

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 7, 2021

REMINDER - Join us for a Special Meeting of the Congregation TODAY after service.

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

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 TODAY**, 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

HYMN Sing – November 14 after worship on the Squires Patio!

Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing on the Squires Patio immediately following the service on November 14. We'll provide the keyboard and some lyric sheets - you'll be able to sing, without a mask, as loudly as you'd like! The fun will only last for 20 - 30 minutes. Hope to see you there!



From The Technology Team – The team will be trialing a change to our hybrid services. Beginning in December, they will be using a live stream YouTube link, instead of the Zoom platform. YouTube provides a better video and is accommodating to music, our musical experience with Zoom has been very challenging. You will be sent a link in the normal invitation to service, simply click on it and you will be connected to the service. The only difference will be that remote participants can't "unmute". 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. 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!



November Item of the Month: Support our GIVING TREE

This year the **GIVING TREE** will be supporting the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place, two organizations that our church has supported for many years.

Choose a name tag from our Christmas Tree after worship on **Sunday, November 21**. The tree will either be in Hardy Hall or the Squires Patio, depending on the weather.

All gifts will be due back to the church by Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

If you are unable to attend church on November 21, please call or email Karen Marino and she will deliver the tags to you. She can be reached at 603.465.2463 or

kmarino360@gmail.com.

If shopping is not an option for you, **you may make a monetary donation toward fulfilling the "Christmas wishes" of the children.** Checks should be payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis, with *Giving Tree* on the memo line. Donations are needed by December 12, 2021 to allow time for M&A to shop to fulfill the children's wishes.

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.

2022 Calendars – Do you have too many calendars for 2022 already? We will gladly take any extras you may have to donate to "SHARE of Milford".

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.

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



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 this week will be:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 8:00 am-3:30pm

Wednesday - 12:30-3:30pm

Thursday – 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday -8:00 am - noon

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

Scouting for Food



Did you know that our church receives food from the 'Scouting for Food' Campaign to help fill our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets? Your participation helps us all. What goes around, comes around...

Hollis Scouts will again be participating in Scouting for Food. The Hollis scouts will dropped off tags with information on Saturday, November 6, and will **collect filled bags on Saturday, November 13.** Please consider donating any canned or

dry foods (NO GLASS or perishables). **Leave the bags out in a visible place by your door or near your mailbox NO LATER than 8 am on the 13th, rain or shine.** Scouts will not ring the doorbell to collect donations. If your bag has not been picked up by 11 am, please use the drop box at the handicapped entrance of the church.

The scouting community would like to thank you in advance for your generous donations. Someone will enjoy a nice meal because of your generosity.

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.



Community
Christmas
Chorus

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!



2021 Christmas Fair is going Hybrid!

**Online Auction AND Raffle Basket Ticket Sales
(See Basket Order Form Attached)
November 10th to November 20th**

**In-Person Christmas Fair (scaled-down)
10am-2pm on Saturday, November 20th
Raffle Baskets, Angel Loft, Crafts, Puzzles, Baked Goods, Lunch,
Pre-ordered Pies and more!**

Volunteers Needed - Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the Parkhurst Room to help.
You can also email sue@hollischurch.org or CE@hollischurch.org for more info or to sign up as well.

Christmas Fair Items Needed

Used Puzzles – All sizes and age groups

Baked Goods – Sign up to provide baked goods for the day of the fair.

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.

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.

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

~Church Fair Planning Committee

2021 Raffle Basket Ticket Order Form

Form MUST be received by Friday, November 19

Drop off to the church office or mail to 3 Monument Sq. Hollis, NH 03049



Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Pricing: 1 ticket for \$1 6 tickets for \$5 25 tickets for \$20

Checks can be made payable to Hollis Congregational Church, memo line: Raffle tickets

Number of tickets purchased _____ \$ Amount enclosed _____

Please indicate which basket(s) you would like to enter your tickets into, and how many tickets:

_____ tickets for Basket Letter _____ _____ tickets for Basket Letter _____
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Basket Letter and Corresponding Themes:

A- Stonewall Kitchen Holiday Breakfast	K- Monadnock Oil & Vinegar
B- Italian #1	L - Busy Boy
C- Jigsaw Puzzles Galore	M - DIY Spa
D- Tunes & Tea	N - It's a Wrap
E- Warm Drinks	O - Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
F- Brain Benders	P - Holiday Entertaining
G- Teen Girl	Q - Snowed In
H- Cards & Candy	R - Homemade Goodies
I- Family Fun	S - Chocoholics
J- Italian #2	

Basket photos and content lists can be viewed at <https://hollischurch.org/2021-christmas-fair/christmas-fair-raffle-baskets-2021/>

Thank you for participating, and GOOD LUCK!
Winners will be drawn on Saturday, November 20 at 2:00pm