

# The Chimes

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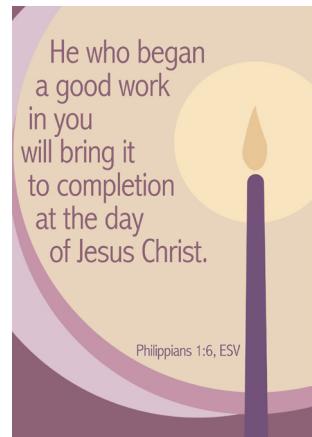
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*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."*

Philippians 1:3-6 (NRSV)



Dear Friends,

I suspected I would feel emotional at our first outdoor, in-person, socially-distanced worship service on Homecoming Sunday. And sure enough: despite being in the parking lot, flanked by dumpsters and a camouflage-clad storage pod, despite traffic and other people noises, it was just *so good* to be with a congregation praying and communing in-the-flesh, I actually choked up a couple times. I have truly missed the preciousness of physical presence with one another, where we can feel the Spirit moving between us in the space we share.

At the end of the service, I was stunned to be presented with a gorgeous stole (the long garment I wear around my neck, which symbolizes the towel Jesus used to wash his disciples' feet) depicting New Hampshire beauty, and generous gift card to a great local restaurant from the Church Council commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination and celebrating five years of ministry with all of you. I was deeply moved, humbled, and grateful. *Thank you all!*

I've been hearing with growing frequency the lament, "I'm just so ready for things to go back to normal!" Which, on the one hand, I get; grooves can feel like safe, comfortable places. At least, they're familiar. But on the other hand, there's truth to the observation some have made that our pre-corona existence was hardly a *healthy* "normal".

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# From the Faith Formation Office



## Journey to Confirmation Update

This year's lively class of thirteen 7th and 8th graders is being led by Gudrun Pfeiffer; assisted by Joel Verrecchia. The first class was held outdoors; students were spaced apart on blankets and chairs, and were excited to start their journey together! Classes in October will cover the Holy Spirit/Trinity, the Bible, as well as the all-new Life Lessons covering the topic of Stress.



October's Bible Memory Verse will be:

*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

Matthew 7:12

## Looking back:

In September, Kim and Kim tried out in-person outdoor Church School (the new temporary name, since it's now held on Tuesdays instead of Sundays!), following social distancing, and it was a huge success! Students brought their own blankets to sit on, and their backpacks, which were blessed for the school year. After the backpack blessing, students painted kindness rocks to be placed in the Adam Verrecchia memorial garden. It was so wonderful to see all the kids' smiles in-person! Classes will continue to be in-person outdoors as weather permits, and will otherwise be held on zoom.

## Looking ahead:

In October, the students will continue to learn about caring for others, and will complete a few service projects. In addition, the annual **3rd Grade Bible Sunday will take place on October 11**. This year's 3rd Graders will be presented with their very own bible. Plans are still underway, but it's expected that this will take place during the outdoor service at 11:00.

## \*\*Volunteers needed!\*\*

Each Sunday in October, **adult congregation members are invited to be "interviewed" by the children** in an effort to bridge the gap between generations within the church community. All questions will be given ahead of time, so volunteers will not be put "on the spot"! Interviews will only take 5-10 minutes. Please email Kim and Kim at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org) if you'd like to take part in this fun activity!



## New Underwear needed

for Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter

Church school kids are taking a collection for any and all types of **NEW underwear - men, women, and kids; all sizes**. Last spring, Carol Weeks from NSKS visited Sunday School and told the kids that one of the most-needed items at the shelter is new underwear. The kids got a kick out of this, and showed much interest in helping collect this item for those in need. Please place packages in the marked bin outside the church handicap entrance. **Donations will be accepted until October 13**. Thank you!



