

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 3, 2022

**EASTER Flowers – Last Chance to order Easter flowers is Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see order form attached.**

**Widening Our Vision Speaker Series** Come, listen, learn, share, discuss, ask questions!



**Sunday (Today) April 3 ~ Stacy Esposito**

Please join the Widening our Vision team in Hardy Hall after worship today. Stacy Esposito, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and owner of Healing Roots LLC, will lead an activity and discussion about how we can support the LGBTQ+ community. Special focus on the topic of transgender folks, as people have asked how to be better allies to this group. Come with questions and an open heart!

**Sunday, April 24 ~ Leaf Seligman**

**Leaf Seligman will preach on April 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by an open “Circle session” in Hardy Hall** for anyone interested in participating. Leaf will share from her personal experience in the LGBTQ+ community, as a teacher, and from her wisdom and expertise in leading Restorative Circles, the aim of which is fostering deeper peace and mutual understanding. “One of the most important contributions of Circles is the strengthened web of relationships among a group of people. ... As people sit together, talk about values, share personal stories, and work through disagreements in an atmosphere of respect and caring, they weave strong cords of connection among themselves.”\* <http://leafseligman.com/restorative-circle-services/>

**Sunday, May 15 ~ Gerri Cannon**

**Gerri Cannon will speak to us on Sunday, May 15, about her personal experience and journey as a transgender woman.** A fellow member of the UCC, Gerri is a member of the NH House of Representatives (2018-present); a member of the Somersworth School Board; has held a wide variety of hardware, software, marketing, education and consulting positions across the past three decades; and as a master carpenter, is owner and founder of Cannon’s Carpenter on Call.

Email [WOV@hollischurch.org](mailto:WOV@hollischurch.org) with questions or comments

**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 directly to UCC here.](https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal) (<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>), donate at our church’s online giving page, or you can make check payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with “Ukraine Relief Fund” in the memo line.

## Blanket Sunday is April 10<sup>th</sup> - *Blanket the World with Love*

When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way! Please support the CWS Blanket program on Sunday, April 10, with a generous monetary donation. We will have collection envelopes during the service, but we are encouraging you to give throughout the month to this organization.



Ways to give to CWS Blanket program:

- Checks made out to Congregational Church of Hollis with *CWS Blankets* in the memo line, can be included in the worship offering on April 10 or mailed to the church any time during April
  - Donate to this offering on our church's online giving page <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>
  - Donate directly to Church World Service at <https://cwsglobal.org/donate/>
  - Mail a donation to *Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515*
- Let your response be one of love, by giving to our neighbors in their time of need!

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

A "Good Enough" service (continuing our Lenten theme) with special music, to include a children's Procession of Palms and a dramatic reading of the Passion Account.

### Maundy Thursday ~ April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Our traditional Maundy Thursday service, including Holy Communion and Tenebrae. The community cross will be draped in black through Holy Saturday.

### Easter Services ~ April 17

**5:45 a.m. Sunrise Service** at Triple Knoll Farm, 11 Pepperell Road, Hollis.

**9:30 a.m. Easter Worship** with special music including guest organist and fellowship to follow on Squires Community Patio (weather permitting).

### April Items of the Month: Diapers, Diapers, Diapers!

Diapers (especially in larger sizes) are always on the **Most Wanted** list of many of the organizations we support. Pick up a box when you're out shopping, or order through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) where you can purchase and have them sent directly to a specified organization, while the church receives a percentage back!



### 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. Open dates in June and August – December. 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](mailto:blharper@tds.net) if you would like to help.

### Food & Fuel Assistance

If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at [blharper@tds.net](mailto:blharper@tds.net).





**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 [sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org) to request a date and also send your dedication.



**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...**

**United Way** - Is looking for a large number of volunteers to **help us distribute food at our Pop Up Pantries** around downtown Nashua this spring and summer. The hours for this weekday project are 11am to 12:30pm or 2pm to 3:30pm. We distribute free fresh food outdoors from April 18th to October 28th. For more information see the bulletin board outside of the church office or go to [VolunteerGreaterNashua.org](http://VolunteerGreaterNashua.org) for more information.

**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.



# Easter Flowers



*New this year ... Dahlias!* You may place dahlias in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Fill out the form below to place your order.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ **Dahlias** (please indicate quantity) to be placed in church on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cash/check enclosed at **\$12.50 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)

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Your

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE 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 17, 2022.

Please return form to:      The Congregational Church of Hollis  
   3 Monument Square  
   Hollis, NH 03049

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: Wednesday, April 6, 2022**