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Dear Friends,

May is always an active, celebratory month here at church. As usual, we will celebrate Mother’s Day with lots of music—our traditional Music Sunday will happen on May 12th. The following week, on May 19th, we will celebrate Children’s Sunday. And, with churches around the world, we’ll also mark Pentecost that day: the moment when the Holy Spirit bathed the first Christians with the divine power that moved Jesus himself, giving birth to Christ’s Church and fulfilling Jesus’ promise that believers would collectively become his Resurrected Body in this world, continuing his work and accomplishing even greater things than he himself had done. Our children will bear witness, and help all of us to lay claim, to the truth of that experience! After we worship, we’ll continue to celebrate with a brunch-feast (which will spill out onto the Squires Community Patio, weather permitting). I do hope you’ll join us in whatever way you’re able in the month of May!

Now, because May is such a busy month, and it can be easy to lose track of what our proper focus should be, I offer you this bit of wisdom from Mary Oliver:

“Messenger”

My work is loving the world.

Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird
equal seekers of sweetness.

Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.

Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?

Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect? Let me

keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,

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“Messenger” Cont.

which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.

The phoebe, the delphinium.

The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.

Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are
here,

which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,

a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.

-Mary Oliver

Yours with faith, hope, and love,

Tanya

Pastoral Relations

“Did You Know??”

Welcome to the new Pastoral Relations “Did You Know” section of the monthly Chimes. The Pastoral Relations team is a small group of church members who provide feedback to and from the Pastor to support pastoral needs and provide additional channels of communication between the Pastor and the congregation. Each month we will be sharing some of the special activities that Pastor Tanya is involved in, representing and supporting our congregation, local community, and the broader UCC family.

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(Pastoral Relations- “Did You Know??” - Continued)

This month’s “Did You Know” is regarding Pastor Tanya’s regular participation with NH Conference & Hillsborough Association UCC Activities. She is involved on various Conference- and Association-level committees, which ensures not only that our congregation’s voice is represented, but also fulfills the covenant every UCC Minister makes with the Denomination to serve not merely the local congregation’s interests, but also the interests of Christ’s Church more generally.

In addition, did you know that you can reach out to request a visit, a phone call or an office appointment to talk with Tanya? Each month Pastor Tanya actively provides pastoral care visitations. When she is made aware of a need for special pastoral support, she will arrange for hospital visitations, personal calls, and visits to homes of church members and others who are struggling with an illness, a family situation, or a need for spiritual guidance and support.

If you would like more information on Tanya’s NH Hillsborough Association Activities, or if you would like to arrange for a pastoral care visitation, please contact pastor@hollischurch.org or call (603)921-4930.

Also, if you have questions or input for the Pastor and/or would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee, you can send a message to PastoralRelations@hollischurch.org.

The members of the current Pastoral Relations Team are:

Peggy Gilmour

Paul Edmunds

Beth Harper

From the Faith Formation Office...

News From The Flock.....

It is hard to believe the church school year is coming to a close. This has been a fun-filled year with lessons, activities, art projects, songs, pizza nights, and service projects! Each week, your children amaze me with their curiosity and eagerness to learn God's stories. I enjoy spending each Sunday morning with them. Be sure to check next month's summer *Chimes* edition for some fun summer programs.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who have shared their time with the children in the Flock or the nursery!! And thank you to the CE Ministry Team for your background work! I appreciate each and every one of you! ~Kim

The Flock's May Classes:

May 5 - Jesus is the Vine

May 12 - Butterflies

May 19 - Children's Day worship service followed by an end-of-year celebration!

