

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 5, 2021



**Advent Devotional Discussion Group** – Rev. Tanya will facilitate an Advent devotional discussion group on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. This will be a hybrid gathering (in-person in Parkhurst Room, and a Zoom link will be provided). We'll be talking about "The Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to Mary Oliver's *Devotions*". In this Advent devotional, biblical texts and accessible practices interact with Oliver's poems to create a four-week journey to Christmas morning. All you'll need is your favorite Bible and Oliver's *Devotions* (all the poems can also be found online). Week by week, we'll walk through the woods and along the seashore, with Mary Oliver as our guide. Just email [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org) if you'd like an electronic copy, or pick up a copy from the print resources display outside the Church Office.

**From The Technology Team** – Beginning today December 5th, we will be using a live stream YouTube link <https://youtu.be/kWYuSZP4USk>, instead of the Zoom platform. The link will be in the normal invitation to service, simply click on it and you will be connected to the service. We ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward to improve our remote services.



### **Carol Sing – Today after worship on the Squires Patio!**

Join us for carol sing on the Squires Patio immediately following the service on today. 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!

### **All-Church & Community Chili & Cornbread Supper Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Come to town common for the tree lighting festivities, Tractor Parade, and Luminaria. Then head to the church for a Chili & Cornbread Supper.

**Serving 4:45-6:15pm** at the Church (Hardy Hall & Squires Community Patio) with Take-Out also available.

- Traditional Beef & Bean Chili
- White Chicken Chili
- Vegetarian Bean Chili (gluten-free)
- Cornbread (including gluten-free option)

First come, first served as long as the chili lasts.

Pre-orders available, though not required. Send email with order to [chilisupper@HollisLuminaria.org](mailto:chilisupper@HollisLuminaria.org) with quantity and chili choice(s). Please include name and cell phone number.

All proceeds and donations gratefully accepted to support the Church's Holiday Food boxes to local needy families and the new Squires Community Patio and renovated Community Gathering Spaces.

Volunteers still needed to help at this event. Contact Carol Birch at 465-7622.





The Hollis Town Band and Community Chorus invite you to our...  
**Holiday Concert Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Hollis Brookline High School auditorium

Co-sponsored by our Women's Fellowship and the Hollis Town Band

**Admission: non-perishable food items**

All food items will help fill our church's Christmas food baskets.

*Join us for an evening of music and fellowship*

### **Your Help Is Needed for the Christmas Concert**

Our Women's Fellowship will sell finger desserts at the Christmas concert to raise money to help pay for the perishable food for our church's Christmas baskets. The more sweets we have to sell, the more funds we raise, the more food can be purchased! Your special goodies may be brought when you come to the concert or drop them at the church office on the morning of Friday, Dec. 10.

### **Won't You Help?**

- **Bake** and donate a few goodies. *Please wrap in individual serving size!*
- **Volunteer** to help at the bake sale
- **Come to the concert!** Bring your non-perishable food items to donate and buy some sweets at intermission.



### **Offering taken on December 12**

For over 100 years, the **Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross** and the Emergency Fund has been a way to ensure that a light of love and hope will always shine for faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial need. ***Please look for the special envelope in your December 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday bulletin*** (checks payable to the church with *UCC Christmas Fund* on the memo line) ***or give online at our Donations page.*** And on behalf of the hundreds of clergy and lay employees and their families whose lives will be touched by your support of this important collection on December 12, ***thank you!***

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Emerson Chapel on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m. If you're interested in learning more about this Ministry, check their website at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com). Any questions, email Irene at [rinorian@comcast.net](mailto:rinorian@comcast.net) or Patricia at [patricia.cordell27@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.cordell27@gmail.com). So, bring your coffee and join us! Everyone is welcome!

**New Member Inquirer classes for January**, with the hope to have a New Member service on Sunday, January 30th.

Classes will be 60-90 minutes (depending on number of participants) and on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., January 5 and 12th, or Sunday after worship (at 11 a.m.) on January 9th and 16th. Wednesday evening classes will be hybrid (in-person in Parkhurst, and Zoom link to be supplied). Sunday morning classes will be in-person, in Emerson Chapel. **Please sign up for the two sessions you'd prefer to attend by emailing [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org).**

**GIVING TREE** - Thank you to everyone who took a tag from our giving tree and those who has donated.



If you chose a tag, please follow these instructions.

- check off all items that you purchase from the tag.
- add any other items to the tag that you may purchase
- wrap each gift individually and put a name tag on each gift.
- place all gifts into a trash bag and use the tag to tie it off.

Gifts are due **DECEMBER 12, 2021**. If u have any questions, please call Karen Marino at 603.465.2463.

#### **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.

#### **WANTED: Empty printer ink & toner cartridges**

Our church earns a credit of \$2 per cartridge (up to 20 cartridges/month) when we recycle your empties. Just drop your empty cartridges in the collection bin outside the center entrance or in the designated bin inside the lobby coat cubby. Thank you!



**The Nominating Committee** continues its work to fill church Board and Committee positions. We encourage you to step up and use your time and talent to make a difference in one of the following areas: Deacons (3 Males/1 Female), Music (3), Stewardship (3), Conference Delegates (2), Treasurer (1), Historian (1)

*This week* we are spotlighting the **Treasurer's** position. This person will shadow the existing Treasurer and assume the role at the appropriate time.

#### **Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer**

(a) The Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of 2 years. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all current moneys of the church and shall keep these accounts distinct from all other accounts. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the same, and the Treasurer’s actions shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall present at the annual meeting of the church a financial report properly certified by the Church Auditors, for the preceding fiscal year, which corresponds to the calendar year.

The Treasurer shall be ex officio member of the Board of Trustees, without vote.

(b) The Assistant Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of two years. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the duties and be charged with the same responsibilities and authority as vested in the Treasurer.

(c) The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall be bonded or insured in the sum fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Please contact our committee if you have questions about a specific position:

[NOMINATING@hollischurch.org](mailto:NOMINATING@hollischurch.org),

Thank you, Nominating Committee

## OPEN PAID POSITION AVAILABLE!



We need an adult (over 18) to snow blow the church walkways after each storm. We have a new snow blower to use - just need the willing able body! If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Paul Widner at [pjwidner@aol.com](mailto:pjwidner@aol.com) or 603-465-9054 for the details and salary.

**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](mailto: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

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Wednesday - 12:30-3:30 pm

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](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org).



### Community News...

**Help Support Troop 465** – They have partnered with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer fresh Balsam Fir Wreaths. Visit the fundraiser page at [threeriversfundraising.com](http://threeriversfundraising.com) and enter group code:9EAZRG. Orders being taken through December 5<sup>th</sup>.



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To place Christmas poinsettia plants in the church on December 19<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.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias (please show quantity) to be placed in the church.

I am enclosing cash/check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

(\$8.00 per plant)

Checks made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis**

This plant is given \_\_\_\_\_ in loving memory of

**OR \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of:**

**(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED)**

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**( PRINT YOUR NAME(S) EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR)**

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish my plant TO BE DELIVERED to friends or members of our church family in hospitals or nursing homes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL PICK UP my plant(s) after worship service on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

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

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021**