

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19, 2021

COVID Update

Protocols and Gathering Guidelines

Because our area is at a “substantial transmission” rate for the Covid-19 virus (50 to 99+ weekly new cases per 100,000 residents), we feel a responsibility to mitigate the risk of transmission for those who come to our church. We encourage you to read our complete [Protocols and Gathering Guidelines](#) to learn the details and reasoning behind our policies regarding masks, vaccinations, and protocols for in-person attendance at services, programs (including Church School activities), and events.

Regarding masks and vaccinations, please note that the current guidelines state:

- We now *require* that anyone over the age of 2 attending an *indoor* service, meeting, or event wear a proper face mask (a well-fitted mask that covers the nose and mouth) For *outdoor* gatherings, masks are *optional*. Please respect 3’ social distancing guidelines.
- Attendance at any worship gathering continues to be open to everyone either in-person or via Zoom. **Masks are required for in-person attendance.** If you have not yet received the Covid-19 vaccine, we respectfully request you attend via Zoom.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep our community safe by following these protocols!



2021 Christmas Fair

We will be holding the Christmas Fair this year, much in the same way we did last year. With the ever-changing COVID protocols, we thought it best to start planning the online portion of the fair and then add in any other additional in-person events, if possible. Many updates will follow in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned. Collections of items will be taken for the following, starting immediately:

- **Silent Auction items – Due by November 1st**
- **Raffle basket items – Due by November 1st**

Donations can be anything from one item to a whole basket! Basket items must be new and in original packaging.

*Items can be left in the Christian Education bin (the one to the right of the doors) outside the handicap entrance, or for more secure drop off, please drop off during office hours:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday noon – 3:30 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon.

In addition, we need volunteers to solicit to local businesses for auction items. Anyone interested in helping with mailings, picking up of items and cataloging, please email sue@hollischurch.org.

We greatly appreciate all donations and look forward to a wonderful holiday season!

~Church Fair Planning Committee



Is there a college student in your family?

Please provide us with **freshmen names and addresses** (*even if they're attending from home!*) and **email addresses** for newsletters and our freshman care package project.

Update college addresses/emails of **upperclassmen** so we can send them our monthly newsletters, too. Contact the church office (churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797) with info.

I've been meaning to ask... a series for curiosity, courage & connection Study Journal with art, poetry, & prompts for fostering deeper connection are available outside the church office or you can contact sue@hollischurch.org for an electronic copy.

The **September/October issue of *The Upper Room*** is available in regular and large print outside the entrances to the meetinghouse or by contacting the church office. *The Upper Room* is a daily devotional magazine written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing—both laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The meditations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone.

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. Sign up on the Mission & Action bulletin board outside the church office. For more information or to signup contact Blharper@tds.net



Food Pantry Needs

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. 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 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.