*(From the Pastor – continued from page 1)*

As the poet/author Sonya Renee Taylor has pointed out, the forced isolation of these past six months has given us the opportunity to reflect on the greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate, and spiritual deficit our culture has been manifesting. “We should not long to return, my friends,” she advises; “We are being given the opportunity to stitch together a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature.”

Not that there was precious little redemptive or wonderful about pre-COVID life, any more than there is nothing good about life as we know it now. God has been and is with us in and through all of it—and there are abundant things that are very good! But I agree with Taylor that we’ll fare better in every way if we stop pining even for the recent past, pay attention to the present (including allowing ourselves to grieve and adjust to new realities), and open our minds and attention to what new things God is doing with us, and inviting us to do in new and different ways!

We’re hoping to gather outside for worship again on Oct. 11 and 25 (weather permitting)—maybe even on a newly-completed Squires Community Patio! Please contact the church office to sign up; unfortunately, limited numbers is part of acknowledging the present reality.

And, we will continue to gather for communal worship on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Here’s somewhere that God might be inviting you to do something new: we are *urgently in need of at least two more people to help with the “stage managing” of these services*. Cindy Ryherd and Diane Fallier have been the sole two volunteers/providers of this ministry every Sunday for the past six months — and they both need and deserve a break and a larger team to support this new way that we are gathering as community. This is potentially a great way to contribute your time (it takes a *little* talent, but not a ton; it’s definitely learnable!) as you consider your Stewardship pledge this month. Please contact me ([pastor@hollischurch.org](mailto:pastor@hollischurch.org)) if you’re interested and/or can help in any way!

Finally, now more than ever it’s important for us to reach out to each other with expressions of care, concern, and support. Many of us did a good job of this at the outbreak of the pandemic. But as it continues to drag on, and our own spirits have grown weary with the constraints, it’s become easy to forget how good it is for the soul to reach out and support others; after all, we’re all in a collective time of distress. If you’re lacking motivation, just think about how much you appreciate it when someone unexpectedly reach-

es out to you with a card, telephone call, or some other sentiment of connection and care—and know that you will be giving that gift to someone else when you make that effort. And, you’ll also discover that your own spirit is lifted when you’ve done it! God will bless you richly as you bless others.

Church family, I am missing our shared in-person communion, and yet grateful for each of you and your Christ-like support of our extended community. May God continue to accomplish life-changing things in and through us!

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

*Tanya*

## Holiday Cards 4 Our Military Challenge



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
FOR THE MILITARY \*

Our church will once again help out with the annual **Holiday Cards 4 Our Military Challenge**. But, in the face of the COVID19 global pandemic, **plans for 2020 have been adapted for the times**. *Participation is easy!* This year, instead of gathering together to write cards during our Christmas Fair or Advent Celebration event, you are invited to pick up a Christmas card (or a stack of cards!) from the bin located outside the handicapped entrance to the church. Take one of the guidelines/instructions for card writing (it even includes a few writing prompts to help you with your message!) from the bin, too. Write a newsy holiday message, remembering that our Troops are diverse in their faiths. Sign your first name ONLY, city and state. You can include our church name, too! Then drop your completed cards in the Touch-free drop box outside the Hollis Pharmacy.

# October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Zoom</b> Sunday worship services and fellowship continue on <u>Sunday mornings at 9:30</u>. Church boards meet via Zoom.</p>						
	<b>October Mission Items of the Month:</b> Snacks for College Freshman Care Packages ... ◆ microwave popcorn ◆ microwavable mac and cheese ◆ granola bars ◆ protein bars ◆ single serving snacks			7pm - Choir		
4	5	6	7	1	2	3
9:30 am – Communion Worship on zoom	7 pm – CE Board meeting	4:30 pm – Church School outdoors or on zoom 6:30 pm – Music Board meeting 7pm – Stewardship Board meeting	10 am – Coffee Hour on zoom 7-8 pm – <i>Accidental Saints</i> Book Study	7pm - Choir	Our church volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Third Grade Bible Sunday</b> 9:30 am – Worship on zoom 11:00 am – Outdoor worship (weather permitting) – <i>advance sign-up required</i>	7 pm – Deacons meeting	4:30 pm – Church School outdoors or on zoom 7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting	10 am – Coffee Hour on zoom 7-8 pm – <i>Accidental Saints</i> Book Study	7pm - Choir	12 noon – Staff meeting	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# BoV Update: The Excitement Continues!