WHAT A MESS VBS

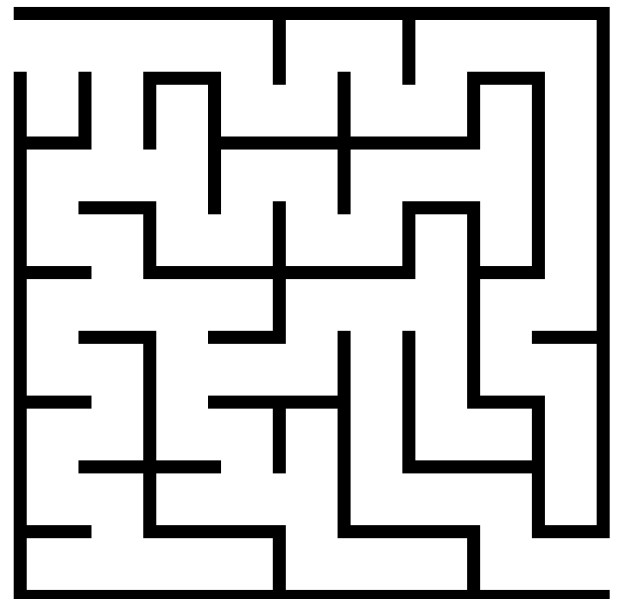
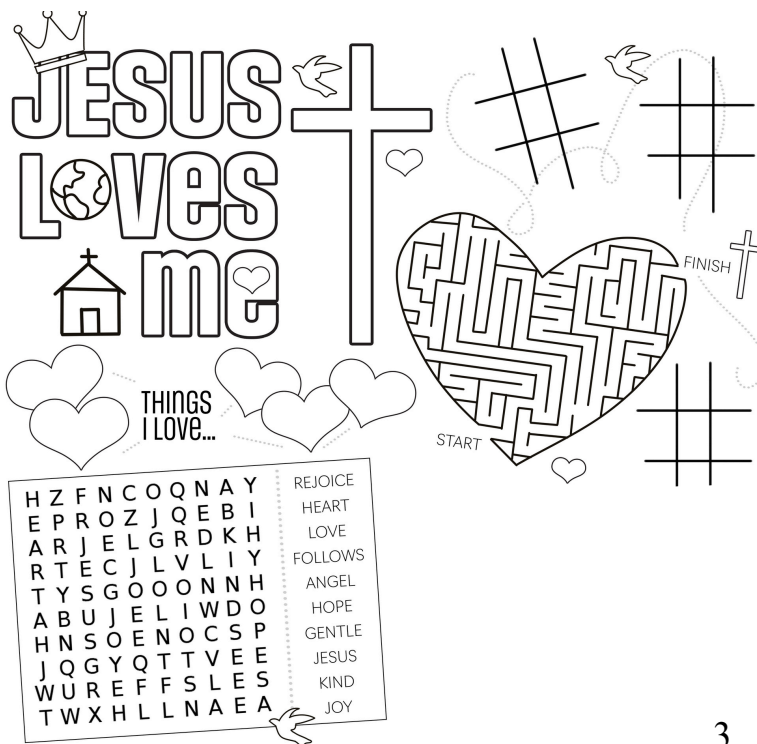
Registration is now open.....

Volunteers* are needed!

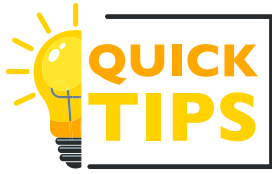
Join us for What a Mess VBS on July 22-25 from 9am-1pm. VBS will be a fun-filled week of adventure, lessons, crafts, STEM, games, snacks, & MORE! Don't miss out on the mess! Spots are limited.

- 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. Completed forms can be mailed to the church, dropped off, or brought to a Flock class.

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



Church Communications Corner



Getting the Word Out:

A Quick Guide to Church Announcement Submissions

Weekly Bulletin Guidelines:

Weekly bulletin announcements are dedicated exclusively to church-related news and events.

- **Submission Deadline:** Please submit your weekly bulletin announcements to Jessica via email at admin@hollischurch.org no later than the Tuesday before the upcoming Sunday.
- Submissions after the deadline will have to wait for the following week.

Monthly Chimes Guidelines:

The Monthly *Chimes* Newsletter is the perfect place for broader stories and articles that resonate with our church community's ongoing activities and milestones.

- **Submission Deadline:** Please submit your articles to Jessica via email at admin@hollischurch.org by the 15th of the month prior to the release month. *For example, if you want your article included in the May edition, submit it by April 15th.*
- **Please note: The summer edition (June-August) is due by May 15th.**

Additional Communications Requests:

For any other communication needs, such as social media posts or website updates, please email Jessica at admin@hollischurch.org with at least two weeks' notice.

Angel Choir Concert



The Angel Choir is a group of talented young people from the First Presbyterian Church of Granville, OH. They will be presenting a concert for us in June. This will be their fourth visit to Hollis. They travel extensively throughout the East and Midwest and have sung for worship at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and for a program honoring U.S. Military veterans at a Phillies game in Philadelphia. They have also performed with their local symphony, university, and for their community.

