

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## December 11, 2022



**Offering being taken on today - December 11** -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 consider making a donation to the UCC Christmas Fund*** (checks payable to the church with *UCC Christmas Fund* on the memo line) ***or online at our Donations page.***

**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.

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
12/15	JOY & Sacred Space: Focus reading: "A Sacred Space" (pp. 152-153)	Stuffed Cabbage Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Carrot Cake
12/22	PEACE & Sacred Knowing: Focus reading: "Looking for Light" (pp. 190-193)	Beef and Bean Chili, Veggie Chili, Corn Bread Cinnamon Rice Pudding

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

**The deadline for the January *Chimes* is Thursday, December 15.** Please submit all articles in writing to the church office or via email to [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org).

### Holiday Shopping on Amazon?

Turn your online purchases – all year long – into **dollars for the church *without costing you a penny*** at AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our church every time you shop, ***at no cost to you!*** Before you begin shopping, make your first stop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and designate the Congregational Church of Hollis as your charitable organization. Simply shop at the [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) site exactly as you do on the Amazon site ~ and the church receives donations from your eligible purchases

**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 [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org). We look forward to spending time with your little one!



**Christmas Eve Services** - We will hold **two services on Christmas Eve**: the first, a 30-minute in-person only (no streaming) **family candlelight service will be at 4 p.m.** And the second will be a hybrid **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 8 p.m.** (YouTube link will be provided.) Both will be in the Meetinghouse, where masks will be encouraged, but not required.

On **Christmas morning** (which falls on a Sunday this year), we will hold a **brief, less formal service at our normal 9:30 a.m.** hour in Emerson Chapel. Please plan to bring and/or share about a gift that surprised you in some way, that delighted you by somehow Reflecting the Sacred!

**2022 Pledge Reminder** – The Stewardship Board reminds you that all contributions need to be received in person or postmarked **by December 31 to be credited to 2022 for income tax purposes.**

### **December Items of the Month**

December is all about giving, and so our Item of the Month will help fill the food pantry at Nashua South High School. This is a safe place where teenagers can pick up food for the weekend. ***Please donate food that can be heated up in a microwave or on a hotplate. Many of the students live in hotels.***

**Food & Fuel Assistance** -If you know anyone needing food or fuel assistance, please ask them to contact Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org)

**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](mailto: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. Church Clerk – **1 position**

**Spotlight of the week – The Board of Deacons** The Board of Deacons meet the second Monday of the month. The Deacons together with the Pastor direct the liturgical ministry of the church and promote the spiritual life of the church through its worship, faith and outreach. Deacons are visible at each worship service, including religious holidays, as they oversee the Meeting House. They assist the pastor with the needs of the church families and members.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Prepare sanctuary for worship services (and clean-up afterward)
- Provide for greeting and seating of worshipers
- Assist the pastor with the worship service including, but not limited to, preparing/serving Communion, collecting the offering, and assisting with Baptisms & Confirmation
- Oversee food basket preparation for needy families during the holiday seasons
- Maintain membership rolls, assist in new member meetings, and welcome new members as they join the church

- The Pastoral Relations subcommittee is the liaison between the pastor and congregation
- Oversee/assist with use of Meeting House for special services (e.g., funerals, weddings)
- Diaconate representatives coordinate with Church Council and the Music and Christian Education Boards via regular meetings to ensure coordination of and complementary worship services, music and church school programs

**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 [sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org) or [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:holidaycardsnh@gmail.com)



# 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.

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

I am enclosing cash/check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 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 service on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

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

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**