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*That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said,
“This place is like a desert, and it’s already late.
Let the crowds leave, so they can go...and buy something to eat.”
Jesus replied, “You give them something to eat.”*
(Matthew 6:25-27, CEV)

Dear Friends,

Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, to the invitation to Christ’s Table, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations.

During this next several months, our church community is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development. In particular, we will focus on what it means to be invited to be an active part of our faith community.

Jesus invites us to bring all that we are and all that we have when we become a follower, a disciple of Christ. It is a sojourn that is meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity; as well as to strengthen us in becoming powerful agents for the good that God is doing in our world.

When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ, we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires. The world is broken and hurting, and we are called to be a movement for wholeness among its many fractured pieces.

As a congregation, we are striving to Deepen Our Vision this program year. And, nationally/ denominationally, the United Church of Christ (UCC) is inviting her members to embrace the challenge of moving *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving*. Friends, we can deepen our clarity about who we are as followers of Jesus Christ when we deliberately move from receiving His gifts at the communion table (and so many other places) to sharing with others what we know we’ve generously received.
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From the Faith Formation Office

Confirmation



On Confirmation Sunday, September 18, we welcomed our confirmands into full church membership with these words:

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Please extend a warm welcome to ...

Kate Brosnan	Abby Kellner
Everett Burton	Sam Kellner
Cassidy Engle	Luke Verrecchia

...as they continue on their faith journey as full members of the church!

CE Book Read

Adult Education: What is the Christian Ed Board reading?

This month we offer the suggested reading below from one of our CE Board members.

We would also enjoy hearing what the congregation is reading and if you would like to share a book review in *The Chimes* or with others in a book club session. Please reach out to ce@hollischurch.org with your write up, suggestions or inquiries on a book club session or other CE Adult Education idea.

Untamed by Glennon Doyle

With over 2 million copies sold, a #1 New York Times bestseller, and Reese's Book Club selection, Glennon Doyle takes us on a journey of self-discovery. Doyle inspires women to let go of what cages them and trust their inner voice. She speaks about the peace and joy she found once she started living rather than striving to meet others' expectations; and hopes readers can do the same.

The Flock Underwear Drive

The Flock's annual community service project is here, and they are collecting underwear! Did you know this is one of the most needed items at NSKS? Once the Flock learned this, they wanted to help!



The Flock is collecting

😊 **New** 😊 underwear

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

Please place packages in the marked bin outside the church center (handicap) entrance.

~ Collection Deadline is October 16 ~
Thank you!



Third Grade Bible Sunday

On Sunday, October 16 we celebrate our third graders. Be sure to attend the service this day to show your support as they earn their very own Bible from church. An annual tradition that's not to be missed!

(From the Pastor – cont'd from p. 1)

Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ's invitation. Our generosity determines how effectively we can fund the missions and ministries we wish to deploy as a sign that God is with us *all*.

On October 2nd, our Stewardship Board will introduce a series of brief but intentional Sunday morning reflections to help us move *From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving*. The hope is that every one of us will view this series as a helpful preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of the Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC.

The time of study and reflection will culminate on **Commitment Sunday** as part of worship on **November 20, 2022**. We hope you will be intentional about responding to this important invitation, not simply to offer your commitment card, but also join us for fellowship following the service, where we will celebrate our collective call to action to support the mission of our church.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered to break bread and share with one another, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us, motivated by the grace we receive at the Table.

And they all ate and were satisfied



Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of our Hollis Congregational Church.

Yours with faith, hope, and love,

Tanya

Opportunities to share your time, talent and love through music...



Share your Musical Gifts!

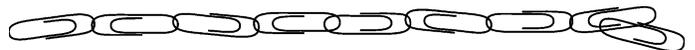
Do you love to sing, dance or play an instrument *or* would you like to try? If so, we invite you to become a part of our music ministry at Hollis Congregational Church!

Upcoming opportunities to participate include:

- ✓ Join the Choir
- ✓ Learn how to play the bells
- ✓ Share your instrumental music (piano, guitar, flute, drums, other..) for special events like Music Open Mic, Holiday music for Christmas fair
- ✓ Pianists and/ or organists who could provide back up to our Sunday Service music
- ✓ Be a part of our special liturgical dance performances

For more information, please contact a member of the Music Board listed below or our Minister of Christian Music (Julie Oliver). You can also email us at Music@HollisChurch.org to see how you can be a part of our music ministry.

Beth Harper
Andrea Seddon
Charlene Smith
Savanah Duquette
Jessica Marchant
Julie Oliver (Minister of Christian Music)



From the Church Office

My grateful thanks go to Nancy Bell, Sue Burton, Patricia Cordell, Brenda Gibson, Deb Shipman, and Joyce Toli for preparing your September issue of *The Chimes* for delivery to your mailbox.



October 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
October Items of the Month: Non-Perishable Food Items for the Brookline Food Pantry and the Nashua Soup Kitchen • Boxed Mac & Cheese • Crackers (Saltines/Ritz) • Broth (chicken/beef/veggie) • Juice Boxes • Pancake Mix & Syrup • Sugar • Granola Bars • Ready-to-Eat Beef Soups • Chips • Salt and Pepper							1
9:30 am – Communion Worship (In Person and Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock 2-4 pm -Hollis Apple Festival on the town common 2	7:30 pm – CE Board 3	10 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting 6:30 pm – Music Board meeting 4	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 5	7 pm - Choir 6	7	8	
9:30 am Worship (In Person/Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock 9	7 pm – Deacons meeting 10	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 11	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 12	6 pm – Caring Connections 7 pm – Choir 13	Our church volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter 14	NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Concord November <i>Chimes</i> deadline 15	
Third Grade Bible Sunday 9:30 am Worship (In Person/Livestream) 9:30 am – The Flock 16	5:30 pm – Trustees meeting 17	10 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting 18	10 am – Zoom Coffee Hour 6:30 pm – Steward- ship Board meet- ing 19	7 pm - Choir 20	FRIDAY NIGHT FALL HARVEST SOCIAL 5:30-7:30 in Hardy Hall & Squires Patio 21	22	
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Mission & Action News

October Items of the Month: Non-Perishable Food Items

This month, your donations will support the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Brookline Food Pantry. Brookline's Pantry is a source for those in need not just in Brookline, but also Hollis, Milford, Mason, Jaffrey and Townsend. They help with refilling the pantries that our community desperately need.

