ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 9, 2022

Blessing of the Animals Service *and* Blessing for the Community & Vigil of Understanding

TODAY, Oct 9, at 2 p.m. Come celebrate the Blessing of the Animals Service! Please bring your pet (leashed or crated, for safety's sake) or a photo of your pet to Little Nichol's Field behind the library and gather with other pet-lovers in our congregation and community to give thanks and ask God's special blessing on our non-human family members—honoring and celebrating the ways our pets and so many other creatures bless our own lives. Also, feel free to invite friends and neighbors; they're welcome, too!

The Blessing for the Community & Vigil of Understanding

Strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust, and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when we all work together, neighborhoods thrive. On Sunday, October 9, all are invited to join the Hollis Police Department and Hollis Congregational Church as we celebrate **#FaithandBlue** in Hollis, New Hampshire. Reverend Tanya Stormo Rasmussen will lead us in a Blessing of the Animals and a Blessing for the Community. Additionally, a Vigil of Understanding with members of the Hollis Police Department, including Chief Joseph Hoebeke, will be held. **Please consider bringing a canned food or other non-perishable food item** to be donated to the local food bank.

The Flock Underwear Drive

The Flock's annual community service project is here, and they are collecting underwear! **New** underwear (all sizes - men, women, & children) for Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Please place packages in the marked bin outside the church center (handicap) entrance. **Collection Deadline is October 16 !**

Nursery - Our staffed nursery welcomes babies and toddlers during the 9:30 a.m. worship service

throughout the program year, September – late May. When you bring your infant or toddler to the nursery, you will be asked to sign your child in/out and to leave a cell phone number. This gives you the peace of mind knowing we can text you should your child you during the service. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Kim Burton at ce@hollischurch.org. We look forward to spending time with your little one!

Is there a college student in your family?

Please provide us with freshmen names and addresses so they can receive a care package from our Mission & Action Board. Also, update all college student addresses for our newsletters. Email addresses to churchoffice@hollischurch.org or call us at 603-465-7797.

The deadline for the November edition of *The Chimes* monthly newsletter is **Saturday, October 15.** Please submit all articles in writing to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

Christmas Fair News!

Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
This year's Christmas Fair will be all in-person!
Luncheon served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with entertainment!
All your favorites will be back, Basket Raffle, Book Room, Angel Loft, Silent Auction & Santa!

WHAT IS NEEDED	WHAT TO DO
Volunteers needed to assist with Silent Auction.	For more information email sue@hollischurch.org or stop in the church office
Volunteers needed to run the "New to You" room	For more information email sue@hollischurch.org or stop in the church office
Volunteers needed to run the Fashion Boutique	For more information email sue@hollischurch.org or stop in the church office. If we do not get any volunteers, we will not be able to office the Fashion Boutique this year.
Donations for Book Room	Gently used books, puzzles, and games
Donations for Angel Loft	New or *gently used* small trinkets for baby siblings to grandparents, jewelry, and things for Dad. Also, Christmas or plain gift bags are needed.
Donations for Silent Auction and "New to You" table.	New or gently used Items, hand crafted items, and gift cards can be dropped off to the church office. For more information contact sue@hollischurch.org.or to access a donation form go to: https://hollischurch.org/auction-donation-form/
Donations for Basket Raffle	Be creative! Donate a basket from your family or get together with friends! Please, baskets must have at least 5 items to be complete. Email ce@hollischurch.org with your theme by Nov. 6 so we can look forward to what is coming! Items can be left in the church office or dropped off in Flagg Room.
Donations of 8oz Jelly Jars	Please drop off jars in the bin outside the center (handicap) entrance or in the church office.

Everything you need to know about Raffle Baskets!

- Basket ticket sales will be in-person this year (no online option)
    - 1. Tickets may be purchased the day of the fair
    - 2. Pre-sale tickets will be available through mail-in or drop-off
- Basket themes will be announced in a few weeks- STAY TUNED!
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Do You Like to Sing? On December 10th, our Women's Fellowship and the Hollis Town Band will present a holiday concert, collecting non-perishable food for our church's holiday baskets as "admission." A community chorus will perform with the band at the holiday concert.

Come join the Community Christmas Chorus! This is a short-term 8-week commitment for anyone who loves to sing. All chorus members must be vaccinated against COVID19. *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you're in!* All voices needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 19**, but you can still join even if you can't make it on the 19th — just come when you can!

October Items of the Month: Non-Perishable Food Items

This month, your donations will support the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Brookline Food

Pantry. Brookline's Pantry is a source for those in need not just in Brookline, but also Hollis, Milford, Mason, Jaffrey and Townsend. They help with refilling the pantries that our community desperately need.

Ongoing Needs include: Boxed Mac & Cheese, Crackers (Saltines/Ritz), Broth (chicken/beef/veggie), Juice Boxes, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Sugar, Granola Bars, Ready-to-Eat Beef Soups, Chips, Salt and Pepper.

Please leave your donations after hours, in the gray Mission & Action collection bin at the center entrance, or in the rolling cart inside that entrance, during office hours.

Food & Fuel Assistance

If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at missionandaction@hollischurch.org.

The **Caring Connection Ministry Team** reaches out to anyone who might like a phone call, an email, a hand-written note, a visit, and for any reason: a happy occasion, a simple reminder our church cares about them and wants to stay connected, a loss, an illness, and on, and on. The team can also provide meal delivery (prepared by the **Caring Cooks Meal Ministry Team**) to congregants and the local community when a life event makes meal preparation and/or the ability to leave home difficult (go to https://hollischurch.org/caring-cooks-meal-request/ and submit form to request meal delivery).

If you or someone you know might appreciate contact from a member of our Caring Connection Ministry Team, please contact us at **caringconnection@hollischurch.org**.

Coffee Hour – Virtual 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 For This Week:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30
Wednesday – 12:30 – 3:30
Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30
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…

United We Sleep - Youth Groups and Youth Leaders are invited to be part of United We Sleep, which is an event where community members come together to raise awareness about youth homelessness, learn what challenges our most vulnerable neighbors face, and how individuals can be part of making a positive change. The event is being held overnight from **October 14th to 15th** in Nashua at the Nashua Community College. Funds raised through this event go to support the Community Safety Net Grants made by the United Way of Greater Nashua to make our communities healthier, more educated, more

successful, and resilient. Youth under 18 must be under the direction of an adult and can stay for a portion of the event or sleepout with others, while the adult is present. Please email Mike Apfelberg at info@unitedwaynashua.org for more information.

Hollis Boy Scout Troop 12 - Please join Hollis Boy Scout Troop 12 this November in celebrating their 100 year anniversary. There will be various events 11/4 - 11/6 including a Troop 12 Expo, outdoor activities, a service project, and more. Please find details and updates, as well as registration links on our website at "https://t12centennial.wixsite.com/website".
For questions contact t12centennial@gmail.com. We would like to include your stories, pictures, and memories so please reach out if you would like to share.