

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 17, 2021

Notice from Trustees - Join us at two important upcoming events about church finances, including an update on renovation costs and funding, and a proposal to spend up to \$120K in church assets to cover remaining unfunded renovation expenses.

Sunday 10/24 at 11:00 a.m. - Info Session - After worship and fellowship, join us in person in Hardy Hall or by Zoom to hear more information and ask questions.

Sunday 11/7 at 10:45 a.m. - Special Meeting of the Congregation with Vote. Details of the warrant and meeting format to be announced.



2021 Christmas Fair is going Hybrid!

We plan to have a small in-person fair to go along with our online fair. CRAFT TABLE & ANGEL LOFT will be back this year! Volunteers needed!

DATE: Saturday, November 20th

TIME: 10 AM – 2 PM

LOCATION: Hardy Hall

Collections of items will be taken for the following:

- **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! Anyone interested in helping with the online or in-person, please email sue@hollischurch.org.

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

~Church Fair Planning Committee

UCC Annual Meeting - Our church will feature in several ways during the worship service of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC Annual Meeting this year! Our choir will be singing, Ann Siglin will be offering a prayer, Charles Lewis is reading the Scripture, and at the conclusion, you'll get a panoramic of our church with the church bell ringing. Because the Annual Meeting is once again entirely remote this year, all of these pieces are pre-recorded. But that means you'll be able to access the service on the New Hampshire Conference, UCC website (www.nhcucc.org) as of Today!--check it out!



Annual Stewardship Drive

We've been meaning to ask: ***What if you could do something that will bring you closer to God and His grace, strengthen your faith, be of tremendous help, and give you and others great joy?***

We are, of course, referring to the practice of Generous Giving in support of Christian Stewardship, where stretching your comfort level of giving a bit toward it becoming a sacrifice allows for God's grace and reassurance of actual abundance to enter your soul and strengthen your faith. Pledge cards have been mailed to your homes and will be arriving soon. **We ask that you complete your pledge by Pledge Sunday, Nov 7**, either online at our website under the "Giving" tab (<https://hollischurch.org/annual-pledge/>), or by completing the Pledge Card, and returning it to the Church (Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC; 3 Monument Sq, Hollis, NH 03049) or in an offering plate at Sunday service. If you have questions, please ask one of us.

Blessings & Gratitude to you,

The Stewardship Board – Chris Hyde, Dee Wagner, Beth Harper

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Monthly meetings of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held in Emerson Chapel on the first Tuesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., beginning on November 2nd. No previous experience in making shawls is necessary, just bring your coffee along and join us! If you're interested in learning more about this Ministry, examples of shawls and prayer squares will be available. Any questions, email Irene at rinorian@comcast.net or Patricia at patricia.cordell27@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

A Note from Nominating –The Nominating Committee has actively begun its work to fill church Board and Committee positions. We hope you will use your time and talent to make a difference in one of the following areas: Christian Education, Mission & Action, Deacons, Music, Stewardship and Conference Delegates. Please contact the board with any questions you may have : NOMINATING@hollischurch.org

Thank you,

Nominating Committee

Mission & Action News

October Items of the Month:

Snacks and more for College Freshman Care Packages

It's back to school for our college Freshmen.

Please consider bringing some cheer to our students, some of whom are on their own for the first time. We would love to show them some *back home lovin'* as they make their way out in the new world.

Suggested items are:

- ◆ microwave popcorn ◆ microwavable mac and cheese
- ◆ granola bars ◆ protein bars ◆ single serving snacks
- ◆ cocoa mix ◆ Nerf balls ◆ Silly Putty
- ◆ fun post-its or paper clips ◆ small toys or games

Deadline for care package collections is **Today** so we can mail them out by the end of the month.



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 Zoom link in your email.



Church 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.

Community News...

Do You Like to Sing?

In December, 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 December 11th concert.

Come join the Community Christmas Chorus! This is a short-term 8-week commitment for anyone who loves to sing. *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you’re in!* All voices needed! **COVID vaccination required.** All participants must present proof of vaccination at the door. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 20**, but you can still join even if you can’t make it on the 20th — just come when you can!



Community Christmas Chorus

Nashua Soup Kitchen – Watch for our “30 Days of Giving for the Holidays” list on our Facebook page & our website to help fill our Holiday Food Boxes.