

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 21, 2023

Activities for the Week

Sunday May 21	Children's Day Worship/Brunch Sabbatical Support Team Meeting	9:30 am 11:30 am
Monday May 22	Blood Drive	11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday May 24	Zoom Coffee Hour	10:00 am
	Church Council	7:00 pm
Sunday May 28	Worship - Pentecost Sunday (wear red)	9:30 am
Wednesday May 31	Zoom Coffee Hour	10:00 am

Church Office Hours

Temporarily, hours vary, so call ahead. Whenever possible, we attempt to keep the office open Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Summer hours will be established beginning in June.**

Children's Day Brunch TODAY

After our worship service today, all are invited for a brunch in Hardy Hall and on the Squires Patio. We will have plenty of food, beverages, and fun picnic games for all ages. Come celebrate!

CE Board "Thank You" to Kim Burton

CE Board would like to recognize and thank Kim Burton for all she does for the Sunday School Flock program. Her creative ideas and dedication are truly appreciated. We look forward to the Christmas in July summer VBS program and other fun events. Thank you Kim!

Mission and Action May Items of the Month

Warm weather allows for outdoor play, and Nashua Children's Home would love the **donations of Summer Fun** items:

New beach towels Water bottles Frisbees
Sunscreen Aloe gel or lotion

Please place your contributions in the collection box outside the center front doors.

Blood Drive Monday May 22, 11 am to 4 pm

Please consider donating. There are spaces available for you! You can book an appointment by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Sabbatical Support Team Update

Thank you to everyone who completed a Sabbatical Support Team survey. Your time and input are very appreciated!

We hope to see many in attendance at our June activity:

- **June 10 (rate date TBD) Beaver Brook Hike** ending with discussion and s'mores around a campfire. **More details in an email to be sent soon.**

Please note that the **June 4 History Presentation has been postponed** until September or October.

Food & Fuel Assistance Please contact Lee Harper at missionandaction@hollischurch.org.

Are You Up To Date?

Trustees note that there currently is a 14% pledge fulfillment shortfall. Please check on and fulfill your pledges as soon as possible. We appreciate your dedication to keeping the church infrastructure running.



Flowers

Sign up to sponsor flowers at Sunday worship. The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office with plenty of dates available, or email admin@hollischurch.org to request a date and send your dedication.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us each Wednesday from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the hour. Look for the Zoom link in your email.

Christmas in July Vacation Bible School

Registration is open!! Join us July 17-20 from 9-11:30 am 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 it to a Flock class.

Spring St Shelter Chefs Needed



Our church volunteers provide dinner for the Spring Street Shelter on the second Friday of every month. You just cook the meal and deliver; we provide you with a Market Basket gift card to pay for the food. **Volunteer Chefs are needed for July, November and December.**

Please consider signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office or by contacting Lee Harper at missionandaction@hollischurch.org. What a great way for a family, a Scout troop, a neighborhood, or YOU to care for hungry people.

Deacons' Fund 101

The Deacons' Fund is used primarily to **purchase perishable food and grocery gift cards put in the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holiday food boxes** distributed to local families in need and families in residence at Marguerite's Place. It has also been used to **provide assistance to local families experiencing an emergency/crisis.**

The Deacons' Fund is not funded as part of the church operating budget (what your "regular offerings" support). Funding is from individual donations, Holiday Concert bake sale proceeds, some proceeds from various church fundraisers and church groups, and payments for Deacons on duty at funerals. Per our Bylaws, it also receives the loose (cash) offerings on four Sundays each year: the first Sundays of January, Lent, July, and October, but since we've started hybrid worship services and many congregants now use auto-pay or online giving to submit their regular offering, cash offerings have gone down considerably.

If you are interested and able to contribute to this fund, starting in June, on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month), a designated "Deacons' Fund" offering plate will be in the Narthex (it will not be passed during the Offertory). That offering plate will be exclusively for Deacons' Fund donations. If you donate by check, please make the check payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "Deacons' Fund" in the memo line. You can also contribute to the fund via our online giving at <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>. **Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program our church has been proud to provide for so many years!**