This group was started 30 years ago by Joy Hire, who has a connection to Hollis via her family. Her father, Russell, grew up in this church, and he and Joy's mom, Lucille, occupied the family home on the corner of Depot and Richardson Road, which has been in the family since 1744.



We are responsible for housing the angel choir singers and chaperons for the night of the concert, as well as providing them with breakfast and transportation back to the church the next morning.

We need about 15 hosts to accommodate the group (at least two per host – more if you can!). Please consider opening your homes and hearts to the Angel Choir and make this a memorable visit for them and for you!

To sign up for hosting, please contact April Springfield at 603 943-9452 (email: aprilLCspringfield@gmail.com)

Mission & Action

May Items of the Month:

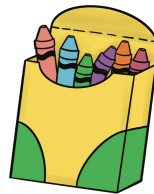
Bridges:

Helping Mommies with Coping Kits

In May we will be supporting Bridges: “Helping Mommies with Coping Kits; Little ones need to keep their minds and hands active.” We are asking for donations that parents can take with them.

Coping Kit Materials:

- Fidget spinners & other sensory toys
- Slime, play-doh, kinetic sand
- Tissue paper (bright colors!)
- Stones, rocks, magnets
- Small containers & memory boxes
- Coloring books (adult and child)
- Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- Bath bombs
- Face masks
- Lotion
- Fuzzy socks
- Grounding stones
- Memory boxes/gift bags



Bridges helps those who are suffering from domestic and sexual violence. It offers support and options to individuals who need to talk, need information, or feel alone, afraid, or hopeless. Bridges offers crisis intervention, support, court advocacy, shelter, education, and child advocacy programs.



Mission & Action:

Your Dollars at Work

Donations were made to Bridges and to Church World Services Kits

Blood DRIVE

**Blood Drive June 15th
in Hardy Hall.**

**Please share the gift of
life; your blood.**

Register and sign up at

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>





The Community Yard Sale and Church Bake Sale are Back!

Saturday, May 11, 9 am - 12 pm, Hollis Church & Library Parking Lot

(will be moved inside of church building in case of rain)

How can you participate?

- **Volunteers Needed:**
 - Wednesday through Friday (5/8 - 5/10) to sort and price donated goods.
 - Saturday, 5/11, to set up, work at the sale, park/traffic control, clean up, and haul away afterward.
- **Donate Merchandise** (from church participants only): Donations will be sold as part of the church's yard sale tables. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday-Friday, May 7-10, from 8 am – 12 pm; No donations prior to May 7 or after 12 pm on Friday, May 10. If another drop-off day/time is needed, please contact Carol at FandH@hollischurch.org or 603-860-2178.
- **Rent a space** (anyone) to sell wares - see below.
- **Donate baked goods** for the bake sale.

Sell Your Spring-Cleaning Items and/or Your Arts & Crafts at the Community Yard Sale!

To Rent A Space (or Spaces):

Sell your stuff (a great way to “spring clean” and make money)! If you don't have used items to sell but would like to sell products (excluding baked items), you can rent a space to sell your crafts. Tables are also available to rent.

Go to <https://hollischurch.org/community-yard-sale-reservation/> to reserve your space.

Reservation Deadline:

Tuesday, May 7

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

All proceeds will be used to support/provision the local community food boxes.

COME OUT AND BUY! Great bargains and awesome baked goods to be had, plus an opportunity to see lots of people from town!

From the Church Office

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

The Church Office Will Be Closed On:

Tuesday, May 28th & Friday, June 1.

Church Office Staff Schedule:

Eileen Widner:

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

Contact: churchoffice@hollischurch.org

Jessica Cleveland:

Wednesday & Thursday (8am-12pm)

Contact: admin@hollischurch.org

Our Church Records

Deaths

March 13, 2024

Alexander Francis Bartis

April 11, 2024

Walter W. Hemming

Memorial Donations

In loving memory of Alex Bartis
by Roger and Addie Saunders

Chimes Thanks...

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



Church Office Changes

Eileen will be reducing her church office support hours to 12 hours/week starting the week of April 15.

Eileen's main responsibilities will be:

- Church Bookkeeper
- Church Membership
- Keyless Entry System Management
- Facilities Scheduling & Liason w/ Facilities Team
- General Office Management

Jessica will continue to work part-time (mostly *remoteloffice hours on Wednesday & Thursday*).

Jessica's main responsibilities are:

- Church Communications
- Weekly Bulletin
- Weekly Announcements (Bulletin/Email/Facebook)
- Social Media Management
- OBS setup for Worship services
- Monthly *Chimes* Newsletter
- Website Management



Our Church Office Staff Needs Your Support!

