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*“God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need. You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous. Then many people will thank God when we deliver your gift. What you are doing is much more than a service that supplies God’s people with what they need. It is something that will make many others thank God.”*

(2 Corinthians 9:10-12, CEV)

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire community, I want to express appreciation and gratitude to everyone who helped make our Homecoming and “Grand Re-Opening” weekend a resounding success! So many of you contributed generously in multiple ways, and the joy and blessings generated by your generosity were visible to the entire community. **Thank you!!**

At most Sunday worship services, usually as we prepare to “thank God from whom all blessings flow”, you’ll hear me acknowledge the important faith practice of personal stewardship (how we manage the resources of time, talent, and financial treasure each of us has in varying measures). But each year in October, our church’s Stewardship Board takes the lead in raising our collective awareness about the ways our personal and household contributions cumulatively impact our church’s ability to live out our vision and the mission we’ve set together.

Some have wondered why we need to hear about the importance of pledging year after year, and why it has to happen in October if we absolutely must hear it. The responses are both practical, and rooted in the purpose for our participation in church life.

First, we operate in a world that relentlessly competes for (and, let’s be honest, often wins) our resources in such a way that the picture that gets painted of our overall commitments may not reflect what we believe or value most deeply. So, we need repeated invitations and reminders that help us to keep our deeper spiritual commitments front-of-mind.

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# From the Faith Formation Office

## *Journey to Confirmation*

Confirmands continue on their Journey to Confirmation this month with their core classes and a Life Lesson:

10/3 CORE: God and the Holy Spirit

10/17 CORE: Bible

10/27 Life Lesson: *Slow Down 2*

10/31 CORE: History of Christianity

## Monarch Project was hugely successful

In July, 12 families/couples/individuals adopted approximately 40 Monarch eggs and caterpillars.

They all did an incredible job raising these caterpillars and were able to see the miracle of Monarch butterfly metamorphosis first-hand!

In nature, only about 2 out of 100 eggs laid survive to become butterflies. So by adopting and raising these eggs and caterpillars, our church was able to significantly boost their survival rate. All the butterflies have now all been set free, and will begin their migration to Mexico.

It was a wonderful experience for all ages, and the adults were just as amazed by the whole process as the children. It's safe to say everyone is excited to do this again next summer!



## News from The Flock:



In October, Flock students will finish up their unit on the **Gospels**, and will begin a new unit on **Women Heroes of the Bible**.

The kids have been playing some fun games to learn different verses from each gospel, and are busy finding ways to earn beads for their new keepsake bracelets and keychains!

## The Flock Underwear Drive

Please consider donating



**New**



underwear

(all sizes - men, women, & children)  
for Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter



~Collection Deadline is 10/17~

Thank you!

## October 17 is 3rd Grade Bible Sunday

Make sure to attend the service this day to show your support for the 3rd Graders who will earn their very own Bible from church. An annual tradition that's not to be missed!

## Youth Group is back in October!



Kids in grades 6-9 are back to meeting monthly for some fun together! On **Friday, October 8**, the kids will be having their first 'Game Night' in their new space - the Austin room.

# October 2021



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

## October Mission Items of the Month: Snacks and more for College Freshman Care Packages

- ◆ microwave popcorn ◆ microwavable mac and cheese ◆ granola bars ◆ protein bars ◆ single serving snacks
- ◆ cocoa mix ◆ Nerf balls ◆ Silly Putty ◆ fun post-its or paper clips ◆ small toys or games

1

2

9:30 am – Communion Worship  
(In Person and Zoom )  
9:30 am – The Flock and Confirmation

3

7 pm – CE Board  
meeting

4

6:30 pm – Music  
Board meeting  
7pm – Stewardship  
Board meeting

5

10 am – Zoom  
Coffee Hour

6

7 pm - Choir

7

3:30 pm – Youth Group  
3:30 pm – Teens cook  
for Ash St  
Our volunteers provide  
dinner at Ash St.  
Shelter

