

ANNOUNCEMENTS — March 18, 2018

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you have chosen to be with us. If you have a question or concern, or are a visitor and would like to know more about our church, please complete the friendship card (available at both entrances) and place in the offering plate or give to a Deacon. If you would like to speak with the pastor, call the church office (465-7797) weekday mornings.

You are invited to offer prayer requests using the request cards located in the pew racks. Please give the cards to a deacon at the beginning of the service or drop in the offering plate. Only prayer requests received in writing will be added to the prayer chain. Prayer requests may also be made via **email to prayerchain@hollischurch.org**.

Activities for the week

Sun, Mar. 18	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Teacher Meeting	11:45 am
	BOV Listening Session	11:45 am
	Women's Fellowship	2:00 pm
Monday	Men's Breakfast	7:15 am
	Ladies Breakfast	8:00 am
	Adult Ed Lenten Study	10:00 am
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	<i>Easter Flower Orders Due</i>	
	Adult Ed Lenten Study	7:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday	Red Cross Blood Drive	10 am-3 pm
	Bell Practice	10:00 am
Sun., Mar. 25	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Pack Easter Food Baskets at Brookdale	11:30 am
	Potluck Luncheon	11:45 am
	Gun Crisis Discussion	2:00 pm

Church Office Hours – the church office is open **Monday – Friday mornings from 8:00 am - noon.**

BOV – Building Our Vision - Upcoming Listening Session

Please join us for our next Listening Session at 11:45AM, TODAY in Hardy Hall. At this meeting we will be discussing the underlying facts and assumptions of our potential plan. This is a different format, so please join us even if you went to an earlier session. Child-care will be provided.

Adult Lenten Study - As we did in Advent, we'll gather to discuss the highlights and meaningful morsels we find in reading and reflecting on **Walter Brueggemann's Lenten devotional book, entitled *A Way Other Than Our Own***. Meetings will be **Monday mornings (until March 26th) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. or Wednesday evenings (until March 28th) from 7-8 p.m.** in the Parkhurst Room. Books available at Amazon.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - Today, March 18



This offering makes the love of Christ real for communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship — making possible refugee assistance, development aid and more. We ask for your help by donating in the offering on Sunday, March 18. Use the special envelope inserted in your bulletin. Make checks payable to the church with OGHs in the memo line.

Women's Fellowship will gather in the Emerson Chapel at 2 pm today, March 18, for dessert and a program on nutrition. Leading a discussion on some of the current thoughts on good nutrition will be Erika Damon. Our gatherings are open to all — come join us!

Blood Drive - Saturday, March 24, 10 am - 3 pm in Hardy Hall. If you would like to give blood, sign up online now at redcrossblood.org. We need volunteers and you don't need any special skills! Contact Thelma Wigfield, if you are able to help, at tr.wigfield@comcast.net.



Basketball Challenge

All adults who dare! Face off against the HCC basketball team for one final game of the season. Saturday, March 31, High Noon, at the HB Middle School. Fans, you won't want to miss this! Contact basketball@hollischurch.org with questions.

Palm Sunday Pot-Luck Luncheon, 3/25

The F&H team invites you to usher in Holy Week by joining the all-church Potluck Luncheon in Hardy Hall on Sunday, March 25th, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring an entree or side dish to share. Come and enjoy fellowship and special musical entertainment by Matt Kopser's barbershop quartet. We hope to have daffodils for sale to brighten and welcome spring into your home. All proceeds will benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen's new 'tv dinner' program for hungry children. All are welcome--bring a friend!

How do we form a faithful response to the guns crisis in our culture?

What can we do when the voice of a political issue seems to eclipse what Scripture has to say about our best commitments? How do we overcome resistance to entrenched polarized positions, both within and beyond the Church? Join us for a conversation about how our Christian faith and our political views influence each other, and how God is calling for us to respond. **Sunday, March 25th, at 2 p.m. in Emerson Chapel.**

March Mission Items of the Month:

Paper goods, baby items & more for Marguerite's Place.

Please help them this month with the following items: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Diapers (especially sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Pedialyte, Clorox disinfecting wipes, HE Laundry Detergent, Place items in the shopping cart by the CE office.

