

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 1, 2023

### Activities for the Week

Sunday, October 1	Communion Worship/The Flock/3rd Grade Bible Sunday Christmas Fair Meeting Apple Festival	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm
Monday, October 2	CE Board	7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 3	Prayer Shawl Meeting Music Board	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 4	Zoom Coffee Hour	7:00 pm
Thursday, October 5	Choir	7:00 pm
Sunday, October 8	Worship and The Flock Faith and Blue Coffee with a Cop Blessing of the Animals (Little Nichols Field)	9:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm

**Office Hours** are Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am–12:00 pm. The office is closed Mondays.

**Deacons' Fund Donation Plate** Each first Sunday of the month, please note the Deacons' Fund donation plates located at the entrances. If you are interested and able to contribute to this fund, the plates are exclusively for Deacons' Fund donations in addition to today's loose offering. To donate by check, please make payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "Deacons' Fund" in the memo line. You can also contribute via our online link at <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>. Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program!

**Is there a college freshman in your family?** Please provide us with freshman names and street mailing addresses. The Mission & Action Board would like to send an expression of our caring. You can forward the mailing addresses to [churchoffie@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffie@hollischurch.org) or call us at 603-465-7797.



**Christmas Fair News** Saturday, November 18 from 9am-2pm is the date for our annual tradition, with lunch served 11am-1:30 pm. The Angel Loft, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Book Room, and visits with Santa are perennial favorites. All year we look forward to this event, but it takes many volunteers to make it a success.

Come join in the behind-the-scenes fun at our first planning meeting, **TODAY at 11:00 am** and learn about how you can participate. We're also looking for donations of goods and contributions for raffle baskets. For more information, contact Carol Birch or email [FandH@hollischurch.org](mailto:FandH@hollischurch.org).

**Hollis Apple Festival and Band Concert** Another annual tradition to celebrate will take place this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm. While you're enjoying apple pie, apple crisp and ice cream, stroll about, greet friends, neighbors, and newcomers and listen to the Hollis Town Band perform music enjoyable for all ages. This is a can't-miss event!



**Ready-to-go meals** For people or families with health challenges or temporary difficulties, we have prepared frozen meals that can be delivered to help meet a need. Mac and cheese, chicken and rice, soups, and vegetarian options are all available. Please contact Lee Harper or Kimber Harmon for more information.

**Admin position available** We are realigning, redefining, and updating our church staff, and as a result, there is a new substantial admin role to be filled. This person will be responsible for all church communications, newsletter and bulletin prep, website maintenance, social media publicity, weekly AV setup, reception duties, and liaison with boards and committees. If you are interested or know someone whose skills would meet these needs, please email [personnel@hollischurch.org](mailto:personnel@hollischurch.org). The job posting will appear on the church website, Facebook page, and job boards. The position does not require church membership, so spread the word in the community!

**Singers Wanted** for the Hollis Town Band 2023 Christmas Chorus and concert December 9 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays beginning October 18 (except for Nov. 22), with NO AUDITIONS...if you breathe, you are automatically in! All parts are welcome, and if you're not sure what part would be best for you, no worries, help will be provided. For more information, call 603-883-2448, or email [htbdirector@gmail.com](mailto:htbdirector@gmail.com).

**Calling Out to Everyone** Consider becoming a Flock or Nursery volunteer! Share a talent, teach, play, learn from children, or simply give parents a chance to attend worship. Any length commitment is gratefully welcomed. Contact Kim at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org) to learn more.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** In addition to shawls, we are now making baby blankets for baptisms, hats and scarves to help keep local students warm during the cold winter months, and prayer squares, available to all in the Narthex. If you are unable to attend 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:00 am meetings in person, we would love to have anyone who knits at home join our ministry. For questions, please contact Patricia Cordell at [patricia.cordell27@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.cordell27@gmail.com).



**Mission and Action Collections** New and clean gently-used sweaters, jackets and coats will be distributed by Davis Funeral Home locally to our partner agencies. All sizes are needed. We are also supporting the Brookline Food Pantry that is in need of chewable vitamins, mayo, mustard, toilet paper, shelf-stable milk, broths, shredded wheat/bran cereal, and grain side dishes. Drop items in the basket near the elevator or in the bins outside the accessible entrance and help keep our neighbors warm and fed this winter.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** Join each Wednesday between 10:00-11:00 am. Look for a Zoom email link.

**Food & Fuel Assistance** Please contact Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org) if you or someone you know could use temporary assistance.

**Volunteer Tutors Needed** United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteers to tutor K-12 students primarily during after school hours at youth organizations in Nashua. Tutors may select the subject, grade level, and time. Background checks are required. Contact [tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org) or 603-882-4011 to sign up or to register your child for tutoring.

**New Little Free Pantry** Nonperishables and hygiene items are available 24 hours a day outside Crossway Christian Church at 33 Pine Street in Nashua, in a small, colorful shed to the right of the building. If you're in need of food support, stop by and take what you need, or donate canned/jar goods, can openers and hygiene items on the shelves. No food in boxes or bags can be accepted. Contact [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) for more information.



**Flowers** Sign up to sponsor Sunday worship flowers! The calendar and instructions are posted outside the church office, or email [admin@hollischurch.org](mailto:admin@hollischurch.org) to request a date and send your dedication.

**Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk:** This is our 39<sup>th</sup> year! The walk will take place on Sunday, October 22, beginning and ending at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is from 12 to 1pm with opening ceremonies at 1pm and stepping out at 1:30pm. To sign up, you can start your own team (indicate what faith community you are connected to) and raise money online at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/nashuanh>, or you can find us on Facebook; search for Nashua Cropwalk.