Our project continues to pick up speed. Demolition is complete and infrastructure, including rough electrical and plumbing and drywall is nearly finished. If you haven't had a chance to view our Sneak Peek Videos they are available on our webpage at <https://hollischurch.org/bov/>.

As of this writing we are more than two thirds of the way through the schedule and hoping to finish before Advent.

Highlights include:

- CE Space: Drywall is in place for a bright, new welcoming CE office in the Flagg Room.
- Fire-rated Exterior Stairway: The stairway bump-out has been framed and includes a beautiful window. Not only will this space allow us to meet fire safety codes it will also encourage people to transition down to Hardy Hall for fellowship directly following the service.
- Patio: Progress here includes completion of the stonewall-faced retention walls and stairs.
- Kitchen: Insulated moisture barrier has been added, design choices for flooring and millwork are complete.
- Hardy Hall: In addition to the big changes like eliminating the bottleneck, other changes have enhanced the use of natural light that will result in a bright, airy, functional space.
- Austin Room: A new entrance has been framed and we were able to correct a long-term leakage issue.
- Much More: A janitor's closet downstairs, new water heaters, double oil tanks, a larger, more open Deacon's Kitchen, wiring for a new AV system and more!

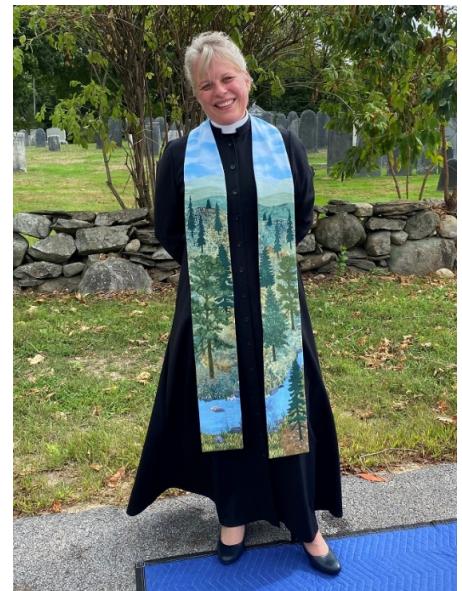
We have almost reached our fundraising goal and are extremely thankful for the generous donations we have received but we could still use assistance getting us to the top and enabling us to properly furnish and finish the new and revitalized spaces. We know these are difficult times for many, but if you or anyone you know would like to participate financially in this exciting project, donations are still greatly appreciated [www.DonateHollisChurch.org](http://www.DonateHollisChurch.org). Even just spreading the word is helpful! As always, all are welcome to enjoy our new space.

We hope we are able to join together soon to celebrate this amazing project.

With Joy,  
The BoV Team

Happy Belated 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ordination Anniversary  
to Rev. Tanya!

With all the changes and craziness we've all been dealing with as a result of COVID, not to mention the interruption to normalcy at the church building due to renovations, July 1<sup>st</sup> passed by with no fanfare or recognition of the significant date that it represents: the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Tanya's ordination! Fortunately, the Deacons and the Church Council kept it on their radar. On Homecoming Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the outdoor worship service, Paul Edmunds (on behalf of the two groups and the entire congregation) presented Rev. Tanya with a beautiful clergy stole in celebration! We look forward to seeing her wear it in the Meeting House when we can finally all meet together again!



