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**Sabbatical Support Team News...****Welcome Rev. Robert  
(Bob) Fellows!**

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Tanya handed over the mantle of leadership to the **Rev. Robert Fellows** while she is on sabbatical (returning on Sunday, July 2). A wonderful "enhanced" fellowship followed the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> worship service, with a great turnout of congregants wishing Rev. Tanya well during her sabbatical, and welcoming Rev. Bob.



Rev. Fellows is a semi-retired UCC minister — he retired from his full-time pastorate in Greenland, NH, in 2019 and now serves as a bridge/interim/sabbatical pastor, as well as serving on various wider-church committees. He's a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, with an additional certificate from United Theological Seminary in MN. With his wife Melody and their dog Scout, he lives in Peterborough, NH, and Minnetonka, MN.

Prior to becoming ordained, his professional career included work as an Educational Consultant in health, wellness, group dynamics, and communication — and professional magic (as demonstrated at the worship service on February 19<sup>th</sup>)! He also enjoys playing the guitar, and drums, and landscape painting; we look forward to seeing his many talents demonstrated!

The **Sabbatical Support Team (Thom Davies, Paul Edmunds, Jessica Marchant, Karen Marino, Gudrun Pfeiffer, and Cindy Ryherd)**, who conducted the Sabbatical Pastor search last fall, will work to support the congregation and to support Rev. Bob throughout his Sabbatical Pastor tenure. Together we will guide the congregation in our own period of rest and play, reflection, prayer, and renewal.

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# From the Faith Formation Office

## CE Book Read

### TAKE THIS BREAD - The Spiritual Memoir of a Twenty-First Century Christian

By Sara Miles (Ballantine Books 2007)

Reviewed by Irene Norian

I came upon this book through the recommendation of a friend whose church in Middlebury VT was using it as the basis of their fall adult book discussion group. Loving memoirs and needing a new read for spiritual growth, I procured the book and couldn't put it down. My only caveat in recommending this book to my fellow parishioners is that Ms. Miles often uses gritty language and frequent "f" words.

That being said, I do believe you will find this text thought provoking in your growth as a Christian. Sara Miles' journey to conversion was a long and serpentine road. She was born into an atheist family in California, leaving school without any degree, travelling throughout the world, and eventually finding herself in San Francisco as an unwed, lesbian mother living on the fringe of society. And then as Ms. Miles states in the first paragraph of the Prologue to her book:

"One early, cloudy morning when I was forty -six, I walked into a church, ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine...up until that moment I'd led a thoroughly secular life, at best indifferent to religion, more often appalled by fundamentalist crusades. This was my first communion. It changed everything." (Prologue, xi) Indeed, it did! The author continued to return to this Church, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in San Francisco, and eventually became a member of the parish, a highly unorthodox radically inclusive Church within the Episcopal Framework.

Ms. Miles goes on to state later in the Prologue that she had been "hungering and thirsting for righteousness. I found it at the eternal and material core of Christianity: body, blood, bread, wine, poured out freely, shared by all. I discovered a religion rooted in the most ordinary yet subversive practice: a dinner table where everyone is welcome, where the despised and outcasts are honored." (Prologue, xiii)

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## News from *The Flock...*



A huge thank you to all who donated items for the Flock Blessing Bag project! The students assembled 63 Blessing Bags (40 MORE than last year!!!) for Nashua Soup Kitchen due to your generosity. The kids learned so much completing this project and really enjoyed filling the bags knowing that they were helping to make someone's day a little brighter. Check next month's Chimes for information on their spring service project!

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On April 2nd, the Flock will go on an Egg Hunt led by the senior youth group. Stay tuned for more information!

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## Vacation Bible School Registration is now open!!

Join us July 17-20 from 9-11:30am for a fun filled week of 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 14
- \$5 per child
- Need a registration form?

Contact Kim at [CE@hollischurch.org](mailto:CE@hollischurch.org) or stop at the church office. You can mail the form to the church, drop off or bring 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](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org) if interested.