As Eileen adjusts her schedule, we invite our church community to support this transition in several meaningful ways.

- **Please plan your church office needs in advance, providing at least 2 weeks' notice of all requests.**
- **Call ahead or schedule time with Eileen or Jessica.**
- **Consolidate your requests or inquiries.**
- **Your understanding and flexibility regarding response times is greatly appreciated!**

The church office staff works hard to meet the needs of the church. Please help to support this transition by being mindful of their schedules and reduced hours.



Children's Day Brunch Sunday, May 19



Join us for the Children's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 19, 2024! After our Children's Day worship on May 19, all are invited to join us in Hardy Hall and on the Squires Patio for a Children's Day Brunch. F&H will provide some main dishes, but **feel free to bring something to share ~ anything from a homemade dish to donuts from Dunkin'!**

Also good for sharing ... **Anyone have a Cornhole game** they can bring?
Other fun stuff like bubbles or sidewalk chalk? Set-up and clean-up
volunteers are always appreciated!

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



A Message From Sarah Cushman

Sarah would like to thank the participants of our congregation and community for all of the cards and emails that were sent to her for her mother's death (Sybil Cushman).

Sarah has two pieces of news she would like to pass on to the congregation:

- She has moved to apartment 402 in the same building.
- There will be a Celebration of Life service on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 1pm at the Congregational Church of Hollis for her mother, Sybil Cushman.

May Memorial Services at the Congregational Church of Hollis




Alex Bartis Memorial Service
Saturday, May 4 at 10:30am

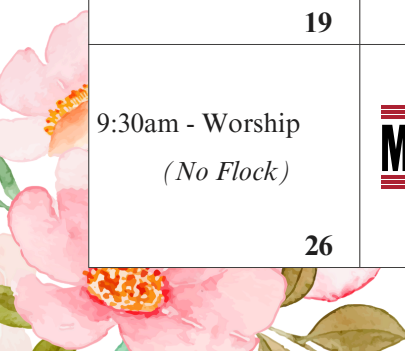
Sybil Cushman Memorial Service
Wednesday, May 29 at 1:00pm



MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			10am - Zoom Coffee Hr 1	7pm - Choir 2	3	10:30 AM - Memorial Service for Alex Bartis w/ Reception to Follow 4
9:30am - Communion Worship & Flock 11am - CE Board 5	6	10am - Prayer Shawl 6:30pm - Music Board <i>Yard Sale Donations Accepted 8am-12pm</i> 7	10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 4:30pm - Facilities 5pm - Flock Family Pizza Night <i>Yard Sale Donations Accepted 8am-12pm</i> 8	10am - Staff Mtg. 6pm - Caring Conn. 7pm - Choir <i>Yard Sale Donations Accepted 8am-12pm</i> 9	<i>Yard Sale & Bake Sale Donations Accepted 8am-12pm</i> 10	 Community Yard Sale & Church Bake Sale! 9am - 12pm 11
9:30am - Worship & Flock 12	7pm - Deacons Board 13	7pm - Mission Board 14	10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 6:30pm - Stewardship <i>Summer (June-August) Chimes Deadline</i> 15	7pm - Choir 16	17	18
9:30am - Worship & Flock <i>Children's Day Brunch Following Worship</i> 19	5:30pm - Trustees 20	10am - Prayer Shawl 6:30pm - Church Council 21	10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 22	23	24	25
9:30am - Worship <i>(No Flock)</i> 26	 27	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 28	10am - Zoom Coffee Hr. 1pm - Memorial Service for Sybil Cushman w/ Reception to Follow 29	30	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 31	





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See Page 6 For More Information

A colorful graphic for a community event. At the top, the word "COMMUNITY" is written in large, pink, outlined letters. Below it, a string of colorful triangular bunting hangs across the scene. In the center, the words "YARD SALE" are displayed in large, white, outlined letters on a background of colorful, overlapping rectangular shapes. To the left of "YARD SALE", a yellow starburst shape contains the text "Bake Sale" in black. To the right, a green starburst shape contains the text "Rent a Space" in black. Below these elements, the text "Hollis Library & Church Parking Lot" is written in a green, outlined font. At the bottom, a purple rectangular box contains the text "SAT. MAY 11 • 9:00 - 12:00" in white, bold, sans-serif font.