8

9

9:30 am – Worship (In Person and Zoom)  
9:30 am – The Flock

10

7 pm – Deacons  
meeting

11

7 pm – Mission &  
Action Board  
meeting

12

10 am – Zoom  
Coffee Hour  
5 pm – Facilities  
Committee meeting

13

7 pm - Choir

14

November *Chimes*  
deadline

15

***Dig It Up Party***  
Church Landscaping  
event

16

### Third Grade Bible Sunday

9:30 am – Worship (In Person and Zoom)  
9:30 am – The Flock and Confirmation

Deadline for College Care Package  
donations and *The Flock's* underwear  
collection drive

17

7 pm – Trustees  
meeting

18

7 pm – Church  
Council  
meeting

19

10 am – Zoom  
Coffee Hour

20

7 pm - Choir

21

22

23

9:30 am – Worship (In Person and Zoom)  
9:30 am – The Flock  
Nashua Area CROP Walk  
12:30 Registration / 1:30 Walk  
at Temple Beth Abraham

24

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26

10 am – Zoom  
Coffee Hour

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9:30 am – Worship (In Person and Zoom)  
9:30 am – The Flock and Confirmation

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*Coming in November ~ Stewardship Sunday is November 7  
~ Giving our Time, Talent, and Treasure ~*



(From the Pastor – continued from page 1)

And then, we take an entire month several months *prior* to the start of the new year because that's how long it takes to develop a considered budget in a church. The Stewardship Board receives pledged figures, which are sent to the Trustees who look at those numbers against the predictable expenditures and the projected costs of running the church and its various programs. The Trustees present their proposed budget to Church Council, who in turn wrestles with it before making its budget proposal to the Congregational Meeting. Because we're an organization of volunteers, and most meetings can only happen monthly, the process easily takes 3-4 months even when we're focused.

If the success of our recent "Joy of Generosity" capital campaign and Building Our Vision process has taught us anything, it is that, when we are careful, prayerful, and faithful—when, as individuals and as a community we search out the vision and desires of God, and then set about responding in alignment with that discernment as best we can—then our faithfulness is rewarded as the vision becomes a reality. It reassures us of God's truth, reality, and the trustworthiness of living as people guided by ancient faith traditions and practices. Which includes pledging a portion of all one possesses and all one receives in time, to divine work and purposes—especially as that work gets carried out by a community of fellow believers.

I hope you'll welcome the efforts of our Stewardship Board this October, as they've worked to arrange speakers from within our church as well as from some of the local organizations our annual budget supports through its Mission & Action funds. We'll be re-visiting the "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." questions we considered last month—only this time around, with an eye to how the world

around us might be either asking or receiving the question, and how we might practice responding.

One final note: I will be away on a spiritual and educational retreat, learning about the lives and spiritual practices of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, from Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. On the two Sundays I'm away, the worship services will be ably led by our deacons (and increasingly practiced preachers and worship leaders) Bryar Trent and Jenna Dakalovich, respectively; I hope you'll support them with your presence and participation!

Bountiful October blessings, my friends!

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

*Tanya*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Patricia Cordell and Irene Norian are planning to re-establish a Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will meet one morning a month, at the church, to share projects and good fellowship.

Shawls created under this ministry reach out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. We are also knitting prayer squares, which fit perfectly in backpacks, briefcases, purses, and pockets.

These are available in a basket in the Narthex. Just help yourself. For more information about the ministry, its origin, patterns, yarns, prayers, and much more, visit

[www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)

If you're interested in joining us, or knitting at home, contact Patricia at [patricia.cordell27@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.cordell27@gmail.com), or Irene at [rinorian@comcast.net](mailto:rinorian@comcast.net) ***You don't have to be an expert!***



## From the Church Office

**Many Thanks** go to Karen Marino, Freddi Olson and Joyce Toli for preparing the September *Chimes* for delivery to your mailbox!



**Church Office hours** for September-May are:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday 8am-3:30pm

Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm

Thursday 8am-3:30 pm

Friday 8am-12pm



***“I’ve been meaning to ask...”*** is a range of

thought provoking and faith building questions we are engaged in this fall during church services. In addition to those, ***I’ve been meaning to ask... What if we were able to raise more funds beyond what we need to run the core operations of our church?***

***Where would your heart and passion lead you to apply it?*** Can you imagine the impact and how it would both help, and make you feel? I’ve also been meaning to ask... ***What if you could do something that could bring you closer to God, strengthen your faith, and give you and others great joy?***

What could that be? Hmmm....