*(From the Sabbatical Support Team –  
continued from p. 1)*

A variety of events are being discussed by the team to take place over the next several months. Some will be playful, social and fun. Others will be reflective and contemplative, looking both backward to “stay the course” on things we feel great about, and forward at opportunities we might want the future to look like. We look forward to sharing details with the congregation in early March as they solidify.

If you have questions or concerns for the Sabbatical Support Team, please email:

[SabbaticalST@hollischurch.org](mailto:SabbaticalST@hollischurch.org).

In the meantime, **the Sabbatical Support Team wishes a very warm and excited “Welcome!” to Rev. Bob!**

*(CE Book Read – cont’d from p. 2)*

Starting with a weekly food donation program at St. Gregory’s, Ms. Miles eventually expanded her program to food banks throughout San Francisco, as well as food delivery programs to those disabled or unable to reach a donation center. In her outreach with fellow parishioners, she touched countless lives of those suffering from physical, spiritual and emotional hunger. Many of her experiences mirror the Biblical miracle of loaves and fishes where food sources and funding turn up where she least expected. She never deviates from Jesus’ dictum: feed my people. There certainly is much for us to ponder in [Take This Bread](#).

## And the Rest is History...

By Cindy Ryherd

Having the joy of watching two baptisms in February (Piper Poirier and Dominic Meneses), I noticed a plaque on the baptismal font which raised my curiosity about the history of the font. Feeling the importance of remembering and honoring our church history and the many individuals that helped to create it, here is what I found. **The plaque reads:**



### Baptismal Font

**In memory of Winthrop Lakey Carter (1885-1944)  
Treasurer of the Hollis Church Building Fund 1925**

Winthrop Lakey Carter was the owner of the Nashua Corporation, and Treasurer of the Building Committee for the Community Church in Hollis in 1924 after the church burned down.

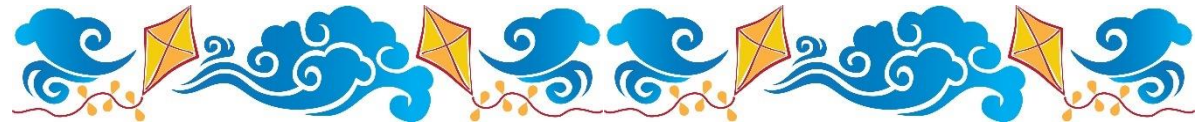
He came to Nashua in 1907 after graduation from Yale University to work for the Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Company which was apparently owned by his father. He became president of that organization in 1923 after his father’s death.

He loved collecting antiques and stamps and also enjoyed hunting, fishing and bridge. A fund was established in his and his wife's name, i.e., Winthrop L. Carter Memorial Fund, to support charitable organizations in the Piscataqua Region and to the greater Portsmouth area and the State of NH. Another fund, the Winthrop Carter Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop L. Carter to recognize the importance of The Art Gallery at UNH and the major role it plays in exhibits for the University community. The fund supports the Gallery's programs, most specifically the completion of the Art in New Hampshire exhibition project.

Winthrop and his wife, Elizabeth Conant Barton Carter, and their two children, Barton and Winthrop, Jr., lived on Pepperell Road. He purchased hundreds of acres of land on Pepperell and N Pepperell Road. He ran a gentleman’s farm at residence at 51 Pepperell Road. He purchased this home in 1925, and several other homes that were on the land.

Winthrop along with his wife and children are buried in the family plot in South Cemetery of Hollis. Reference <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/75142417/winthrop-lakey-carter>

