

The

Chimes

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Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Friends,

The lectionary readings in late July evoke the themes of striking a holy balance between the *activities* of our lives (which can drive us to aimless distraction with busyness), and *listening* or *contemplation* (which can draw us to complacency with inaction). The holy, healthy, life-giving balance is struck and nurtured by practicing prayer as a daily discipline.

Some of you have said to me you wish you were better at praying. So, last month I shared a poem by Mary Oliver called "Praying", which offers some insight. This month, I'd like to introduce you to Kate McIlhagga, whose words (at right) might help to shape a meaningful summer discipline if you choose to use it as a guide.

I hope you'll also participate with our community-at-prayer on Sundays at 9:30 all summer long! We're planning two lakeside services (June 16 at Rocky Pond, and July 14 at Lake Potanipo with Brookline Community Church) where our prayer will be enriched by the variation in our surroundings — hopefully, leading us to a deeper place.

May we all be drawn to prayer's quiet and active ways in the month of moments unfolding to (and with) us!

Yours with faith, hope, and love,

Tanya

Open

by Kate McIlhagga

I stand.
I open myself to God.
I kneel.
I listen.
I step into God's presence.
I float in the encompassing ocean of God's love.
I breathe in and out:
breathing in the mercy of God,
breathing out the pain of my sadness.

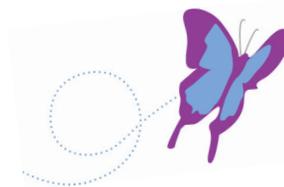
I am still,
at rest with God,
who is deep within me
and all around me.

Out of that deep centre
I weave a prayer
of God's presence,
affirming that God is:
that God is with the poor,
that God is with the outcast,
that God is with me.

I call upon God's Spirit.
She rests like a butterfly
shimmering on a branch.
She confronts the hurt,
which lies twisted
at the heart of society.

She leads me out
from active prayer
into prayerful action.

Creating, Sustaining, and All-loving God,
give us the strength and courage to be still,
that we might better serve your broken world.
Amen.



From the Faith Formation Office

The Rite of Christian Confirmation



Sunday, June 2

Everyone is invited to celebrate and welcome the Confirmation Class of 2019 as they take their confirmation vows and join the church during worship at 9:30am on Sunday, June 2.

Grant Batson Cameron Newbold
William Bird Abigail Ogren
Eliza Gehan Amy Ryherd
Daniel Sattler

Journey to Confirmation

Parents and Students entering 8th and 9th grade in September are invited to learn about the *New Confirmation Program* at the information meeting on **Sunday, June 2 at 11:00am** in Emerson Chapel. Your attendance is important we hope you will do your best to be there.

Please plan to attend 9:30 worship service on June 2 to witness the Rite of Christian Confirmation of the Class of 2019



Junior Youth Group Cookout & Capture the Flag!

Summer is almost here, and we are getting outside to have some fun!

Join the **junior youth**, grades 5-8, for glow in the dark **Capture the Flag and cookout** on Saturday, June 8th at 6-8:30pm at the Stelmack residence located at 63 Crestwood Drive in Hollis. Burgers/Dogs and drinks provided, children can bring a side to share.

RSVP to ce@hollischurch.org

NEWS FLASH!

Sunday School is ALL NEW in September!

Coming this September, Sunday School will be launching a new “**Rotation model**” for classes! Children in PreK-Grade 6 will embark each week on a journey through stations as they learn the lessons of the



Bible. All ages will start together for the lesson to be taught through skits, games, or group discussion. Students will then break into groups by age, and will continue to learn in a variety of ways; including crafts, activities, snacks, and music. Anything goes!

We need your help...

Congregation members are welcome and encouraged to take part in this flexible curriculum by **sharing their talent, skill, or interest by leading a station** one week or more! Please email ce@hollischurch.org if you would like to be part of this rewarding experience.

Last call for VBS registrations!



Deadline is June 16. We have a few spots left for the most fun and exciting week of the summer! VBS will take place July 15-18 from 9-11:30am. Children won't want to miss all the games, crafts, STEM challenges, music, and learning! **Volunteers still very much needed.** Please email ce@hollischurch.org if you would like to volunteer or need a registration form.

Women's Fellowship

We welcome women of all ages to join the Women's Fellowship on Sunday, June 2nd at 1 pm for a Potluck Luncheon. Our gracious hostess is Ginny Brooks, and she lives at 12 Mendelssohn Drive in Hollis. If you are unable to attend the lunch, come and join us when we resume our meetings in September. For further information please call Dot Pitman at 603-465-7672.

