

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19, 2023

March Items of the Month -

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

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

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).



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:**

- **April 14, 16 & 21** - Paint night/afternoon on Friday, April 14th and 21st at 7pm, 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

We will be having our Lenten Loaves and Lessons fellowship on Thursday evenings throughout March, 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
3/23/23	5:30 – 6:45	Chili and Corn Bread
3/30/23	5:30 -6:45	Minestrone Soup and Italian Bread

Easter Flowering Cross – Help Needed



Volunteers needed to help with the various activities needed for the Easter flowering cross:

Saturday, Apr. 1 – Set up the empty cross. This work includes digging a hole and lifting the fairly heavy iron cross so strength is needed. Someone with a pickup truck to move the cross from the shed to the front lawn of the church is also needed.

Thursday, Apr. 6 (Maundy Thursday) – Add black cloth and thorn of crowns to cross at dusk (involves being on a ladder and using zip ties to secure the adornments)

Saturday, Apr. 8 – At dusk/after dark, remove the black cloth and thorn of crowns, add silk flowers to the upper portions of the cross (involves being on a ladder).

Saturday, Apr. 15 (or sometime soon after) – Take the cross down and store in shed. Remove silk flowers and store in shed. This work includes filling the hole and lifting the fairly heavy iron cross so strength is needed. Someone with a pickup truck to move the cross from the front lawn of the church to the shed is also needed.

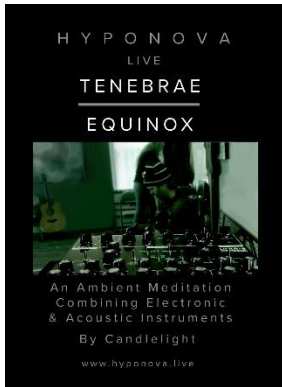
Reimagine Church Using Lessons from Improv

Saturday, March 25 from 9am – 2pm: Church Ministry through Lessons from Jazz Improv

Improv and Music help us imagine new ways of meetings, formation, worship, and coffee hours

Held at **Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro**. Led by the First Church Concord's Jazz Sanctuary House Band with Rev. Emilia Halstead and Rev. Tim Wildman

In the Community...



Music and Meditation on the Vernal Equinox, Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Chris Volpe [local author, artist, and musician] has collaborated with fellow musicians to craft "a quiet and somber musical piece suitable for contemplation and observance of the Lenten season." Titled *TENEBRAE (Darkness)*, come to witness a contemplative live ambient music performance by candlelight. The performance is in connection with an audio art project by the name Hyponova (www.hyponova.live)

Volunteer Opportunity: Tutors Needed

United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteer tutors to work with children in grades K - 12 in math, literacy, or science. Volunteers for this program work with students who need one-on-one help on a particular topic for a short period of time - or for the entire school year. Volunteer tutors may select the age range of students they'd like to work with, the subjects they feel comfortable with, and days and times they'd like to tutor. Volunteers should have some experience with teaching, tutoring, or helping educate others in another way, but do not need professional certification. Tutoring will take place in a monitored situation at a youth-serving organization primarily during after-school hours and may be virtual or in-person depending on the needs of the student. Volunteers will be expected to pass a background check annually. If you would like to become a volunteer tutor, please contact United Way at tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011.

United Way Community Baby Shower

United Way of Greater Nashua will be hosting a Community Baby Shower for low-income families in April. Each year, new families are invited to this educational celebration to learn about community supports available to them and pick items from the "baby boutique" to help them get started with the new addition to their family. Donations of Items may be purchased through the wish list here: <https://tinyurl.com/2023bbshwr> or purchased locally. The most needed items are: diapers in all sizes, new clothing, booster seats (used ok), small strollers (used ok), wipes, and baby wash / lotion. All items should be sent to or dropped off at 20 Broad Street, Nashua NH 03064 between 10am and 3pm on weekdays. The deadline for this project is April 1. For more information about this project contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 864-0201.

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