# March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mission Items of the Month: ▪ Non-perishable food items    ▪ Personal Hygiene items ▪ Diapers (especially size 5)    ▪ Toilet Paper for the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter			10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour	5:30-6:45pm – <i>Loaves &amp; Lessons</i> Lenten Study #1 of 5 7 pm - Choir		
9:30 am – Communion Worship (In Person/Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock	7:30 pm – CE Board meeting	10 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting 6:30 pm – Music Board meeting	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting	5:30-6:45pm – <i>Loaves &amp; Lessons</i> Lenten Study #2 of 5 6 pm – Caring Connections 7 pm - Choir	Our church volunteers provide dinner at Spring St. Shelter	 10 am - 3 pm in Hardy Hall
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Did you 'spring forward'? Daylight Savings Time began at 2:00am!  9:30 am – Worship (In Person/Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock	7 pm – Deacons meeting	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting  April <i>Chimes</i> dead- line	5:30-6:45pm – <i>Loaves &amp; Lessons</i> Lenten Study #3 of 5 7 pm – Choir		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am – Worship (In Person/Livestream) <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> offering taken 9:30 am – The Flock	5:30 pm – Trus- tees meeting 7pm - Lenten Equinox Music & Meditation	10 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 7 pm – Church Coun- cil meeting	5:30-6:45pm – <i>Loaves &amp; Lessons</i> Lenten Study #4 of 5		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 am – Worship (In Person/Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock 11 am – Sabbatical Support Team meeting			Easter Flower order deadline	5:30-6:45pm – <i>Loaves &amp; Lessons</i> Lenten Study #5 of 5		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Mission & Action News

### March Items of the Month:

#### Donations to the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter food pantry

The Nashua Soup Kitchen is a source for those in need. Please help fill their shelves with much needed non-perishable food items and supplies, for a community desperately in need!

#### Most-Needed Pantry Items:

- Dried Beans- any type, any size package
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Protein (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Cereal- any type, brand, or size, hot or cold
- Soup- any brand, flavor (broth or hearty), canned, boxed
- Pasta- any type or brand
- Rice
- Shampoo- opened or unopened
- Toilet Paper- any size packages; families are given one roll
- Body Wash or Soap
- Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes
- Diapers, size 5 especially needed
- Deodorant



### Special Offering taken March 19

On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, a One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected. Through your collective generosity, the United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries continues to work with both domestic and global partners to care for others: providing food, water, medicines, education, disaster recovery resources, and opportunities for sustainable development to individuals and communities in crisis around the world. We thank you in advance for your generous support of this special Lenten offering!



**Saturday, March 11**

**10am – 3pm in  
Hardy Hall**

Mark your calendars for our next Red Cross Blood Drive on March 11th! Online registration is recommended at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) The drive is from 10:00 until 3:00 in Hardy Hall. Blood and platelet shortages are critical and the need is urgent! Most adults are eligible, so please consider being a blood donor today and go online to book your appointment.

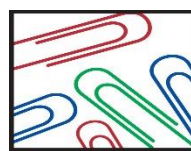
### Spring St Shelter Dinner Chefs Needed

Our church volunteers to provide dinner for the Spring Street (formerly Ash Street) Shelter on the second Friday of every month. You just cook the meal and deliver; we provide you with a gift card to pay for the food. **Meals are needed for June, August, November and December.**

*Please consider signing up* on the bulletin board outside the church office or by contacting Lee Harper at [missionandaction@hollischurch.org](mailto:missionandaction@hollischurch.org).



### From the Church Office



**Church  
Office  
Hours**

The church office is open 8am – 1pm, Tuesday through Friday (closed Mondays).

### *Chimes* Thanks...

My grateful thanks go to Barbara Amos, Nancy Bell, Sue Burton, Patricia Cordell, Brenda Gibson, Freddi Olson, Deb Shipman and Joyce Toli for preparing your February *Chimes* for delivery to your mailbox.



## Lenten Loaves & Lessons

As we enter the 40-day period of Lent, we have an opportunity to reflect on our humanity, acknowledge Jesus's sacrifice for us by sacrificing something, and preparing for the resurrection celebration through prayer and good deeds.

People often commit to a sacrifice, but another way to immerse ourselves in the Lenten journey is to spend some sacred time with Pastor Bob and other members of our congregation enjoying a simple meal and some thoughtful discussion around Lenten topics.

We will be having our *Lenten Loaves and Lessons* fellowship on **Thursday evenings beginning March 2**, from 5:30 – 6:45 in Hardy Hall. Pastor Bob will be providing our weekly topic for discussion; no pre work required. A simple delicious home-made meal will be served each week courtesy of members of the Kitchen Ministry, Fellowship and Hospitality and Adult Continuing Education teams. (Vegetarian and Gluten Free options will be available.) We suggest a \$5.00 offering to be collected at the meal to help cover the food costs.

