

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 5, 2022

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

Today, 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 8th 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.



Calling all Graduates!

Is there a 2022 high school or college graduate in your household? At our **June 12th** worship service, we will acknowledge our graduates and offer a prayer of blessing as they embark upon new pathways. Please let us know your graduate's name, where they're graduating from and what their future plans are! Contact the church office with the info by **Wednesday, June 8th**: sue@hollischurch.org or 465-7797.

Summer Selah Series – Each Sunday, we'll receive a new Psalm to read across the following week; you are encouraged to read it aloud each morning and/or each night, and take a moment to see how it speaks differently to you as the days pass. Which words jump out differently? Which images appeal to your imagination, or ideas suddenly clarify when they weren't as obvious the day before? What moves you, or doesn't resonate, or confuses you? At the end of each week of reading a Psalm, we'll reflect together on it during our Sabbath service.

Sunday Psalm Readings:

June 12: Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

June 19: Psalm 42 (Rocky Pond)

June 26: Psalm 46

July 3: Psalm 48

July 10: Psalm 62

July 17: Psalm 66 (Rocky Pond)

July 24: Psalm 84

July 31: Psalm 86

August 7: Psalm 96

August 14: Psalm 103:1-5, 11-18

August 21: Psalm 116

August 28: Psalm 119:1-3, 33-37, 65-66, 105

September 4: Psalm 131 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



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 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.



Mission and Action - Summer Items of the Month:

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter's **Backpacks for Back-to-School** program collects new backpacks and school supplies for families trying to live on minimum wage, staying at shelters, or coming to the soup kitchen for food. Eligible children are provided with a new backpack filled with new, grade-appropriate supplies. Throughout the summer months, we will collect items to support this program. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, August 7th.**

- **New Backpacks** for Boys and Girls, K – Grade 12
- Dry-Erase Markers for All Grades (when called up to the board)
- 8GB (or larger) Flash Drives for High School Students
- 2 inch 3-Ring Binders – required in High School
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper
- Tabbed Dividers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Protractor or Multi-piece Drafting Package
- Pencil Boxes/Pouches for Elementary School Children
- Lunch Boxes and Snack Bags for Elementary School Children
- #2 Pencils
- Hand-held Pencil Sharpeners
- Separate Erasers
- Pens
- 12-inch Rulers
- Bottled Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scotch Tape
- Staplers - Mini or Desk Size
- Student Scissors
- Safety Scissors for Younger Students
- Crayons – Boxes of 24
- Colored Pencils – Bright or Bold
- Washable Colored Markers
- Calculators For High School Students
- Dictionary (one per family)
- Index Cards



For more information or to sign up to volunteer for Backpack Packing or Distribution, go to <https://nks.org/project/nks-backpacks-for-back-to-school/> or contact Carol@nks.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 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 –noon

Wednesday – closed

Thursday – 8:00 am – noon

Friday -8:00 a.m. – noon



If you need assistance please call (603) 465-7797 during office hours or email sue@hollischurch.org or churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

Community News...

Free Concert - The Merrimack Valley Flute Choir will present a concert at the Nashua Public Library on Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 pm.