Our Church Records

Baptism

May 26, 2019

Sloane Josephine Santerre, daughter of Kerry and Jake Santerre and granddaughter of Coleen Brady

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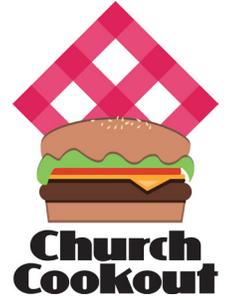
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Fellowship & Hospitality invites you to our...

All-church Mid-Summer Outing & Cookout at Rocky Pond!

Mark your calendars! Come enjoy the water, outdoors, fellowship and food. The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee invite you to the annual all-church **Mid-summer Outing & Cookout at Rocky Pond** (at the Boy Scout beach) on **Wednesday, July 17th at 5 pm** for swimming and socializing; meal at 6 pm. (Raindate Thursday, 7/18.) Picnic food will be provided, including veggie and g-f options. Lawn/beach chairs, outdoor games, guitars and friends are welcome; and carpooling is encouraged. Questions/volunteers, contact FandH@hollischurch.org.



Volunteers needed for Summer Fellowship

Please volunteer to host post-worship fellowship on Sundays in July & August. *It's simple* — just cold beverage and one plate of treats. Sign up on bulletin board or notify Council@hollischurch.org.

Music Notes



Many thanks to the Stagecoach Women's Chorus for sharing their music at the May 19 concert ... and then donating all the concert's proceeds to the church!

Save the date - Monadnock Music is coming back to Hollis!

After a very successful concert last July, Monadnock Music is returning to the Congregational Church of Hollis for another Village Concert. Monadnock Music has provided world-class live classical music performances to Southwestern New Hampshire for over 50 years. The Village Concert is free and open to the public with donations encouraged to help pay for the cost of the program. Stay tuned for additional details about the **concert to be held on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 3PM.** www.monadnockmusic.org



June 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Confirmation Sunday 9:30 am – Communion Worship 11 am – 2020 <i>Journey to Confirmation</i> student/parent meeting 1 pm – Women’s Fellowship Potluck Luncheon at Ginny Brooks’ home 2	8 am – Women’s Breakfast at Joey’s 7 pm – CE Board meeting 3	7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 4	5	6	7	6-8:30 pm – Jr Youth Group <i>Capture the Flag</i> and BBQ at Stelmack home 8
9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Christmas Fair planning meeting 2 pm – Mental Health Discussion 9	8 am – Women’s Breakfast at Joey’s 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting 10	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 7:30 pm – Music Board meeting 11	12:00 pm – Staff meeting & luncheon (off-site) 12	7 pm – Adult Mission Trip meeting 13	Our volunteers provide Ash St. Shelter dinner 14	Vacation Bible School registration deadline 15
9:30 am – Joint Worship with Brookline Community Church at Rocky Pond (weather permitting) 16	8 am – Women’s Breakfast at Joey’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting 17	7 pm – ALL BOARDS meeting in Hardy Hall 18	5 pm – Facilities Committee 19	6 pm – Pastoral Care Team meeting 20	21	22
9:30 am – Worship 2-4 pm Strawberry Festival - town common 23	8 am – Women’s Breakfast at Joey’s 24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30 am – Worship 3 pm – Monadnock Music Concert 30	June/early July Mission Items of the Month: Non-perishable, Protein-Rich Food Items/ Canned Goods for our workcampers to take to food pantries in Dexter, Maine June, July, thru Aug 7 Items of the Month: School Supplies for NSKS “Backpacks for Back to School”					
July 2019 July 7 – Communion Worship at 9:30 am July 14 – Joint Worship with Brookline Community Church at Lake Potanipo at 9:30 am July 15-18 – Vacation Bible School Wed, July 17 – Swim & Cookout at Rocky Pond July 21 – Worship at 9:30 am July 21-27 - Mission Trip to Dexter, ME July 28 – Worship at 9:30 am	August 2019 August 4 – Communion Worship at 9:30 am Wed, Aug 7 – Deadline for school supplies donations August 11 – Worship at 9:30 am Thurs, August 15 – September <i>Chimes</i> deadline August 18 – Worship at 9:30 am August 25 – Worship at 9:30 am Mon, Aug 26 – CE Board meeting at 7 pm		September 2019 Church Boards resume regular meeting schedule Sept 1 – Communion Worship at 9:30 am – <i>End summer worship</i> Wed, Sept 4 – Teacher Training at 6:30 pm Sept. 8 – Homecoming Sunday - Sunday School begins Worship at 9 am / Worship & Sunday School at 10:30 am Homecoming All-Church Picnic after worship Sept. 15 – 9 am Worship / 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Sept. 22 – 9 am Worship / 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Sept. 29 – 9 am Worship / 10:30 Worship & Sunday School			