# Stewardship Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>

## “Beloved, Love”

**Beloved,**

**LOVE**

Woven throughout the entire Bible, there are stories that compel us over and over to Love our Neighbor. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that the greatest commandment of all is “Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” To this, Jesus added a second, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-38)

Founded in 1976, San Lucas United Church of Christ, located in the Humboldt Park community of Chicago, is a small church with a big heart. Representing a multi-lingual, multi-cultural and intergenerational community, the congregation embodies “Loving their Neighbor.” Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagan-Banks, members and volunteers have created a committed team.

Amid hunger, homelessness, violence, and economic challenges, exacerbated by gentrification, this team offers a presence of hope. San Lucas UCC’s community meal is an excellent example of one of the offerings presented to the community. Every Tuesday, volunteers from Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs, serve over 100 hot meals to Beloved, Love your Neighbor.

**“Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.”** Margaret Mead to those in need. No one is turned away. Carmen Flores-Rance, lay leader and longtime member, stated, “We do Church here every day, we serve the people of the community here every day – not just on Sunday. That’s what makes San Lucas such a special place.” This humble, Humboldt Park church, boldly and fearlessly, lives into God’s commandment to Love thy neighbor. Philanthropist Charlotte Lunsford Berry reminds us, “We won’t always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What’s important is that you do care and you act.” So, let us act so that “They’ll know we are Christians by our love” as the hymn goes, and may we be known by our acts in love of neighbor.

**October is Stewardship month at our church. We are asked to thoughtfully reflect and pray about how we will commit ourselves and our resources of treasure, talent, and time in 2021 to furthering Christ’s ministry in our community and world.** It’s when we ask each member and friend to renew their personal or household commitment to follow Jesus’ teachings as we grow in faith, hope, and love. **On October 18, we will invite you to mark your faith-filled commitment with a pledge to support our church’s shared ministry.** The pandemic has created greater need for many, and greater opportunity for those of us who are able to respond with love and faith as Christ in the world through the ministries of our church.

As you reflect on the stewardship of resources and sharing provisions to create a just world for all, we invite you to consider how you Love your neighbor through your church community. Who is your neighbor? A single parent, refugee, or elder? Someone across the street or town, or in the pew next to you? Beloved, Love your neighbor.

We have on-line pledging through the church website at <https://hollischurch.org/annual-pledge/>. On-line pledging communicates your intentions for 2021 giving but no financial transactions are done. You can also fulfill your pledge through on-line giving options at <http://hollischurch.org/giving/>. On-line giving creates one-time or on-going financial transactions towards your pledge. See the next page for some thoughts on Tithing and Proportional Giving! We will continue to provide more information on these options as well as how your pledge can make a difference.

Your Stewardship Team

## **Pledging & Proportional Giving...**

The Biblical instruction to tithe (give 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one's income) feels impossible for many people today. But, it can be rewarding and satisfying to commit a percentage of our income (sometimes called "proportional giving") with an aim to grow that percentage over years to come. If this is something that appeals to you, here is a chart that might be helpful in your prayerful consideration:

### **WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS**

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

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## **New October Book Study!**

When someone suggested to me that we might read *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber, I heard it as a divinely-inspired idea. (Always remember, God can speak using your voice box, or any other unsuspecting person's, at any unexpected time.)

Be forewarned: this Lutheran pastor, by her own description, "swears like a truck driver"; so, if you're offended by cussing, you might find aspects of her book difficult. Her personal past is quite unlike a lot of pastors—but that's what makes her book all the more compelling. She speaks about grace in clear and engaging ways, and her stories demonstrate God's ability and determination to use anyone and everyone in order to accomplish holy things.

I hope you'll order and read the book, and join us on **Zoom every Wednesday evening in October (7, 14, 21, and 28) from 7-8 PM** to discuss. Watch for the email that will include the Zoom link information. If you can't join via Zoom but would like to participate (and are willing to come to the Parkhurst Room and wear a mask), please email [pastor@hollischurch.org](mailto:pastor@hollischurch.org). I can't wait to discover what we'll learn together about ourselves, others, and God this October!