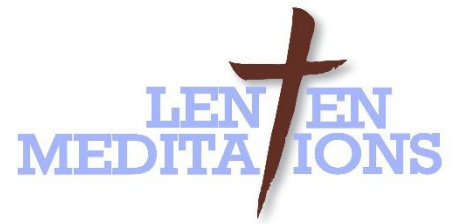
**Please sign up for each session you plan to attend (important for food prep; please include dietary restrictions) by calling the church office or use Signup Genius by the Tuesday before each session at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ACAC29A7FF2-loaves1>

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Menu
3/2/23	5:30 – 6:45	Potato Leek Soup & Homemade Rolls
3/9/23	5:30 – 6:45	Beans and Greens Soup & Focaccia Bread
3/16/23	5:30 – 6:45	Carrot and sweet potato soup and sour dough bread
3/23/23	5:30 – 6:45	Chili and Corn Bread
3/30/23	5:30 -6:45	Minestrone Soup and Italian Bread

We hope you can join us for this special Lenten activity of discussion and prayer enhanced with food and fellowship!



## Music and Meditation on the Vernal Equinox

7pm on Monday, March 20

Chris Volpe [local author, artist and musician] has collaborated with fellow musicians to craft “a quiet and somber musical piece suitable for contemplation and observance of the Lenten season.” The piece will be shared with the community, perhaps along with poetry and prayers, at a service of music and meditation on the day of the Vernal Equinox. Please join us in the meetinghouse for this special event on Monday, March 20, at 7pm.



## Our Church Records

### Baptisms

*February 12, 2023*

Piper Lee Poirier

Dominic Henry Koffler Meneses

### New Members

*February 12, 2023*

Monica Mailin Alvarez Meneses

### Deaths

*January 30, 2023*

Martha Whitney Davis

### Memorial Gifts

*In loving memory of Judy Roman by:*  
Susan Culhane

*In loving memory of Martha Davis by:*  
Phyllis King

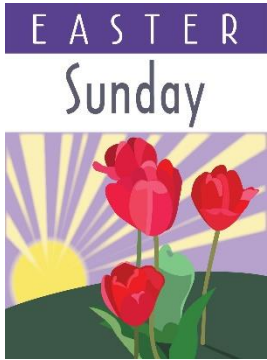
Roger and Addie Saunders

Eileen and Paul Widner

Christine Trow

Stevens Memorial Library (North Andover, MA) Board of Trustees

# Order your Easter Tulips today!



You may place tulips in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Complete and return the form below along with your payment to place your order.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ tulips (please indicate quantity) to be placed in church on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cash/check enclosed at **\$7.00 per plant** Checks should be made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis** with *Easter flowers* on the memo line.

This plant is given \_\_\_\_\_ in loving memory **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of:  
PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED IN FLOWER DEDICATION

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN FLOWER DEDICATION

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 the service* on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

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

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

## Just for Kids...

# Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)



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 (United Church of Christ)  
 3 Monument Square  
 Hollis NH 03049

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 Hollis, NH 03049

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Dear Friends,

I wish you all Lenten greetings! This is the season of preparation for Holy Week. I am happy to be asked to serve The Congregational Church of Hollis at this time and until July 2.

We wish Rev. Tanya a wonderfully refreshing time to “reset” during her sabbatical. Let the rest of us use this time to keep the church lively and vital through our own sabbatical experience.

Some of our activities will be familiar. We will start up the *Loaves and Lessons* evenings throughout Lent (**details on page 6**). When I attended one of the Advent *Loaves & Lessons* suppers, I was inspired by the level of discussion and fellowship (and the delicious food!). Worship will be familiar, perhaps with some surprises.

Some events during our sabbatical will be brand new, planned in coordination with the Sabbatical Pastor Support Team. Join in!

Even though I will be part-time, my care and concern for you will be there all the time. Please call on me for pastoral needs. My email is [revfellows@comcast.net](mailto:revfellows@comcast.net) and my cell phone/text number is 603-562-1022.

Bless Rev. Tanya, and bless all of us,

*Rev. Robert Fellows*