As we approach our **Pledge Sunday on Nov 7**, we’re very excited to hear directly from several groups our congregation’s pledged giving supports. We support multiple groups to help change the lives of people in need, and we couldn’t do it without generous financial pledged giving, as well as gifts of time, service, and material donations (e.g., Item of the Month, ongoing collections, etc.). We’ll also hear how our church works to inspire, support, & strengthen faith and understanding through the important work of our church ministry teams and boards – like Living our Vision, Christian Education, Deacons, Music, and Trustees – and how and why your pledged giving and faithful stewardship is the fuel that powers it all. We’ll also answer some common questions about stewardship, and pledging. (Let us know if you have any you’d like answered!) **The financial pledge you make in November helps us to budget and plan for what we hope to share and provide in the 2022.**

Let me also say: Thank You for your generous support! We can be proud of the impacts we have on our communities both in and beyond the church, but there is so much more need left to address and we can’t do it without your generous giving.

God bless you,  
Chris Hyde – Stewardship Chair



## **THANK YOU** from the BOV TEAM

A big **THANK YOU** to all who supported our renovation with your time, talent, and resources. Without you it would not have been possible. We are sincerely appreciative of the energy and dedication you brought to this project. While the Building our Vision renovation has been completed, it is just the prequel. Now is the time to live into our vision by fulfilling the tenets of our Strategic Plan: ***Welcome, Worship, Learning, and Service***. We encourage everyone to bring their ideas, energy and passion to this next endeavor. **Let’s Live our Vision together.**

Ed Wigfield and Sarah May, Co-Chairs  
Building our Vision

P.S. Be sure to check out the photos on our website [HollisChurch.org](http://HollisChurch.org) !

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## **Our Church Records**

### **Deaths**

September 4, 2021

Dorothy (Dotty) Evans Hackett

**A Memorial Service** for Fred Lyford will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 at Beaver Brook Association.

## **A New Face Lift**

The Landscaping Committee is planning to have a **DIG IT UP**

**PARTY on Saturday, October 16th.** We will need strength, gloves,

shovels, picks, and moving equipment to dig up existing plant material and dig in new material including rocks, metal edging, shrubs, perennials. If you are not able to contribute your time, maybe you would like to sponsor a plant. If interested in the new look for the front of the church building or interested in helping, please contact Nora Lewis at [TheLewis4@msn.com](mailto:TheLewis4@msn.com) or Kimber Harmon at [KimberHarmon106@gmail.com](mailto:KimberHarmon106@gmail.com).



## ...And the Rest is History: *Our Church's History Highlights*

### Room Names, Part II

by Cindy Ryherd

Continuing the “Room Names” series, as a reminder last month I kicked off the series with the Saunders Room, one of the two newest named spaces of our church (having been dedicated last month during the Homecoming/Dedication celebration). This month, we explore one of the two oldest named rooms of the church: Emerson Chapel.



### Emerson Chapel

Emerson Chapel is named in memory of Reverend Daniel Emerson, the first ordained minister of the Congregational Church of Hollis (West Dunstable at the time of his ordination). The beautiful chapel was built on the west side of the church that was opened and dedicated in 1925. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> church built on the site and replaced the church that burned down in 1923. Connected to the Meetinghouse, it originally was its own space when viewing the church from the outside, with a large arched window facing south and two windows facing west. In 1965 the west wing was added to the church which resulted in enclosing the south side of Emerson Chapel and part of the west side. At

that time, the glass of the large arched window was replaced with mirrors inside Emerson Chapel, two windows were added to the north side of Emerson (one on either side of the fireplace) to provide the natural light lost by losing the south window, and a door into the rest of the west wing was located roughly where one of the two windows on the west side had existed. The BOV renovations resulted in a few more changes to Emerson Chapel, though none of them structural:

- A TV is now mounted above the fireplace so the chapel can be used as a Sanctuary overflow room and/or if a parent with a crying child might want to soothe the child while still getting to watch and listen to the worship service.
- One corner of the chapel (where the piano used to be) is now a library/reading space, with a new bookcase and a comfortable wing-back chair to read in.
- Two new-to-Emerson antiques have been donated: An 1849 Tobin Seraphin reed organ and a Whitney coffee table (more below on these pieces).

