

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 5, 2021

You're invited!

Congregational Church of Hollis Grand Re-Opening

SAT. SEPT. 11 & SUN. SEPT. 12

We have renovated our historic church on the common, remodeling our kitchen and gathering spaces, refreshing our meetinghouse, enhancing our meeting rooms, creating a Teen Room, and transforming our outdoor space with the Jim and Jan Squires Community Patio. We can't wait to share our new spaces with you!

Saturday, Sept 11

9:30am-2:30pm **Open House**

Join us for coffee and donuts on the patio before the Hollis Old Home Days parade or at any time for fellowship and a tour.

Sunday, Sept 12

9:30am **Homecoming Service**

Our first service of the new season in the Meetinghouse, followed by fellowship time.

11:00am **Re-Opening Celebration**

We will be blessing our renovated building, rededicating our spaces, unveiling the time capsule, and recognizing contributions.

11:45am **Homecoming Picnic**

Burgers and more on the grounds of the church. In case of rain, picnic will be held in the newly renovated Hardy Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No need to RSVP, just join us.

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The Heart of our Community**

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(and briefcases!)

On Homecoming Sunday - We're sending students (and adults) back to school (or work) with our prayers and blessings!

Everyone is welcome to bring a backpack or briefcase to the 9:30 service on September 12 to receive a special blessing.

Mission & Action News

September Mission Item of the Month:



Sweaters, Coats, Jackets

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Cold weather is coming! Your donations of new or gently used clean sweaters, coats and jackets of all sizes are greatly needed. The items are collected and donated during the fall months to various agencies in the Nashua area, and will be distributed to individuals and families in need.

Ash Street Shelter

We are looking for volunteers to help with providing a meal for the Ash Street Shelter. The 2nd Friday of the month for evening meals. Dates are available for 2022. For more information or to signup contact Blharper@tds.net



Brookline Food Pantry - We are always supporting the Brookline Food Pantry, their needs are;

- **Refrigerated items** (milk, eggs, cheese, juice, butter or spread, long lasting produce, cottage cheese, yogurt, lunch meat in packages, cream cheese, and pudding snacks)
- **Frozen items** (frozen vegetables and meats)
- **Non-perishable foods** (instant potatoes, rice, rice-a-roni, ground coffee, cereal, pasta sauce, any pasta except spaghetti)

Other items (Personal hygiene items, toilet paper, paper towels)

For the perishable foods please call the Welfare Officer, Rebecca Purdin, at 673-8855 x300 and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Where is the Brookline Food Pantry?

The town food pantry is located in the lower level of the Town Hall. It can be accessed through the far door at the back of the building. The Pantry is generally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am-Noon and Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm.

Ongoing Collections...

- Diapers, Diapers, Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6
- Eyeglasses
- Old Cellphones
- Travel Size Toiletry Items

Please Note: We are no longer collecting Greeting Cards and Stationery.

Please place all donations in the M&A collection bin outside the church's center (handicapped) entrance.

Food & Fuel Assistance

If you know of someone who needs a little help with fuel or food gift cards, please let Karen Marino know at kmarino360@gmail.com.



Flowers –Sign up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. Just 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 link in your email.



NEW Office Hours

Office hours for this program year (September-May) will be:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday 8am-3:30pm

Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm

Thursday 8am-3:30 pm

Friday 8am-12pm

If you need assistance please call (603) 465-7797 during office hours.



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Thank you for your support of the United Church of Christ's International Disaster Efforts. Because of you, we have helped thousands in the midst of devastation and loss. We turn to you again as we assist with relief efforts in Haiti.

"The island of Haiti suffered major damages and loss of life," said the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, associate general minister, Wider Church Ministries and Operations. "We are issuing an appeal through the Global H.O.P.E. team to assist with short-term and long-term recovery needs." A massive 7.2 earthquake has killed more than 1,500 people to-date. Search and rescue efforts are expected to be hampered by Tropical Depression Grace, which came ashore on Monday, August 16.

"The funds raised will support immediate relief efforts assisting survivors as well as to have resources for long-term rebuild opportunities," said Joshua Baird, team leader of Global H.O.P.E. Baird was in touch with the partner networks and said that the ACT Alliance reports that more than 60-percent of the people of Haiti have been impacted by the disaster. Both the ACT Alliance and Church World Service have spoken about "significant infrastructure challenges," with road closures due to civil unrest compounded by earthquake damage.

"We hold our partners and Haitian siblings in our thoughts and prayers through this time of suffering."

With you, the United Church of Christ can provide the needed resources for those experiencing extreme loss in Haiti. We appreciate your gift.

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BoV Time Capsule Input Wanted...

Notes from you about “My thoughts, concerns, advice, hopes, and prayers”



The 2020-2021 renovation time capsule box will be sealed for Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. It is built from the east lawn maple tree brought down in March 2020 in preparation for construction of the new fellowship stairs from the Sanctuary to Hardy Hall. The box will be opened in April 2043 for the 300th anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Daniel Emerson, the church's first minister.

The time capsule box will be displayed inside the church (as a locked box) rather than buried. **A variety of items will be placed inside the box, including pre-printed cards/paper for each of us to fill out, sharing our thoughts, concerns, advice, hopes, and prayers at this 2021 moment in time.** We would love to get note cards to put inside the time capsule from as many individuals as possible (children included!) Tell your 2043-self and others (some not yet born) all about you, your community, and the world as you see it.

We sincerely hope everyone will partake in this activity so in 2043, parishioners at that time (including some of us, our children, and grandchildren) can get a wonderful sense of how we were feeling at this time. All input will remain unread – the time capsule team recognizes and respects that these documented thoughts are for the eyes of our future selves, as well as for parishioners unknown at this time. Things are changing at lightning speed, so it's quite certain that in 2043 things will be very different and those reading the cards will very much enjoy hearing about our thoughts today!

Time Capsule Input Time Line

Between now and Homecoming Sunday (ideally no later than September 10th) – **Print and fill out your form (see below)**

1. **Bring it** to a Sunday service in a sealed envelope marked "Time Capsule" on the outside. You can give it to a Deacon or Rev. Tanya.
2. **Mail it** to the Congregational Church of Hollis, 3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049 Attn: Time Capsule
3. **Email it** (ideally as an attachment) to timecapsuleinput@hollischurch.org and it will be printed and put in an envelope to be put in the time capsule.

September 12th Homecoming Sunday – Time Capsule dedication and sealing/locking

April 2043 – Time capsule opened (300th anniversary of the first pastor being ordained)



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Name _____

Age _____

2021 Time Capsule

Share your thoughts, hopes, prayers, a drawing or doodle, or whatever else you would like people to know about you at this 2021-moment-in-time when the time capsule is opened and this is read in 2043.-
