

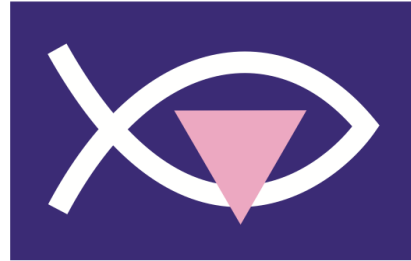
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 3, 2022

***It's official!*** The Widening Our Vision team is proud to announce that our church has been **officially certified as an Open and Affirming congregation!**

We received our certification letter (below) on June 28, becoming the 58<sup>th</sup> Open & Affirming church in the New Hampshire Conference UCC. WOV team extends heartfelt thanks to all who supported our journey to becoming an ONA church!

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING  
COALITION  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**Welcome the newest ONA church in the New Hampshire Conference!**

Dear ONA family:

Please join us in welcoming Congregational UCC in Hollis, NH, as a newly-certified Open and Affirming congregation!

As ONA church #1773, Congregational UCC is now part of the largest and fastest-growing LGBTQ-affirming church movement in the world! We're proud of Congregational UCC, and grateful to the church's leadership for the hard work that led to this milestone in their history.

The congregation will be added to the ONA map at [openandaffirming.org/find](https://openandaffirming.org/find). We've notified the UCC's Yearbook office to assure the map of UCC congregations at [ucc.org/church-finder](https://ucc.org/church-finder) also reflects their ONA status.

Please join the entire Open and Affirming movement in celebrating Congregational UCC, and in prayer that their ONA covenant will be a blessing to their LGBTQ+ neighbors, and inspire new passion and energy for living the Gospel!

Blessings,



The Rev. Andy Lang  
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**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> Rocky Pond Service** – Please note that the service on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> will be held at Scout Beach, 3 Samuels Way, Rocky Pond in Hollis, NH.



### **Butterfly Sunday- July 24**

Please join Kim Verrecchia, Kim Burton, and Lee Harper as they lead a casual worship service in Hardy Hall at 9:30am (no live-stream option this week). During this time, everyone will have an opportunity to learn all about the monarch butterfly life cycle, and even adopt an egg/caterpillar to take home and watch the miraculous transformation first-hand!

The fee for adoption is \$10, which will provide all the supplies needed to raise the butterfly. **Please email Kim and Kim by July 17** at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org) if you plan to adopt.

**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:**

July 10: Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah

<sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

<sup>12</sup>and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

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

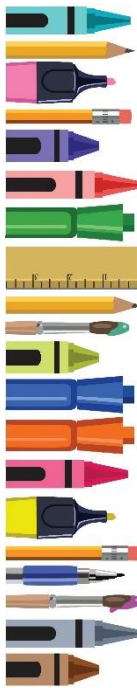
## Food & Fuel Assistance

If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org).

## 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://nsks.org/project/nsks-backpacks-for-back-to-school/> or contact [Carol@nsks.org](mailto:Carol@nsks.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.



**Summer Church Office Hours For This Week Only:**

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday – Closed  
Wednesday – 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday – 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Friday -Closed

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...**



**United Way of Greater Nashua** - United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteers to help distribute free school breakfasts and lunches outside 5 Nashua elementary schools on one or more weekday per week from July 5th to August 5th. Two shifts on each day between Monday and Friday are available for this project: 8:30am to 9:30am or 11:30am to 12:30pm. Volunteers who are available to fill in for shifts are also needed. Please contact us at [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org) or

(603)438-2173 with questions. Please register

here: [https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=703613](https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=703613)

Thank you for your help!