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“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25-26 (NRSVUE)

Dear Friends,

The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. We can be in need of rising out of the depth of imprisonment, addiction, poverty, illness, and oppression—not just physically or materially, but also spiritually.

What keeps us locked up inside? What holds us back from the joy of life? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? During Eastertide this year (the eight weeks from Easter Sunday, March 31st, through Pentecost, May 19th), we’re going to be hearing testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming—Resurrection Stories—from people who have found “resurrection” in their lives. Perhaps they may inspire you to unlock your own rising up!

*On April 21st, we look forward to
worshiping with our sister church, Brookline
Community Church, at 2 Main Street in
Brookline.* You may recall that the
Brookline Community Church Band
enhanced our worship service in January
with their “electrified” tunes (i.e., guitars)
and voices, and the Brookline
congregation joined us in worship.



*“I am the
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John 11:25

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From the Faith Formation Office.....

News From The Flock

Birthday Box donations needed for Spring Community Service Project!

Would you like to help a local child have a very Happy Birthday?! The Flock will be accepting donations for Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter's Birthday room for the month of April. This is where children can go to pick out supplies to make their birthday special and fun. Donate a whole kit, or any supplies you wish!

Each kit we deliver will have:

- boxed cake mix and frosting
- sprinkles and candles
- birthday banner
- plates/napkins • foil cake pan
- small toys
- all of the above in a birthday gift bag

Donations can be dropped off in the CE office downstairs in the Flagg room on Sunday mornings or in the outdoor CE bin anytime. All donations are due by April 30th.

Thank you! ~*Kim and the Flock*



No Classes or Nursery on:

April 21 - Spring Vacation Weekend



Time For
ADVENTURE

Flock Adventure Day! **Monday, April 22, 9am - 1pm**

No school? No problem! Join in the fun on Monday, April 22 from 9am-1pm. This nature-themed Adventure Day will be like a mini-VBS: We will start with a lesson and music, followed by outdoor fun, activities, crafts, snack and lunch.

For Grades PreK-Grade 6.

Registration form is due by April 14th .

Please email Kim for the registration form at ce@hollischurch.org.



Registration is now open.....

Volunteers* are needed!

Join us for What a Mess VBS on July 22-25 from 9-1pm. VBS will be a fun & messy filled week of adventure, scavenger hunts, lessons, crafts, STEM, games, snacks & MORE! Don't miss out! Spots are limited.

- Ages 4 years - Grade 6
- Must be able to attend all 4 days
- Registration closes June 16
- \$5 per child
- Need a registration form? Contact Kim at CE@hollischurch.org or stop at the church office. You can mail the form to the church, drop it off, or bring it to a Flock class.

*Adult and teen volunteers are needed! Anyone entering Grade 7 and up is welcome to help! Please contact Kim at ce@hollischurch.org if interested.



(From the Pastor- continued from p. 1)

In April, we will again enjoy joint worship and celebration, this time with our choir and all of us joining them in their sacred space! **Please note: their services start at 10 a.m.** We will be attempting to live-stream it on our usual YouTube channel—but please be patient and understanding if things don't go as smoothly as we'd like; it's good to depart from our comfort zones, but it can be a bit bumpy sometimes!

At noon on that same day, Jane Goodman—Executive Director of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS), will meet in the Parkhurst Room with our newly-forming Ministry Team concerned with food & fuel (including the distribution of 50+ banana boxes of food several times annually). She'll share with us about the food and shelter insecurity needs of greater Nashua, as well as give us a clearer picture of how the various social service agencies are connected, creating the social safety net we help to support with our church's charitable giving, both financially and in terms of the physical support opportunities (volunteering time and effort, and various specific materials collections—e.g., coats, socks, underwear, hygiene kits, etc.—across the year). If you, or someone you love, have/has ever been in a moment of dire need and felt the life-line provided through these sorts of assistance, you'll recognize how it can feel like part of a resurrection experience! Anyone interested is welcome to come to that meeting! (12 noon, Sunday April 21st.)

Springtime blessings, my friends—may you be surprised and delighted across the month to come by the ways life emerges from dormant or dead places for you!