### About Some of the Contents of Emerson Chapel:

Started in 1743, our church is rich in history, and throughout the church are pieces of historical significance on display. However, Emerson Chapel, by far, has the MOST historical items, so while the room is very much functional as a chapel, a meeting place, a Sanctuary overflow room, and a reading room, it is also a museum! Like a museum, some of the items (annotated) have placards hanging near them with more information.

1. **1773 Desk Secretary (see placard)** was donated in December 2000 by Galen and David Deming in loving memory of their mother, Glenna Foster Deming who was the daughter of Louisa Hardy Foster. Originally made for Christopher Farley when he married Ruth Jewett in 1773, it passed through the Farley family who eventually gifted it to Louisa W. Hardy and on down through Hardy generations.
2. **1849 Tobin Seraphin Reed Organ (see placard)** donated in 2021 by the Hildreth/Birch families and used in the church from 1849 until 1864 when a Mason and Hamlin cabinet pipe organ was installed. The older Tobin organ was sold to James C. Hildreth, who later sold it to Mrs. Nellie (Lund) Peacock. It remained in the Lund family until Henry Hildreth, (James C. Hildreth's grandson) purchased the organ from Walter Lund in 1965. The organ remained with the Hildreth and Birch family in Hollis until they donated it this

year to see it back home at the Congregational Church of Hollis once again after over 150 years in private residences.

3. **1895 Grandfather Clock (see placard)** was donated in 2013 by Mary Duncan Williams, granddaughter of Daniel Emerson (the great-great-grandson of Rev. Daniel Emerson).
4. **1920s Victorian Couch (see placard)** was donated by Emma Ober Canavan for the 1925 dedication of Emerson Chapel. It was refurbished and reupholstered in 2016 using funds donated by the estate of Lydia Schellenberg.
5. **Needlework of the Madonna of the Chair (see placard)** done by Sarah Elizabeth Tenney and donated in 1972 by Rodney Clinton Hardy, her grandson.
6. **Antique Whitney Coffee Table** owned by Hilda Blood Tolles, donated in 2021 by her niece and fellow church member, Karen Marino, in loving memory of her aunt.
7. **High Back Cane Chair** believed to be saved from the previous church. It has definitely been in the current church since its 1925 dedication.
8. **Four Bow Back Windsor Chairs** made in Gardner, MA by S. Bent & Bros.
9. **Ladies Cane Rocker** donated by Hannah Spaulding in 1978
10. **Old State House Chair** replica donated in loving memory of Mabel Harriet Hills, 1923-2009 (chair #448/1000)
11. **Brass Cross** has been in the current church since its 1925 opening. Now located on the organ in Emerson Chapel, it used to be on the Chancel communion table in the Sanctuary until the hanging cross was installed.
12. **Pewter Plate and Tea Set** donated by the Ladies Reading & Charitable Society (1965?) in memory of Viola Brocklebank, it includes a tray, teapot, sugar bowl, large creamer, and creamer small
13. **Chandelier** purchased in 2000 with memorial monies in memory of Elizabeth “Libby” Stowell Hills, 1924-1999.
14. **Ethan Allen Wing Back Chair** donated in 2021 by Thelma and Ed Wigfield, reupholstered using Memorial Committee funds.
15. **Brass Bell** located on the top shelf of the bookshelves, donated by bell choir members in memory of June Whitebread. Names engraved on the bell were bell choir members that demonstrated the spirit of Ms. Whitebread.
16. **Time Capsule Box** located on the top shelf of the bookshelves, designed and hand-crafted by Charlie Seddon, made of the wood of the maple tree brought down for the 2020-2021 construction of the Squires Community Patio and the Fellowship Staircase. Sealed in 2021, to be opened in 2043 for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church.
17. **Antique Bibles**, one large one located on the top shelf of the bookshelves, published in 1879, and two smaller ones located on the top shelf inside the 1773 desk secretary. One of the two smaller ones belonged to Ms. Arvilla Hardy (1848-1938), given to her by her father, Solon Hardy, in 1890 and donated by the Hardy family. The other one of the two smaller ones was donated by the Hills family (Mabel, James, Grace, Ruth, Albert, and Harriet Hills) at Christmas 1924 to be included in Emerson Chapel for the dedication in 1925.
18. **“Our Church History” Album** located on the wooden chest, created in 2016 by the Memorial Committee. Contains photos and information of all of the past ministers going back to Rev. Daniel Emerson, plus other church history.
19. **Reverend Emerson and Emerson Chapel Binder** located on the wooden chest. Created and donated by Cindy Ryherd in 2021, it includes “all things Emerson”, including photos and copies of articles and relevant pages of books used to research the 3-part series *And the Rest is History...* articles about Rev. Emerson.