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the congregation for the strong support at the May 5th Vote for moving forward with Phase I of our renovation project. This includes beginning the excavation of the east lawn for on-grade egress from Hardy Hall and the development of a community patio, and renovating the kitchen allowing us to not only address the vast majority of our safety concerns but also to begin to live into our vision as outlined in our Strategic Plan.

We are also happy to announce that we have paid back in full the \$50,000 loan from the endowment that was used to kickstart Building our Vision.

Another giant thank you for donations to the Capital Campaign! We are at \$1.6 million and growing. This summer, we will begin to reach out to the community for monetary and in-kind donations that will bring that number up while we work to bring our top number down. We are thankful that the Squires Family has generously underwritten the patio naming opportunity. It is the Squires' hope that we will be able to use this gift to inspire others to invest in our community by donating generously in Jim and Jan's honor. Our church plays a vital role in our town and we are confident that our neighbors will support our efforts.

Over the summer, BoV will be selecting a construction manager and refining costs, while we continue to solicit approvals from town boards and develop design details. We intend to remain as transparent and visible as we have been to date and are always looking for more people to join the effort. Please see the related taskforce list (page 6) and let us know if you would like to be involved in this process.

We are always happy to hear from you!

Ed Wigfield, Sarah May
BoV@HollisChurch.org.

Don't forget Stewardship this Summer!

As we all get ready for a fun filled summer, the Stewardship Team wants to remind everyone not to forget about their stewardship this summer. To most it won't be surprising that June, July and August are our lowest giving months of the year. This can put a strain on church finances. As you make your summer plans, please keep the church in mind. The Stewardship committee is exploring opportunities for electronic giving which will provide more ways to facilitate your contributions. Currently many families utilize bill pay through their bank. This allows you to set up your payment one-time and then a check is automatically sent to the church at the frequency you decide. We are also exploring ACH which would allow contributions to go right from your bank into the church account. We are also looking at credit card payments, and giving through the web. As always, the Stewardship team would like to thank you for your generous support of the Church. We hope you have a wonderful summer and please remember to keep the church in mind.



Sincerely, The Stewardship Team



BoV TASK FORCES ... *Help Wanted!*

As you can imagine, our renovation is a large undertaking. BoV has developed several task forces that are needed to make our project a reality. Some of these task forces are up and running but several also are looking for more people. Take a look below and see if you'd be willing to help out!

Ed Wigfield and Sarah May

BoV@HollisChurch.org.

TASK FORCES IN NEED OF MORE MEMBERS

Design

*Description: Oversee interior, exterior and landscape design. May be broken down into smaller taskforces depending on participation.

*Timeframe: Relatively long-range. Now until plans for all phases are finalized.

* BoV Liaisons: Kara Tulley and Roger Saunders

*Current Members: Thelma W., Alan Brown, Marilyn Wehrle

Time Capsule

*Description: Develop a time capsule as mentioned in video. Looking for people of all ages.

*Timeframe: Short-term project. Would need to be completed by Nov. 1 2019.

*BoV Liaison: Tom Hildreth

*Current Members: Ruth Kabel, Devon Kuchta

AV/Electronics

* Description: Discern what is needed regarding AV equipment throughout the church. Potentially to include other electronics such as security cameras. Assist in implementing and training on new equipment.

*Timeframe: Time commitment will vary depending on phase of construction. More work upfront and on completion.

*BoV Liaison: Drew Mason

*Current Members: Dan Ericson

TASK FORCES THAT ARE OPERATING BUT INPUT ALWAYS WELCOME!

Community Outreach Committee

*Description: Develop and execute PR plan that creates community awareness of the renovation project and seeks to secure additional funding.

*Timeframe: Long-range task force with phases that could potentially extend until the renovation is complete.

*BoV Liaison: Sarah May

*Current Members: Holly Babcock, Bryan Tulley, Peggy Gilmour, Traci Weaver.

