

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 24, 2022

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

Today, April 24 ~ Leaf Seligman

Leaf Seligman will preach today, 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 1 ~ Gerri Cannon

Gerri Cannon will speak to us after worship on Sunday, May 1st, 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.

New Member Inquirers Classes

Interested in learning a little more about our church—our history, our current activities, and our future? Want to know what’s involved with becoming a full member of our faith family? Come along to our New Member Inquirers Classes on Wednesdays, **May 4th and 11th at 7 p.m.!** Please send Pastor Tanya an email pastor@hollischurch.org if you’re interested—and if Wednesday evenings aren’t a workable time for you (we know some of you have children who go to bed around that time!), let her know when a preferable time might be.





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

Potluck Social - 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



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 October – 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.

Community News...

Prayer Vigil – A prayer vigil for Just Peace in Ukraine will be held today, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Broad Street, Nashua, NH.

Give hope to a child. Become a CASA volunteer.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of NH trains concerned citizens to advocate for abused and neglected children in the courts. There are children waiting for someone to speak on their behalf. Your skills and common sense along with a contribution of 10–15 hours a month will help ensure a child grows up in a safe, permanent home. Learn more at a virtual info session on May 3 at 7 p.m. or May 9 at 12:30 p.m. that will focus on the volunteer experience in Hillsborough County. Register today at www.casanh.org/infosessions. If you sign up and are unable to attend, CASA will send you a link to the recorded session.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month - NH is facing a crisis in their foster care system as we do not have enough homes for children.

Childhood is a time when we learn about values, building self-esteem and pride by accomplishing goals, the importance of education, and more. Foster parents help children learn these life lessons, sometimes for the first time. They help children get on the right path to become successful self-sufficient adults. Children and teens escaping abusive or neglectful situations need a safe place to live and be loved. We need your help to recruit new foster parents. We encourage people who are interested in fostering to connect with Independent Service Network. We partner with the Department of Children, Youth and Families in New Hampshire to provide ISO Foster Care to youth of all ages. We recruit, train and license foster and pre-adoptive homes throughout the State of New Hampshire. If you'd like more information, please contact our resource specialist Darlene Lugo at (603) 943-1136 or by e-mail at lugo@isnnh.com.