

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 10, 2022

Blanket Sunday is TODAY, April 10th - *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 with a generous monetary donation.

There are collection envelopes included in your bulletin, 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 today 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!



Butter Braid Order Pick Up – Today after service in Hardy Hall or You can pick up your order on:

- Tuesday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 13th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

If you missed out on ordering, we have one of each of the following available for sale (first come first serve):

Cinnamon, Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Raspberry, 4 Cheese, or Cinnamon Rolls for \$14.00 each.

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

Sunday, April 24 ~ Leaf Seligman

Leaf Seligman will preach on April 24th, 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/>



Rescheduled – date TBD ~ 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 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.

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.

Good Friday – The meetinghouse will be open for quiet reflection and prayer from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Easter Cross Flowers – **On Easter Sunday, April 17th, we invite you to be part of the "Flowering of the Easter Cross", an ancient and meaningful tradition.** As you prepare for Easter worship, bring fresh or artificial flowers with you to the church. As you arrive, place your flowers in the cross. ***Please do not place flowers before Easter morning.***



Eventually the cross will be covered in beautiful flowers in a brilliant array of color. A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

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).

Join us for Thursday, May 12th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm in Hardy Hall & Squires Patio for a potluck social. All are welcome!
RSVPs appreciated to: FandH@hollischurch.org





Saturday, May 7, 9 am-12:30 pm

Community Yard Sale, Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hollis Church & Library Parking Lot
Volunteers needed! (before, during, after)
Merchandise donations accepted May 1st – 6th
Questions: FandH@hollischurch.org or 603-860-2178

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 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 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.



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 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 or churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