Logistics

*Description: Oversee the logistics of church operations during renovations (this is not a construction management task force).

*Timeframe: Long-range task force now until construction is complete.

*BoV Liaison: Julie Forgaard

*Current Members: Eileen W., Kim V/CE, Ruth Kabel, Ron Jean, Deacon Rep

Historical Preservation

*Description: Manage parts of the plan that relate to historic preservation: memorialized items inside and outside the church, potentially stained glass window. Decide how memorialized items will fit into new space.

* BoV Liaison: Julie Forgaard

*Timeframe: Long range. Now until construction is complete.

*Current Members: Sue Adams, Freddi Olsen

Mission & Action News

Strengthen the Church UCC special offering taken Sunday, June 9

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Half of our offering stays right here in the NH Conference while the other half is sent to the national UCC for the work of strengthening the church universal through grants for new church starts, inspiring youth and young adults into leadership, and equipping pastors for ministry in the 21st century. Watch for the special envelopes in your June 9 bulletin, and please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.



Ash Street Shelter Dinners

Ash Street Shelter needs volunteers to prepare a dinner for 15-20 people on the 2nd Friday in August. Gift certificates are available to cover the cost of the meal ingredients. Consider asking a friend or family member to join you in the preparation. The meal can be prepared in your kitchen or in the church kitchen. More information and the volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the pastor's office.

Fuel Assistance for our neighbors

Even though it's slowly starting to warm up, we have a few more cool weeks before the true warmth of summer. If you know of anyone that needs assistance with heat or hot water (oil, propane or kerosene), please contact Coleen Brady at 603-598-8049 or cbrady27@comcast.net.

Diapers, diapers, diapers!

PLEASE help the little ones in our communities with a donation of diapers (sizes 4,5,6). This is a constant need for the organizations that we support.



M & A Donations:

- Meals on Wheels – ensuring our friends & neighbors have a meal, a safety check and some human contact
- Meals Matter Program – helping to provide all school age children in our communities with a lunch to eat
- End 68 Hours of Hunger – a private, not-for-profit effort in the Hollis & Brookline communities to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between free school lunch on Friday and free school breakfast on Monday morning.
- Harbor Homes – donating to their Ending Homelessness Fund
- Habitat for Humanity – supporting a build project in July

From the Church Office

Many Thanks go to Nancy Bell, Brenda Gibson, Marsha Joyce, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Deb Shipman and Joyce Toli for preparing your May *Chimes* mailing.

WANTED: Empty printer ink & toner cartridges

Did you know that our church earns \$2 per cartridge (up to 20 cartridges/month) when we recycle your empties? Just drop your empty cartridges in the collection bin on the shelf outside the CE office. Thank you!



In Our Community...

Make-A-Wish New Hampshire invites you to the 11th Annual Breakfast for Wishes! Deacon Jenna Zullo is a 'table captain' at the event and would love to have you join her! Contact Jenna at jgzullo@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday, June 5

Time: 7:00 am – Networking

7:30 am – Program

Place: DoubleTree by Hilton,
700 Elm St, Manchester



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***Fill the Shopping Cart!* Summer Items of the Month:**

Please place all donations in the shopping cart at the top of the stairs. Thank you for supporting these community needs!

June & until July 20: Canned Goods non-perishable & protein-rich

M&A is collecting **protein-rich, non-perishable canned goods** for our work campers to take on their Mission Trip this summer. 27 youth and adult campers will be spending the week of July 21 in Dexter, Maine. Please help them to arrive with food for their work community food pantries.



FOOD DRIVE

For July & thru August 7th: Support for NSKS “Backpacks for Back to School”

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter’s “Backpacks for Back to School” program collects new backpacks and school supplies for families trying to live on minimum wage, staying at shelters, or coming to the soup kitchen for food. Eligible children (K – grade 12) are provided with a new backpack filled with new, grade-appropriate supplies.

Besides the items below, they will need volunteers to help sort, organize, assemble & distribute in August. More specific information will be available on their webpage (<https://nksk.org/project/nksk-backpacks-for-back-to-school/>) in mid-June.

- New backpacks for boys and girls of all ages, K – grade 12
- Boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- Boxes of colored pencils (bright or bold)
- #2 pencils in the 12 or 24 count
- Small handheld pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks
- Children’s Scissors
- 8 GB flash drives

