several activities for the congregation and public to participate in over the next four months. **Here's a list of what to look forward to:**

- **March 9, 16, 23, & 30** - Lenten Loaves and Lessons each Thursday of March. **Signup required.**
- **April 14 & 16** - Paint night/afternoon on Friday, April 14th at 7pm, and on Sunday, April 16th after fellowship. Rev. Fellows will be leading these fun social paint events. **Signup required.**
- **May 13** - Magic Show on the Squires Community Patio at 11am during the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13th. Open to the public
- **June 3 (rain date June 10)** - Silent hike at Beaver Brook followed by a fire circle/discussion.
- **June 4** - *And the Rest is History* presentation by Cindy Ryherd after fellowship

A couple of other events are also being looked into. **NOTE: These events are in ADDITION to our normal program-year activities during this time frame, such as Mother's Day/Music Sunday and Children's Day in May, and Father's Day Sunday at Rocky Pond in June.** More details will be available in the April *Chimes* newsletter when it comes out!

If you have questions or concerns for the Sabbatical Support Team, please email SabbaticalST@hollischurch.org

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
3/9/23	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!

Order your Easter Tulips today!

E A S T E R

Sunday



You may place tulips in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Complete and return the form below along with your payment to place your order.

I would like to order _____ tulips (please indicate quantity) to be placed in church on Easter Sunday.

_____ Total cash/check enclosed at **\$7.00 per plant** Checks should be made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis** with *Easter flowers* on the memo line.

This plant is given _____ **in loving memory** OR _____ **in honor** of:
(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED IN FLOWER DEDICATION)

Your Name: _____

PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN FLOWER DEDICATION

Telephone: _____

_____ I wish my plant **TO BE DELIVERED** to friends or members of our church family in hospitals or nursing homes.

_____ **I WILL PICK UP** my plant(s) *after the service* on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

Please return form & payment to:

The Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square
Hollis, NH 03049

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: Wednesday, March 29, 2023