Ongoing Needs include:

- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Crackers (Saltines/Ritz)
- Broth (chicken/beef/veggie)
- Juice Boxes
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Sugar
- Granola Bars
- Ready-to-Eat Beef Soups
- Chips
- Salt and Pepper

Please leave your donations after hours, in the gray Mission & Action collection bin at the center entrance, or in the rolling cart inside that entrance, during office hours.

Coming in November...



**Saturday
November 12
10am - 3pm
Hardy Hall**

Mark your calendars for donating blood at our next Red Cross Blood Drive, November 12th! Online registration is recommended at www.redcrossblood.org Blood and platelet shortages are critical and the need is urgent! Most adults are eligible, so please consider being a blood donor!

Is there a college student in your family?

Please provide us with freshmen names and addresses so they can receive a care package from our Mission & Action Board. Also, update all college student addresses for our newsletters. Email addresses to churchoffice@hollischurch.org or call us at 603-465-7797.



GREATER NASHUA CROP Hunger Walk



Our 38^h year! This year the walk takes place on **Sunday, October 30th** beginning and ending at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is

from 12 to 1pm with opening ceremonies at 1 and stepping out at 1:30. Registration and celebration are in the TBA tent to keep us safe.

The Greater Nashua Area CROP Hunger Walk has raised over one million dollars in its previous 38 years. We now have 21 teams and last year we raised \$57,084! Each of our 5 recipient agencies received \$2,849. The money raised fights hunger and poverty around the world and locally and provides refugee and disaster relief through Church World Service. The Nashua Area Interfaith Council sponsors the event.

Google 'Greater Nashua Crop Hunger Walk' or go to this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/nashuanh>

You can also find us on Facebook! Just look for Nashua Cropwalk.

For any questions or to volunteer please contact Becky Green at nashuacropwalk@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Church Records

Baptism ~ September 18, 2022
Cassidy Ann Engle

New Members ~ September 18, 2022
By rite of Confirmation:

Kate Lauren Brosnan
Everett Thomas Burton
Cassidy Ann Engle
Abigail Owen Kellner
Samuel Henry Kellner
Luke David Verrecchia

Wedding ~ September 3, 2022
Karen McCall and John Pfeifer



A Note of Thanks...

To all of our church family and friends,
After several stays

in the hospital, Sarah and I want to thank ALL of you for the many prayers and cards that you sent us.

We miss you all very much, but I do think the move to Massachusetts was the right move. Sarah is now with her cousins when I no longer can take care of her. She will have her own apartment with meals and services provided.

I am slowly getting back on my feet. Sarah is a great help. Her cousin stayed with her the times I was in the hospital and now we are, hopefully, going to start living a more normal life.

Thanks again for the many prayers and cards.

Lovingly, Sibyl and Sarah



Christmas Fair News!

This year's Christmas Fair will be all in-person, and all your favorites will be back! Basket Raffle, Book Room, Angel Loft, Silent Auction & visits with Santa!

Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

with entertainment!

WHAT IS NEEDED	WHAT TO DO
<u>Volunteers</u> to assist with Silent Auction.	For more information, stop in the church office or email sue@hollischurch.org
<u>Volunteers</u> to run the "New to You" room	For more information, stop in the church office or email sue@hollischurch.org
<u>Volunteers</u> to run the Fashion Boutique	For more information, stop in the church office or email sue@hollischurch.org
<u>Donations</u> for Book Room	Gently used books, puzzles, and games
<u>Donations</u> for Angel Loft	New or <i>gently used</i> small trinkets for baby siblings to grandparents, jewelry, and things for Dad. Also, Christmas or plain gift bags are needed.
<u>Donations</u> for Silent Auction and "New to You" table.	New or gently used Items, hand crafted items, and gift cards can be dropped off to the church office. For more information contact sue@hollischurch.org.

Do You Like to Sing?

On December 10th, our Women's Fellowship and the Hollis Town Band will present a holiday concert, collecting non-perishable food for our church's holiday baskets as "admission." A community chorus will perform with the band at the holiday concert.



Community Christmas Chorus

Come join the Community Christmas Chorus! This is a short-term 8-week commitment for anyone who loves to sing. All chorus members must be vaccinated against COVID19. *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you're in!* All voices needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 19**, but you can still join even if you can't make it on the 19th — just come when you can!

Just for Kids...



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush

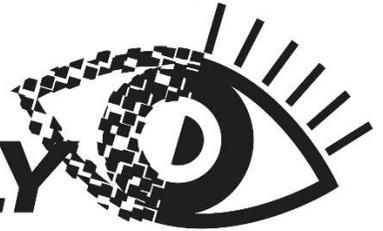


What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



SEEING CLEARLY



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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 WITHOUT EXCUSE. SIAMOR 1:20, NIV

Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Fellowship & Hospitality team invites ALL to a...

Harvest

Friday, October 21st, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Hardy Hall & Squires Patio
Supper served ~ 6:00 pm
RSVPs are appreciated to: FandH@hollischurch.org

Everyone's invited!

Social