Yours with faith, hope, and love,

Tanya

Important Highlights:

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Worship at Brookline Community Church

April 21 at 10:00 am

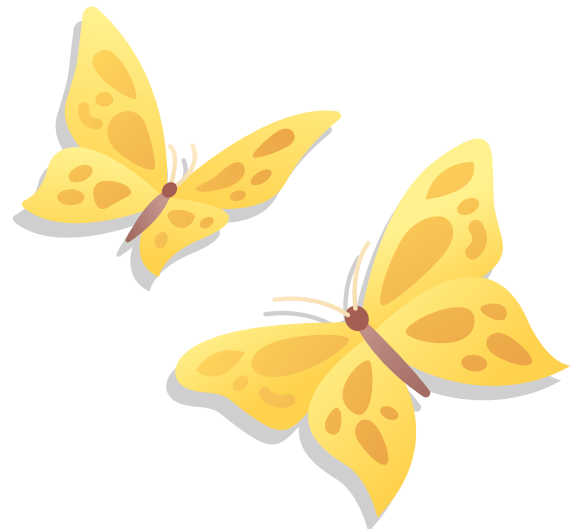
We look forward to worshipping with our sister church, **Brookline Community Church, at 2 Main Street in Brookline** on April 21st.

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Meeting with Nashua Soup Kitchen Executive Director

April 21 at Noon, Parkhurst Room

Jane Goodman, the Executive Director of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS) will be meeting with our newly forming Ministry Team on April 21 at noon in the Parkhurst Room. She will give us a clearer picture of how the various social service agencies are connected and how we as a church can best help our community. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!



Mission & Action News

April Items of the Month:

Marguerite's Place

Marguerite's Place supports families to achieve safety, stability and independence by providing transitional housing for women and their children, early childhood education programs, and group-based community programs to help individuals develop parenting skills.

Urgently Needed:

- exam gloves
- (for changing diapers)



Other:

- laundry detergent
- dish soap
- disinfectants
- paper products
- 13-gallon trash bags
- miscellaneous cleaning products
- diapers (sizes 3-6 or pull-ups preferred)
- wipes



Coming In May

4th Annual Community Yard & Craft Sale!

Saturday, May 11, 9 am - 12 pm

Hollis Church & Library Parking Lot



Lots of ways to participate:

- Volunteers needed! (before, during, after)
- Rent a space to sell your crafts or spring cleaning items
- Donate baked goods
- Come out and buy!

Questions or Willing to Help? Contact Carol at FandH@hollischurch.org or 603-860-2178

From the Church Office

Chimes Thanks...

A BIG Thank You goes to Nancy Bell, Deb Shipman, Brenda Gibson, Patricia Cordell, Freddi Olson, and Sue Burton for preparing your March *Chimes* for delivery to your mailbox.



OFFICE
HOURS



The church office is open
8am – 12pm, Tuesday
through Friday (closed
Mondays).



**The Church Office will be
closed on:**

Wednesday, April 17

Church Office Staff Schedule:

Eileen Widner:

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday (8am-12pm)

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APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HAPPY EASTER</p>	<p>7pm - CE Board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>10am - Prayer Shawl 6:30pm - Music Board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>10am - Zoom Coffee Hr</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>7pm - Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
<p>9:30am - Communion Worship & Flock</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>7pm - Deacons Board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>7pm - Mission Board</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 12pm - Facilities</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>10am - Staff Mtg. 6pm - Caring Connections 7pm - Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
<p>9:30am - Worship & Flock</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>5:30pm - Trustees <i>May Chimes Deadline</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>10am - Prayer Shawl 6:30pm - Church Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 6:30pm - Stewardship 5:15pm - Flock Family Pizza Night <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>7pm - Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>
<p>10am -Worship at Brookline Community Church <i>(No Flock)</i> 12pm - Nashua Soup Kitchen Mtg. w/ Rep.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p><i>Flock Adventure Day 9am - 1pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>10am - Zoom Coffee Hr.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>7pm - Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>
<p>9:30am - Worship & Flock</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>				



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- YouTube LiveStream is TBD.
- The service will start at **10 am**.