

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 24, 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.

Today 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. If joining by Zoom, the same meeting link will be used as the worship service.

Sunday 11/7 at 10:45 a.m. - Special Meeting of the Congregation with Vote.

WARRANT

(for the November 7, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting)

To the members of the Congregational Church of Hollis, New Hampshire, (United Church of Christ) qualified to vote in Church affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Church (either in person or via Zoom link) in said Hollis, New Hampshire, on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 10:45 a.m. to consider the following article:

Article 1: To see if the congregation will authorize utilization of interest, dividends, and capital appreciation from the Church endowment to pay down the renovation loan, not to exceed the amount of \$120,000. Any additional BOV renovation donations received beyond that which has already been pledged will be returned to endowment as a repayment. Any additional funds beyond that would be allocated to the church's Capital Reserve fund for future building needs.

Cherie Moreno
Church Clerk

Nominating - The Nominating Committee would like to spotlight the following fun ways to apply your talent(s). We hope you will consider serving on one of the following Boards:

Available Positions: Christian Education, Mission & Action, Deacons, Music, Stewardship, Conference Delegates. Each week we will spotlight (2) boards/committees and provide descriptions of each, to help you make your decision. This week, we are featuring the:

Board of Christian Stewardship (3 positions OPEN) - Each year this board chooses a thoughtful theme for the Fall Stewardship campaign. Then it plans how to rollout the campaign to the congregation. Members work closely with the Pastor, Trustees and Church Council.

Board of Deacons (2 positions OPEN) - With the Pastor, Deacons direct the ministry of the church and promote the spiritual life of the church through its worship, faith, and outreach. They determine the order of worship and provide the necessary pulpit supply in the absence of the Pastor. They participate in the administration of the sacraments. They receive and examine all requests for admission to church membership. Deacons visit at the homes of the elderly, the sick, and the bereaved. They minister to the needs of the parish families and inform administrators of the Deacons Fund, other board committees, and the Pastor when their services are required. They express the concern of the church for those who are shut-in or hospitalized, either through correspondence, flowers, or personal calls.

Feel free to contact the Nominating Board with any questions you may have at:

NOMINATING@hollischurch.org

Thank you,
Nominating Committee



2021 Christmas Fair is going Hybrid!

Online Auction AND Raffle Basket Ticket Sales
November 10th to November 20th

In-Person Christmas Fair (scaled-down)
10am-2pm on Saturday, November 20th

Volunteers Needed - Please see the sign-up sheet outside the office to help with any of the following: Set up/Clean up, Raffle ticket sales, Bake Sale, Letters to Santa, Floating Helpers.

You can also email sue@hollischurch.org or CE@hollischurch.org for more info or to sign up as well.

Items Needed

Silent Auction - New or gently used items and gift cards

Angel Loft – Our Angel Loft is fully stocked, but we're not going to turn away any fabulous item you've been saving for our little ones to give to their moms, dads and grandparents and siblings.

Raffle Baskets – New individual items or completed baskets welcome! For more information email Kim & Kim at ce@hollischurch.org ASAP.

Craft Items - Craft/handmade items that you would like to donate. Please contact Debbe Shipman at deb3ship@tds.net or 603-465-7645

*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. (Reduced hours this week only, see office hours.)

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

~Church Fair Planning Committee



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

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.



From The technology Team – The team will be trialing a change to our hybrid services. They will be using a live stream Youtube link, instead of the Zoom format. Youtube provides a better video and is accommodating to music. You will be sent a link in the normal invitation to service, simply click on it and you will be connected to the service. There is a chat feature so you can type your prayer requests or celebrations to share with the congregation. There is no audio feature in Youtube that allows the viewer to speak. The service will be recorded as our Zoom services have been. The plan is to start the Youtube trial on Nov. 7 (or perhaps the 14th). We ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward to improve our remote services.

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!

Mission & Action Ongoing Collections...

- Diapers ▪ Eyeglasses ▪ Travel size Toiletries
- Used Cell Phones ▪ Items for the Brookline Food Pantry

Please Note: We are no longer collecting Greeting Cards and Stationery. A drop box for Holiday Cards 4 Our Military is located outside the Hollis Pharmacy. They will accept cards and stationery.

We have collection bins in the coat cubby inside the church's center (handicapped) entrance. Please place your donations of eyeglasses, cell phones and travel toiletries in their new bins. Donations may also be dropped in the M&A collection bin outside the church's center (handicapped) entrance. **Still accepting winter coats & Jackets**

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.



Special Church Office Hours This Week Due to Vacation

Office hours this week will be:

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday 12:30-3:30pm
- Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm
- Thursday Closed
- Friday Closed

If you need assistance please call (603) 465-7797 during office hours or email sue@hollischurch.org.

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. Rehearsals have begun, but you can still join us — 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.