# ANNOUNCEMENTS November 27, 2022

**Loaves and Lessons: Advent Series** -Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle and spend some sacred time enjoying a meal and fellowship on **Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:45** in Hardy Hall. The discussions will be based on readings from *Recipes for a Sacred Life: True Stories and a Few Miracles* by Rivvy Neshama (6 copies available in the church office).

A delicious home-made meal will be served each week courtesy of members of the Kitchen Mission team. (Vegetarian and Gluten Free options will be available.) Please sign up for each session, incl. number of guests and dietary restrictions at Signup Genius

: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ACAC29A7FF2-loaves or calling the Church Office.

The schedule and meal is as follows:

| Date  | Theme  | Menu  |
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| 12/1  | HOPE & Sacred Time: Focus reading from: Recipes: "In the Woods" (pp. 59-61)                | Corn Chowder, Potato Rolls,<br>Chocolate Mallow Pie                       |
| 12/8  | LOVE & Sacred People: Focus reading: "Looking for God in All the Wrong Places" (pp. 77-78) | Tomato Bisque, Grilled Cheese<br>Berry Cobbler                            |
| 12/15 | JOY & Sacred Space: Focus reading: "A Sacred Space" (pp. 152-153)                          | Stuffed Cabbage Soup, Irish Soda<br>Bread, Carrot Cake                    |
| 12/22 | PEACE & Sacred Knowing:<br>Focus reading: "Looking for Light" (pp. 190-193)                | Beef and Bean Chili, Veggie Chili,<br>Corn Bread<br>Cinnamon Rice Pudding |

We hope you can join us to prepare for the sacred season of Christmas with food and fellowship!



Have You Pledged for 2023? Please get your pledges in so the Trustees can complete their plans for the 2023 budget. Pledge cards are available outside the church office or you can complete your pledge online through the church website. We also have electronic giving options that allow you to fulfill your pledge electronically as well. Thank you for your support!

**The Hollis Town Band & Christmas Chorus** - Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 7:00 pm Hollis-Brookline High School Rt. 122, Hollis, N.H. Presented by: Hollis Congregational Church Women's Fellowship ADMISSION CHARGE: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS (No glass containers please) For more information call 603-883-2448 www.hollistownband.com

#### **November Items of the Month**

This month we continue collecting **non-perishable foods and other items** for the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the Brookline Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the collection bins at the front doors.

- Instant Potatoes
- Ground Coffee
- Pasta Sauce
- Any Pasta ~ except spaghetti
- Rice-a-Roni
- Rice
- Cereal
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

**Food & Fuel Assistance** -If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at <a href="missionandaction@hollischurch.org">missionandaction@hollischurch.org</a>

**The Nominating Committee** would like to spotlight the following positions on our Boards/Committees. Each week we will share a description of one of the committees and their responsibilities. Please contact the Nominating to submit your name for a Board or Committee or to get further information **Nominating@hollischurch.org** 

Current positions to be filled:

- 1. Christian Education 3 Adult/1 Youth
- 2. Deacons **2** positions
- 3. Music 2 positions
- 4. Nominating 2 positions
- 5. Stewardship 3 positions
- 6. Delegate to NH Conference 1 position
- 7. Church Clerk 1 position

**Spotlight of the week – Christian Education Board –** Meets on 1st Monday at 7:30 pm The Board of Christian Education is responsible for the educational ministry for all people of the church.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Oversee and support all Faith Formation programs, activities, volunteers and staff
- Provide adult learning opportunities in partnership with the pastor
- Ensure teacher training and adherence of Safe Church policy for all youth activities
- Provide support and leadership for youth ministries (e.g., Confirmation, Youth Groups, and Mission Trip)
- Explore the NHCUCC offerings for programs and making connections beyond our church
- Represent the Christian Education Board on Church Council

**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 need you during the service. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Kim Burton at <a href="mailto:ce@hollischurch.org">ce@hollischurch.org</a>. We look forward to spending time with your little one!

**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 <u>sue@hollischurch.org</u> or churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

### Community News...

**The American Red Cross of Northern New England** is seeking volunteers to share their time with supporting local mission critical initiatives. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

**Holiday Cards for Troops** – Anyone interested helping Laura Landerman-Garber with her "Holiday Cards for Troops" effort, she needs help with proof reading, counting and bundling cards. You can reach her at holidaycardsnh@gmail.com



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## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

To place Christmas poinsettia plants in the church on December 18<sup>th</sup> as a memorial to a loved one or in honor of a special person or occasion, please fill out the form below.

|   | special person or occasion, please fill out the form below. |                                      |
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|   | I would like to orderquantity) to be placed in              | poinsettias (please show the church. |
| I am enclosing cash/check               | x in the amount of  |                                      |
| -                                       |   | ( <b>\$10.00</b> per plant)          |
| Checks made payable to:                 | The Congregational Churc                                    | ch of Hollis                         |
| This plant is giveni                    | n loving memory of  |                                      |
| OR in                                   | n honor of:   |                                      |
|   |   |                                      |
| BY:                                     |   |                                      |
| ( <u>PRINT</u> YOU                      | R NAME(S) EXACTLY A   | S IT SHOULD APPEAR)                  |
|   | Telephone:  |                                      |
| I wish my plant TO hospitals or nursing |   | or members of our church family in   |
| I WILL PICK UP 1                        | ny plant(s) after the second                                | d service on Sunday, December 18,    |

Please return this form to: The Congregational Church of Hollis 3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022