## **2020 Christmas Fair**

***Yes, it's still happening!***

Although the fair will look different than in years past, the Church Fair Committee is hard at work coming up with new ways to still spread holiday cheer in November! Many updates will follow in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned.

**Collections of items** will be taken for the following, ***starting immediately:***

\* Silent Auction items

\* Raffle basket items

Can be anything from one item to a whole basket! *Basket items must be new and in original packaging.*

\*Items can be left in the bin outside the handicap entrance, or for more secure drop off, please drop off during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon. The side entrance will be locked; please ring the bell and someone will come to let you in.

We greatly appreciate all donations and look forward to a wonderful holiday season despite all the hardships this year!

~ Church Fair Planning Committee

## Deacons' Home Ministries 2020/2021 Food Basket Program Update

The Deacons are very happy and excited to announce that we will be moving forward with this year's Home Ministries Food Basket Program!



While some uncertainties with this year's program still exist, navigating cautiously through the pandemic challenges and working around the church's construction project, ***we know one thing for certain — there are a lot of families that need our help right now.***

### Here's how YOU can lend a Helping Hand!

 Participate in *Scouting for Food* program  
We've recently talked with Scout Leaders and at this point, they are planning to move forward with their **Scouting for Food program**, which is an integral part of our program, so we are grateful for that! The Scouts will be dropping off door hangers in your neighborhoods on Saturday, November 7th and **picking up all food donations on Saturday, November 14th.**

 Volunteer to Bake a Pie (or two!)  
We usually ask the congregation for **homemade Thanksgiving pies** in November, but we are asking early this year. Due to the ongoing construction, the Hardy Hall Kitchen may not be up and running by November 22nd, our first food basket packing date, which will prevent us from baking dozens of pumpkin



pies. If you are interested in baking a pie or some pies, please email Rick Guay at [RMGuay@comcast.net](mailto:RMGuay@comcast.net) for more information.

Additional information will follow as details are ironed out.

Thank you, as always, for your support!!

The Board of Deacons

## 2020 Greater Nashua Crop Hunger Walk Walking together...Apart

This year's Crop Hunger Walk for the Greater Nashua area will take place during the entire month of October. Walk our 3.4-mile route or the Milford Methodist Church route, or any walk or route that you choose. Walk with your family group or pod, or socially distance organized groups. Raise monies by emails and phone calls. Last year we raised \$47, 843 and were the largest walk in New England! We aim to raise the same or more this year, as hunger and poverty are worse than ever now. It will be easiest to raise money online this year. Go to <https://www.crop hungerwalk.org/nashuanh>.

Click on register. Register as a walker within the team of your faith community so we can credit your monies appropriately. Then follow the prompts to send emails to friends and family requesting donations. And details on how to collect monies. On October 1 we'll launch our kickoff video on our YouTube channel. Follow us on Instagram or Facebook for more info.

## Everything You Need To Know About Voting in 2020

### October 6, 2020 at 6:00pm

Register for this Zoom call now!

This Zoom presentation will inform church members about the specifics of voting and absentee ballots in 2020. This conversation will include ample time for Q&A so that participants have clarity about the steps they need to vote safely in this election. This webinar is meant for all clergy and lay members of churches and will be strictly nonpartisan.

## Open Democracy

Brian Beihl, Deputy Director of Open Democracy has prepared two documents about how to request, complete and return an absentee ballot in New Hampshire. You can contact Brian about these materials at [Brian@OpenDemocracy.me](mailto:Brian@OpenDemocracy.me) or (603) 620-8300. Click here to request an absentee ballot from the NH Secretary of State. Absentee ballots should be mailed by **October 15** in order to ensure timely delivery.

