

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 29, 2022

**IMPORTANT DATES!** Please join us at two important upcoming events about our church process toward becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) Congregation:

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. - Congregational Conversation**

After worship and a time of fellowship, join us in person in Hardy Hall or by Zoom to hear more information and ask questions.

**Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. - Special Meeting of the Congregation with Vote  
WARRANT**

**(for the June 12, 2022 Special Congregational Meeting)**

To the members of the Congregational Church of Hollis, New Hampshire, (United Church of Christ) qualified to vote in Church affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet either in person in said Hollis, New Hampshire, or virtually in the Church Zoom link (which will be provided), on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 10:45 a.m. to consider the following article:

**Article 1: To see if the congregation will accept the Welcome Statement as our Church's Open and Affirming (ONA) covenant, allowing our church to be certified as an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ.**

### Welcome Statement

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

*Romans 15:7*

We, the members of the Congregational Church of Hollis, United Church of Christ, believe that all people are created in God's image and are loved, valued, and blessed by God. Understanding that repression and discrimination of any kind is incompatible with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are committed to the on-going work of inclusivity and discovering ways to live out our support and respect for all of God's beloved children. This community of faith is an Open and Affirming congregation which welcomes persons of all races, ethnic backgrounds, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, family structure, marital status, and socio-economic background. All are invited to fully share and participate in all aspects of our church life and leadership. For no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Voting will take place in the meetinghouse by show of hands, however there is a possibility that members present at the meeting will vote to have a secret ballot. Voting will also be available on Zoom using the "chat" feature for those joining virtually.

If you would like a copy of an absentee ballot, please contact the church office or watch your email for a Constant Contact meeting reminder and absentee ballot instructions.



**Free Concert Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** - On Wednesday, June 8, we will be hosting the Angel Choir. The group will arrive at approximately 4:00 p.m. for a warmup and a potluck dinner. They will be presenting a free concert, open to all, at the church at 7:00 p.m.

## May Items of the Month: 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!



**Volunteer  
Chefs  
Needed**

### 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).



**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 pm – 3:30 pm

Thursday – 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Friday -8:00 a.m. – 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...**

**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).

**United Way of Greater Nashua** – United Way is looking for 60 volunteers on Saturday, June 4th or Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm to help collect food donations at close to 15 local grocery and convenience stores. The collected food will go to food pantries and soup kitchens serving the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, and Wilton who ordinarily run low on food supplies during summer months. Volunteers may register as individuals or teams of up to 6 people. Teams from companies, clubs, faith communities, and families are encouraged to participate. Register at the link below or contact us at [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)438-2173. Register here: [https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=687914](https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=687914)