20. **Antique Photos** on the wall above the couch. Eight ministers that served between 1743 and 1906 are pictured, including Daniel Emerson, Eli Smith, David Perry, Pliny B. Day, D.D., James Laird, Hiram L. Kelsey, Darius B. Scott, D.D., and Samuel L. Gerould, D.D. Missing (no photos available) are James Aiken who served 1842-1848 and Matthew D. Gordon who served 1849-1852. Photos of ministers from 1907 – 2013 are in the “Our Church History” album.

#### **About Reverend Daniel Emerson:**

Much has been written about Rev. Daniel Emerson in my 3-part series about him, (see the [April, May, and June 2021 editions of ...And the Rest is History](#)), so I will summarize those articles into a paragraph.

A graduate of Harvard, Rev. Emerson served as sole pastor from age 26 – 76 (50 years! from 1743 – 1793), and remained co-pastor along with the Reverend Eli until his death in 1801. His arrival as settled pastor was very important to the town so it could request a Town Charter from the King. A settled pastor was a requirement for requesting a Charter and Hollis (originally spelled Holles) received its charter in 1746. He was greatly loved and respected by the congregation and around the region as he was a visiting pastor to many towns that did not have settled pastors of their own. The town and church grew quickly during his tenure, and part of that was due to his popularity. But Rev. Emerson turned out to be so much more than a much-loved preacher. He was a teacher, helping not only in the local grammar school, but preparing men from the Hollis area to enter college. He was a soldier (chaplain) in the French and Indian War, serving in two different regiments. He was one of the original four “Friends of the Library” (Hollis Social Library). And he was an adoring husband, deeply in love with his wife, Hannah, whom he had 13 children with. If you have not read the 3-part series about Rev. Emerson, you should do so to learn more about the fascinating history of this amazing man!

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## ***More Church History: Our Church Historical Placards***

### **Quiz to Follow (just kidding!)**

There are a LOT of wonderful new updates, additions, and changes to enjoy in the church as a result of the completion of the Building Our Vision renovations. A side project that also came about is the addition of historical placards in several locations throughout the church.

- **Five named rooms/space have placards giving the story of the individual(s) the room/space is named after:**
  1. Saunders Room
  2. Parkhurst Room
  3. Austin Room
  4. Flagg Room
  5. Squires Community Patio
- **The Narthex has placards for six items displayed:**
  1. 1743 Communion Platter
  2. 1804 Gallery Pews Drawing
  3. 1804 Main Level Pews Drawing
  4. Collection Pouches
  5. 1924 Kate Cutter Gage Silver Vase
  6. Meeting House Maple Picture
- **Emerson Chapel has placards for five items displayed:**
  1. 1773 Desk Secretary
  2. Grandfather Clock
  3. Madonna of the Chair Needlework
  4. Antique American Empire Sofa



5. 1849 Tobin Seraphim Reed Organ (new addition to church, donated by Anna and Sue Birch)
- **Saunders Room (previously the Counting Room) has a placard for two pictures displayed:**
  1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting House when originally built in 1804, and in 1849 after being rotated 90°
- **Hallways have placards for two items displayed:**
  1. Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia Picture (displayed in the hallway outside Deacon’s Kitchen)
  2. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt (displayed in the hallway inside the west [library] entrance).

