

ANNOUNCEMENTS — April 8, 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, April 8	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Mission Trip Meeting	noon
	EAT AT SHORTY'S Mission Trip Fundraiser	All day!
	Community Prayers	7:00 pm
Monday	Men's Breakfast	7:15 am
	Ladies Breakfast	8:00 am
	Board of Deacons Meeting	7:15 pm
Tuesday	Mission Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
	Facilities Meeting	5:00 pm
	Unwrapping our Gifts	7:00 pm
Thursday	Music Board Meeting	6:00 pm
	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
	Bible 101	7:00 pm
Friday	Volunteers prepare meal for Ash St. Shelter	
Sun., April 15	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Hillsborough Assoc. UCC Annual Mtg.	2:00 pm
	Women's Fellowship Meeting	2:00 pm
	<i>May Chimes Deadline</i>	



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

Join Us at *Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse* at the Nashua Mall (Route 3, exit 6) Today, 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.

BUILDING OUR VISION UPDATE

The "Vision Wall" has been transitioned from idea gathering to sharing input from our congregation. Please take a moment to stop by the wall and see what fellow church members are saying. The team continues to develop an initial list of potential tasks as well as meeting with our architect. A listening session is scheduled for May 6th at 11:45 a.m. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at BoV@hollischurch.org.

Hymnal Update: The hymnals are HERE!! We are excited to report that the hymnals in all of their glory have arrived. We will begin the process of putting in the dedications and carefully removing and archiving the existing hymnals. We hope to have the new hymnals in the pews for our Music Sunday, May 13th. We will announce how you can pick up a previously dedicated hymnal if you would like to keep it for yourself. ***There is still time to purchase a new hymnal dedication*** using the form at the end of this document. We will also have a table displaying the new hymnals at Sunday services next Sunday, April 15th.



The Nursery is staffed! Infants and toddlers up to age 3 are welcome to visit the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. The nursery is located on the lower level next to Hardy Hall in the Austin Room. No pre-registration necessary, drop-ins are welcome anytime throughout the service. Parents are welcome to stay with their child or return to church service.



Community Prayers Today, April 8th at 7 p.m. in Emerson Chapel. We will gather, share prayer concerns that we're aware of (personal, congregational, and global), and spend a more extended time in quiet, communal prayer.

Unwrapping Our Gifts

a Laity Empowerment Project

Wednesdays, APRIL 11 – MAY 30, 7-9 p.m.

(8 sessions) in the Flagg Room with leaders Kimber

Harmon, Keith Hamer, and Rev. Tanya. For more information see flyers posted around the church or speak to one of the leaders.



Bible 101: A lively, entertaining and informative romp through the Bible. Thursday evening April 12th, 7-8:30pm in the Parkhurst Room. Facilitated by Pat Harris, the sessions give an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with a focus on how God has interacted, and continues to interact with people of faith. Bring your own Bible or borrow one from the church library, also located in the Parkhurst Room.

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 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.

♪ Sign up to provide music for 9:00 a.m. worship services.

Plenty of opportunities are available! Sign up on the sheets posted on the church bulletin board. Contact Beth Harper at BLHarper@tds.net with questions.

Knitters Wanted for Prayer Shawl Ministry!



The Mission and Action Board has purchased a supply of yarn, now available in the church office, for anyone who would like to make a prayer shawl for our Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry. There is worsted weight yarn which you know as "regular", as well as homespun, the fuzzier type. Each bag has enough yarn to make one prayer shawl; please use one bag at a time, and do not remove single skeins from different bags. Our workcampers will take some of the shawls you knit on their trip this summer, as part of their ministry to the residents they serve.

April Items of the Month: Hygiene Items for the 2018 Mission Trip to Wallingford, CT

Please support our annual Mission Trip and work campers by donating the following items to make hygiene kits for folks who are displaced from their homes. These kits will be delivered to the community of Wallingford, CT. All items can be left in the shopping cart at the top of the stairs. Gallon zip-lock bags, travel sizes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, facial tissue, shaving cream, disposable razors, bars of non-scented soap, non-scented deodorant, disposable diapers & wipes.

Please Help! The food pantry at Nashua High South is in need of pasta and pasta sauces. Also there is an urgent need for new socks and underwear, both boys and girls. Please drop your donations in the box in Emerson Chapel.

The deadline for the May Chimes is Sunday, April 15. Please submit all articles in writing to the church office or via email to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

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

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.



Our Prayer Chain group would like to remind folks we are there for prayer requests, but it would be helpful for us to know the outcomes of the folks we are praying for. Please contact us at prayerchain@hollischurch.org with any updates, to let us know if prayers are still needed. The group would like to have as updated a list as possible.

In Our Community...

The Hollis DAR invites all to *Meet Lucy Stone*, a N.H. Humanities Program, at the Lawrence Barn on Tuesday, April 10. In this first-person interpretive program, Judith Black introduces American *Lucy Stone*, the first woman hired by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society as a public speaker and the "Shining Star" of the Abolition and Women's Rights Movements. The program begins at 2:30 pm.

There's Still Time to Donate a Hymnal!

The Music Board invites you to donate a hymnal ~ in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because you love music! Our newly re-printed hymnals should arrive soon!

**New
Hymnal
Fund**



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:

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