

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 13, 2022



Lenten Study Series - The Lenten Study group will hold hybrid meetings most Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on **March 16, 22** (NOTE: *Tuesday this week because Church Council meets Wednesday!*), **30**, and **April 6 and 13** in the Parkhurst Room or on Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please contact pastor@hollischurch.org for a copy of the book and the Zoom link.

UCC issues appeal for Ukraine, calls on U.S. to provide humanitarian aid - The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal for the people of Ukraine and will be working with global partners to assist vulnerable communities within that country.

Gifts to the UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal will provide shelter, food and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine. [Donate here.](#)

(<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>) or you can make check payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "Ukraine Relief Fund" in the memo line.

Butter Braid Pastry & Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Just in time for Easter! Proceeds will benefit



the *UCC Ukraine Relief Fund*. You can place your order starting today until March 24th. We will be taking orders after service today in Hardy Hall or by going online to <https://your.mcmfundraising.com/2022-spring-the-congregational-church-of-hollis/susan-adams/>. You can pick up your order on Sunday, April 10th after church service or on Tuesday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m., Wednesday, April 13th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.,

or Thursday, April 14th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. If you need any further information, please contact Sue in the church office at sue@hollischurch.org.

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 for more information.

March Items of the Month:



Cleaning products and paper products for Brookline Food Pantry

- All-purpose spray cleaner
- Floor cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Tissues

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.



Saturday, March 19, 10am – 3pm in Hardy Hall

Go to www.RedCrossBlood.org to sign up for an appointment.

Chimes - The deadline for the April edition of The Chimes newsletter is Tuesday, March 15. Please submit all articles in writing to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

The March/April issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular and large print outside the entrances to the meetinghouse or by contacting the church office. *The Upper Room* is a daily devotional magazine written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing—both laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The meditations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone.

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 or Patricia at 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 or churchoffice@hollischurch.org.



Community News....

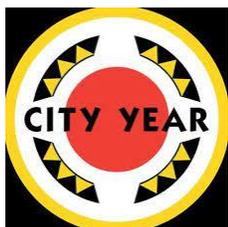
The Hollis Town Band invites you to a **Pops Concert** on **Sunday afternoon, April 3**, at Alpine Grove. Come and enjoy a delicious dessert buffet as you listen to music ranging from concert pieces to Big Band to Beach Boys! Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by March 23. For tickets, see band members Diane Fallier or Eileen Widner, or contact band director David Bailey at 603-883-2448. For more information, go to www.hollistownband.info.



2022 Art & Poetry Challenge - The 2022 Art & Poetry Challenge, an annual event hosted by the Racial Unity Team is accepting submission until April 15th. 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>.



Opportunity with City Year – City Year members serve as tutors and role models in high-poverty schools and receive a powerful leadership development program with an equity focus. The members get a \$800+ bi-weekly stipend and a \$6,000+ education grant when they graduate, among other benefits. They're hiring now for the 2022-23 school year. For more information go to CityYear.org City Year believes that developing the skills and mindsets of children and young adults contributes to strong, vibrant communities.



Do you have shoes you bought and then didn't wear? Did you buy shoes for an event and only wear them once? Troop 465 will be collecting "like-new" shoes as a fundraiser, please no heels, slippers, winter boots or those with metal cleats. You can drop your shoes off in the bin marked for Troop 465, outside of the center door of the church. Shoes are sent to female micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, who sell the shoes to people in their local communities.