Other historical items are displayed throughout the church are great items to enjoy even though they don’t have placards:

- The center (handicap) entrance has two beautiful pictures of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting House, including one which is the only known picture the church has of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting House after the stained-glass windows were installed in the late 1800s.
- The Deacon’s kitchen has some lovely wood offering plates displayed on the wall, as well as two pictures of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting House and two ceramic plates of the church.
- Emerson Chapel, in general, has many items of historical significance worth viewing. Don’t forget to look at some of the items in the new bookcase in the chapel.
- The admin office has a wonderful watercolor of the church by Harold (Hal) Farnum of Massachusetts, as it looked after it was rebuilt in 1925.

Our church is blessed with a long and rich history dating back to 1743. We hope you’ll take the time to explore and read about some of our church’s fascinating history!

## The Backstory on the Design of Our New Communion Table

as described by Brad Wolcott, designer and builder, Konfluence Design, Concord, NH

**The Hollis Communion Table** is a contemporary design based on Christian iconographic traditions stretching back two millennia. It is **constructed from the wood of two maple trees removed to enable construction** of the new community patio. The table’s overall form mirrors that of the celebrant during communion, and the central circular motif encapsulates three distinct but complementary themes.

The long overhang of the top and the gentle taper of the legs reflect the celebrant’s outstretched arms and the drape of their robe during the communion service. It is a gesture of welcome and thanksgiving for God’s blessings and an invitation for the congregation to join together around the table and share communion. Starting at the floor the legs gently sweep up, leading our eyes up towards the table’s apron.

The curve of the legs transitions to the uplifting arc of the apron and draws our eyes towards the central circular inlay. This inlay incorporates three layers of meaning. The circular shape symbolizes the entrance to Jesus’ tomb and the stone that was rolled away to reveal his resurrection. It invites us to consider his sacrifice and our own relationship to his teachings. The inlay itself is made of ox horn. The ox, one of the four faces of god, is an ancient Christian symbol of redemption through sacrifice and variously attributed to the gospels of both Luke and Mark. This symbol reminds us that Jesus was a servant of God and sacrificed himself to forgive our sins. Layered underneath the translucent ox horn is a circular golden nimbus that helps illuminate the inlay. This nimbus is a common iconographic element on Christian artwork from the late Roman Empire through the middle ages. It is typically a golden disc placed behind the head of Jesus, Mary or the saints to symbolize their divinity.

Taken together, the design of the Hollis Communion Table incorporates a wide range of Christian iconographic symbols in a grounded contemporary design. In the same way that the Building our Vision team at the church has worked to prepare and strengthen the parish for the future while maintaining its rich ties to history, this communion table is intended as both an homage to the past and a thoughtfully crafted space around which the community can gather for decades to come.



## Time Capsule Sealed!

The BOV Time Capsule Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in writing notes and letters to the 2043 congregants who will open the time capsule we sealed on September 12, 2021! We believe they will truly enjoy (and learn a lot from) the contents we enclosed. The box was completely filled when we sealed it!

We also want to recognize and thank Charlie Seddon, who designed and hand-crafted the beautiful time capsule box. It is made of the wood from the east lawn maple trees that had to be brought down to accommodate the construction of the Squires Community Patio and the fellowships stairs. It is now stored on the top shelf of the new book case in Emerson Chapel.

In OUR letter to 2043, our final paragraph said, *“In closing, we are excited for the future of the church and the generations to come that will benefit from the hard work so many people participated in, allowing us (and you) to actively Live Our Vision. It has been our privilege to gather the items in the time capsule to help you, in 2043, understand a little more about the church 20+ years before your time.”*

