

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1, 2022

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

**Today, 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.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.!** Please send Pastor Tanya an email [pastor@hollischurch.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Questions: [FandH@hollischurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:FandH@hollischurch.org)



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

### Personal Hygiene Products

- ◆ Toothbrushes/Toothpaste ◆ Dental Floss
- ◆ Razors/Blades ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Soap Bars/Body Wash
- ◆ Shampoo/Conditioner ◆ Combs
- ◆ Deodorant ◆ Feminine Products
- ◆ Hand Lotion ◆ Body Lotion



Please place all donations in the collection bin outside at the center entrance or inside the center entrance in the M&A cart. Thank you!



### 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 email Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org) 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 [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org).



### Red Cross Blood Drive



Mark your calendars now for donating blood at our **Saturday, May 14** Blood Drive in Hardy Hall! Online registration for an appointment is recommended; walk ins may have a lengthy wait. Please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to book your appointment today. The drive is from 10 until 3 PM. Blood and platelet shortages are critical and the need is urgent! Most adults are eligible, so please consider being a blood donor and help save lives. For more information or to register please go to the website listed above.

**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...**

### **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](http://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](mailto:lugo@isnnh.com).