# Mission & Action News

## October Mission Item of the Month:

### Freshman Care Package Goodies!

This month we are collecting items for the **Freshman Care Packages**. Please donate small food items or trinkets that you think they would enjoy. Item ideas: microwavable popcorn, mac and cheese, granola/protein bars, soups, Halloween candy, and fun little trinkets. Let's show them our church still cares for them even if they are away from home.



**Another Mission Item...** There is a constant need for **diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6**.

Please drop ALL donations in the plastic bin at the handicapped entrance to the church.

**Is there a college student in your family?** Please provide us with freshmen names and addresses (*even if they're attending from home!*) and email addresses for newsletters and our freshman care package project.

Update college addresses/emails of upperclassmen so we can send them our monthly newsletters, too. Contact the church office (churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797) with info.



## Coming Next Month ...



Please keep in mind **The Giving Tree** for next month. This holiday season we will be supporting several families for the Front Door. If you would like to purchase gifts for families as in the past, please contact Karen Marino. We will be asking you to purchase Amazon gift cards for the Nashua Children's Home. They can be bought at CVS, Walgreens, Market Basket, Hannafords, Whole Foods, Staples. For more information about the Giving Tree please contact Karen Marino at 465-2463 or kmarino360@gmail.com

## Your Mission and Action Dollars at Work:

Each year, Mission and Action provides program support to these partner organizations.

- St. John Neumann Food Pantry
- Bridges
- Meals on Wheels
- Marguerite's Place
- School Nurse Program
- Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
- Nashua Children's Home
- End 68 Hours of Hunger
- Meals Matter

In September we made a donation to the **Thank You Project**.

Its mission is to change the lives of people by providing rural areas of Nigeria with drinking water, education, and enlightenment. The goals of this Christian-based non-profit organization are to:

- Provide the equipment necessary to dig fresh water wells.
- Establish a scholarship fund for deserving students who cannot afford the cost of university tuition (only \$2,000 per year).
- Build a spiritual center.

The THANK YOU PROJECT was brought forth out of a sense of gratitude, indebtedness, and thankfulness to God. We are all blessed in numerous ways and feel obligated to give back to humanity while we are able.



## From the Church Office...

My grateful thanks go to Nancy Bell and Freddi Olson for prepping the September edition of *The Chimes* for mailing.

# Not Your Typical Homecoming Sunday...

by Cindy Ryherd

Last September, as we celebrated the many years of musical contributions Sylvia Eggleston and Janet Sterritt made to the church upon their retirement and we enjoyed a sunny picnic after worship, none of us could EVER have imagined how much we should have appreciated what we were taking for granted: sharing worship and food and space and greetings and hugs and handshakes and laughs, all without masks and with no thought what-so-ever of how close we stood to one another...

The good news is, while we were unable to experience a “normal” Homecoming Sunday this year, we still have so much to feel GREAT about and we made a wonderful day of it anyways! At the 9:30 Zoom worship service, attendees were treated to a “sneak peek” walk-through video of the exciting BOV renovations that are progressing nicely both inside and out. If you haven’t seen the video yet, you can see it at <https://hollischurch.org/bov/>.

The Zoom service was followed by the first in-person worship service since March! At 11:00 we had 24 attendees along with two Deacons, the Ryherds for AV/photography support, and Rev. Tanya gather outside to worship and pray together as a church family (albeit a necessarily smaller subset of the larger church family we would have loved to be physically together with!) We enjoyed beautiful piano music recorded by our choir director, Julie Oliver, choir music recorded by our fabulous choir, and the amazing Matt Kopser in recorded solo work. We got to hear and see the emotion of Tanya’s sermon. Even with masks on, we could see each other’s smiling eyes and hear each other’s happy voices. Talking, laughing, praying and just BEING together was so cathartic! Simultaneously, the next class of confirmands met outside for their kick-off meeting to their Journey to Confirmation with much the same experience.