Last Chance to Ring This Season

Chimes - We are practicing in Sunday School. Please come to Sunday School and play with us April 8, 15 and 29. May 6 and 13. Chimes play May 13 and May 20.

Bells - Two Sets left: April 29 and May 27. Practice for April 29: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Parkhurst Room. Practice for May 27: May 5, 12, 19, 26, Parkhurst Room. Practice Times can vary to fit everyone's schedule, please contact janetsterritt@gmail.com for exact times.

Help Needed: Food, Clothes, Backpacks - Nashua High South English Language Learners continue to arrive from war, weather and famine ravaged countries. They need backpacks, gently used teen clothes and shoes (sneakers) and food: Kraft macaroni and cheese; Hormel Compleats, kid friendly cereals, snacks such as peanut butter crackers, granola bars and cookies. Donations may be left in the box in Emerson Chapel or at 1 Broad St, home of Pat and Tom Harris. Contact patharris.hollis@gmail.com.

Children in Service – Children Reaching Out to Children

The 5th and 6th graders' **Lenten service project** this year is to **help foster children through the My Stuff Bags Foundation**. Please help support by donating children's item that would fit in a mid-sized duffel bag. For suggestions please see poster outside CE of office or <http://www.mystuffbags.org>. The class will be collecting donations in Hardy Hall until March 25.

MISSION TRIP NEWS!



Mission Trip 2018 is Raising FUNds with Shorty's Fair Share Program

Join Us at *Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse* at the Nashua Mall (Route 3, exit 6) Sunday, April 8, 2018. Lunch, Dinner, or Take-Out! Please be sure to tell your server that you're there on our behalf, and **put your itemized receipt in the basket at the hostess stand**. We will receive 15% of the total food sales.

Spring Yardwork & Clean-up ALL DATES ARE FILLED!
April 7, April 21, May 5, May 11 (pm), May 1, May 19.

If you would like to be on a waiting list of small jobs for the work crew to do if they finish early on a given date, contact Julie Kopser at (603) 325-5745 or julie@kopser.net.



Rev. Tanya's Office Hours: Rev. Tanya has drop in office hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays. Other days and times available by appointment.

Holy Week Worship Services

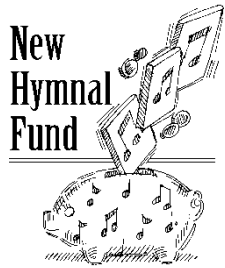
Palm Sunday ~ March 25, 9:00 am and 10:30 am services
Procession of Palms at 10:30 service

Maundy Thursday Worship ~ March 29
7:30 pm Communion service

Easter Worship Services ~ April 1

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service led by the Confirmation class at Triple Knoll Farm, on the hill to the south of the house (0.1 mi. south of Ridge Road at 11 Pepperell Road/Rte. 122 in Hollis).

9:00 and 10:30 Family Worship Services in the meeting-house with the Senior Choir singing at both services (No Sunday School ~ Families are invited to worship together)



Hymnal Donation Form

Yes, I would like to give _____ hymnals to the church (please indicate quantity)

I am enclosing a check in the amount of _____ (\$25.00 per hymnal)

In loving memory of _____

by _____

or

In honor of _____

by _____

Your name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

If you would like the church to notify someone of this gift, please give the name and address below:

Hymnals ordered Dec 1 with anticipated arrival Spring 2018

Please enclose a check (\$25 for each hymnal) payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "Hymnal" on the memo line and send to:

Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square
Hollis, NH 03049



Easter Flowers

You may place flowers in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Fill out the form below to place your order. Call Wendy Longland at 465-3466 with any questions.

I would like to order _____ tulips and/or _____ lilies (please indicate quantity & flower choice) to be placed in church on Easter Sunday.

_____ Total cash/check enclosed at \$7.50 per plant Checks should be made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis** with *Easter flowers* on the memo line.

This plant is given _____ in loving memory OR _____ in honor of:
(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED)

Your Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR)

Telephone: _____

_____ I wish my plant **TO BE DELIVERED** to friends or members of our church family in hospitals or nursing homes.

_____ **I WILL PICK UP** my plant(s) *after the last service* on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Please return form to: The Congregational Church of Hollis
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DEADLINE FOR ORDERING:
Wednesday, March 21, 2018