Thanks again, **Ruth Kabel, Cindy Ryherd, and Andrea Seddon**

### Time Capsule Contents:

- **READ THIS FIRST Letter** from Time Capsule Committee
- **Rev. Tanya’s dedication script**
- **Glass communion cup** (now a “relic”)
- **Wooden figure** from the *Joy of Generosity* capital campaign.
- **A Memorial Service Program for Adam Michael Verrecchia**
- **Time capsule letters** from 2021 congregants to you (around 30ish)
- **Two Blu-ray discs** (one with several videos including epic FOV video, and one with over 2,500 photos) and a Blu-ray disc reader with a Universal Serial Bus (USB) jack.
- **A facemask**
- The most recent edition of **Church Bylaws**, dated February 2019.
- **Nine Chimes Newsletters** (from various months/years 2019-2020)
- **Congregational Church of Hollis 2020 Photo Calendar**
- **2020 Annual Report**
- **FOV folder** with brochure, church flyer, letters from FOV team members, and FOV FAQs
- **2017 Church Directory**
- **Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 New Hampshire Sunday News** newspaper (Union Leader)
- **Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 The Sunday Telegraph** newspaper (Nashua Telegraph)
- **3-ring collection of ~ 200 photos and other documents**, including pre- and during-pandemic church life photos, “pre-renovation” pictures of the church spaces, the BOV timeline (starting with the Strategic Plan Task Force in Dec. 2015 to Sept. 2021), the Strategic Planning Task Force Report from Oct. 2016 (the impetus for BOV), BOV photos and handouts, Pandemic World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and US declarations regarding COVID-19, photos of the Meeting House refresh, and a BOV Grand Re-Opening Invitation

# Mission & Action News



## October Items of the Month: Snacks and more for College Freshman Care Packages

It's back to school for our college Freshmen. Please consider bringing some cheer to our students, some of whom are on their own for the first time. We would love to show them

some *back home lovin'* as they make their way

out in the new world. Suggested items are:

- ♦ microwave popcorn ♦ microwavable mac and cheese
- ♦ granola bars ♦ protein bars ♦ single serving snacks
- ♦ cocoa mix ♦ Nerf balls ♦ Silly Putty
- ♦ fun post-its or paper clips ♦ small toys or games

Deadline for care package collections is **Sunday, Oct. 17** so we can mail them out by the end of the month.

## 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 upper classmen** so we can send them our monthly newsletters, too. Contact the church office ([churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org) or 465-7797) with info.



## Mission & Action Ongoing Collections...

- Diapers ▪ Eyeglasses ▪ Travel size Toiletries
- Used Cell Phones ▪ Items for the Brookline Food Pantry

**Please Note:** We are no longer collecting *Greeting Cards and Stationery*. A drop box for Holiday Cards 4 Our Military is located outside the Hollis Pharmacy. They will accept cards and stationery.

We now have new collection bins in the coat cubby inside the church's center (handicapped) entrance. Please place your donations of eyeglasses, cell phones and travel toiletries in their new bins. Donations may also be dropped in the M&A collection bin outside the church's center (handicapped) entrance.

## CROP Hunger Walk Returns LIVE in 2021



**Sunday, October 24**  
**Temple Beth Abraham**  
**4 Raymond St, Nashua**

The walk begins at 1:30 with registration and kick-off preceding at 12:30-1:30.

To register as a walker and/or raise money go to

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/nashuanh>

We're keeping a close eye on the Delta-variant Covid situation locally and will adjust and advise accordingly. Masks are always a good idea and will certainly be required for the registration and kick off programs if they are indoors. *For those at high risk or uncomfortable with the group walk, we invite you to walk with a small group of family or friends throughout the month of October and raise your monies in that way.*

## M&A Donations

Last month, Mission & Action made donations on your behalf to:

- Earthquake Relief in Haiti
- Hurricane Ida Emergency Relief
- Thank You Project wells in Nigeria
- Charity Water
- Mercy Ships
- Doctors Without Borders

## Coming in November...

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Saturday, Nov 13**  
**10am – 3pm**





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

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## ***IT'S TIME TO GEAR UP FOR THE 2021 CHRISTMAS FAIR!***



We will be holding the Christmas Fair this year, much in the same way we did last year. With the ever-changing COVID protocols, we thought it best to start planning the online portion of the fair and then add in-person events, when and if possible. Many updates will follow in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned.

***Do you have items to donate?*** We are now accepting...

- **Silent Auction items – Due by November 1st**
- **Raffle basket items – Due by November 1st**

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

\*Items can be left in the Christian Education bin (the one to the right of the doors) outside the handicap entrance, or for more secure drop off, please drop off during office hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday noon – 3:30 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon.

***Volunteers Needed to solicit to local businesses for auction items.*** Anyone interested in helping with mailings, picking up of items and cataloging, please email [sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org).

We greatly appreciate all donations and look forward to a wonderful holiday season!

~ Church Fair Planning Committee ~