**Bottom Line:** We are doing an amazing job of being resilient, helping one another, making the very best of this extraordinarily difficult situation, truly appreciating those efforts, and continuing to be a loving, caring, and strong church family! Homecoming Sunday and the re-designed activities of Sunday School and Confirmation, our continued support to our Mission and Action partners, and ongoing fellowship activities are all testaments to how much we should feel good about.

There’s something about a big dose of “Untypical” to make you count your blessings! I, for one, am eternally grateful for this year’s Homecoming Sunday. I can’t imagine getting through a pandemic without all of you there with me!



# Our Church Records

## Memorial Gifts

*In memory of Thelma Pollard by:*

Marilyn Wehrle

Judy and Don McCoy

Carolyn and Louis Gargasz

*In memory of Richard Pease by:*

Mary and John Pease

*In memory of Carolyn Hackett by:*

Judy and Don McCoy

Carolyn and Louis Gargasz

*In loving memory of Adam Verrecchia by:*

Kim and John Burton

Judy and Don McCoy

Julie and Randy Forgaard

Ann Loven

Augusta Heywood

Jennifer Anthony

Jean Cunningham

Jodi Blackwell

The Daigle Family

Brenda Golia

Amy Brosnan

Patricia Cordell

Liz and Al Gilbert

Paula and Tony Aurino

Hollis Police Benevolent Association

Teresa and Joe Connelly

Brian and Kristina Cormier

Erika and Ben Damon

Michael and Erin Dipalma

Ronald and Janet Goulart

Judith Henley

Jane Newcomer

Scott and Tara Holliday

Doris and Dick Rafferty

Deb Shipman

Joyce Toli

Unicarriers Americas Corp

Marilyn Wehrle

Ed and Thelma Wigfield

Kate Anderson

Frederick and Barbara Field

Lillian and Joe Garruba

Julie and Matt Kopser

Janis and George Louzek

Karen Marino

Heather Saniuk

Beth and Lee Harper



## Memorial Garden

With gratitude to God for the gift of Adam Verrecchia's precious life, but also acknowledging our grief in having lost one so young, the church and Verrecchia family have established the **Adam Verrecchia Memorial Garden Fund**.

If you would like to make a donation to the Adam Verrecchia Memorial Garden Fund, you may donate online at [www.hollischurch.org](http://www.hollischurch.org), or by sending a check made payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis ("Adam Verrecchia Memorial Garden Fund" in the memo line) to 3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049.

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## Screening Guidelines for Attendance at Outdoor In-Person Worship

New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services has provided the following screening guidelines. **If you can answer "Yes" to any of the questions below, please do not attend an in-person service:**

1. *Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher? Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:*
  - Fever, or feeling feverish;
  - Respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath;
  - General body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue;
  - Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, and
  - Changes in a person's sense of taste or smell.
2. *Have you had close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the prior 14 days? (Note: healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment should answer "no" because they are not considered to have a COVID19 exposure)*
3. *Have you traveled in the prior 14 days outside of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island for non-essential purposes?*



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## Outdoor Worship Service Anyone?



There are two planned outdoor worship services in October (*these are in addition to the Zoom worship services at 9:30 am those same days*):

- **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**
- **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am (includes communion)**

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one yet, please consider doing so! Being together, in person, feels SO good after so long! For safety reasons, the services are limited in the number of attendees and all attendees must wear masks, bring their own chair, and agree to

socially distance by maintaining at least 6' apart from other individuals or groups. (***See NH screening guidelines for attendance on page 11***) Those that come together as a group do not have to socially distance from each other in their group. **Advance sign up is required to attend.** An email is sent out a week before the date of the service with a link to sign up so look for those emails on October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not use email, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org) to request attendance at either service. We will need to know the date(s) you wish to attend and the number of people total in your group, including yourself.

In the case of bad weather, the outdoor service will be postponed to the following Sunday and an email will go out and/or phone calls will be made to the attendees that signed up notifying them of the postponement. We look forward to seeing you!