

ANNOUNCEMENTS — April 22, 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 22	Worship	9:00 am
	Coffee Fellowship	9:45 am
	Worship/No Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	Men's Breakfast	7:15 am
	Ladies Breakfast	8:00 am
Wednesday	Unwrapping Our Gifts	7:00 pm
Sun., April 29	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Guest Preacher – Rev. Catherine A. Merrill	
	Vacation Bible School Meeting	11:45 am

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.

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

Short Term Volunteer Opportunity

The church is in need of a new Welcome brochure. Do you have experience with graphic arts/design/communication and want to help update the brochure? If so, please contact the church office or Rev. Tanya to discuss further.

Pulpit Swap – Sunday, April 29th Rev. Tanya and Rev. Catherine Merrill from the Brookline Community Church will be doing a pulpit swap next Sunday, April 29th. This gives the pastors a chance to visit another congregation and see how they do things, and it gives the congregations a chance to hear a different voice and feel more connected to the larger UCC church community.

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School!

Fruits of the Spirit, July 23-26 from 9-11:30 am

New this year- science and nature projects!

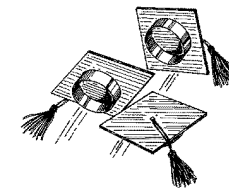
Volunteers of all ages welcome (must be Grade 7 and older) Please join us at our 1st informational meeting on 4/29 after the 10:30 service. Sign up outside CE office or email ce@hollischurch.org. Registration forms available outside the CE office or at hollischurch.org.



Last Chance to Ring This Season

Chimes - We are practicing in Sunday School. Please come to Sunday School and play with us April 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 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.



Calling all Graduates!

Is there a 2018 high school or college graduate in your household? At our June 3rd worship service, we will acknowledge our graduates and offer a prayer of blessing as they embark upon new pathways. Please let us know your graduate's name, where they're graduating from and what their future plans are! Contact the church office with the info: churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797.

Unwrapping Our Gifts

A Laity Empowerment Project

Wednesdays through 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.



Building Our Vision - Important Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 6th ~ Architect's Concept Walkthrough, Q&A, and Lite Lunch 11:45AM in HARDY HALL

Our architect, Dennis Mires, will be walking us through concept drawings based on the input from the congregation and the team's research. After his presentation, there will be a Q&A session where you will have an opportunity to offer feedback. We will continue to solicit input for several weeks in May including at meetings with boards and committees. Individuals who are unable to attend these meetings are always welcome to provide feedback to bov@hollischurch.org, or contact a member of our team.

Sunday, June 10th ~ Presentation of BoV Recommendation 10:45AM in HARDY HALL

On June 10th, the BoV Team with the Architect will present the *recommended concept* based on architectural design work accomplished to date and considering congregational input. This recommended plan will have been determined by the BoV team to be the best option for the church to move forward considering safety, strategic plan guidelines, and cost. A rough order of magnitude estimate will be available.

Sunday, June 24th ~ Congregational Meeting 10:45AM in the SANCTUARY

The congregation will vote on BoV's *recommended concept*. A vote to approve the recommended concept is a vote to move to a detailed design phase. If the concept is approved, a second vote will be taken to provide incremental funding for the detailed design phase. The detailed design phase would develop the recommended concept into *contractual plans* over the summer. This phase will produce build-to drawings and firm financial figures for the proposed work to be done. Construction would not begin until approved by another Congregational meeting.

Lead Givers

At this time, the BoV team is also considering the financial feasibility of this project. Although all church members will be invited to contribute as they are able in due course, we would like to identify "lead givers" (who are interested in providing substantial gifts) prior to the formal launch of our capital campaign to fund the project. If you think you would like to be a lead giver, please kindly contact Kara Tulley at tulley5@charter.net (OR: BOV@hollischurch.org). All responses will be confidential.

Fellowship/Coffee Time

Today fellowship/coffee time will take place between the two morning services from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Emerson Chapel. Please plan to stop in and possibly see some new faces!

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.

MISSION TRIP NEWS!

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. The simple instructions for making the shawls can be found on the bulletin board outside the office. 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.



Calling All Musicians!

All are encouraged to **sign up to provide music for the summer 9:30 a.m. worship services**. There are plenty of opportunities available on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



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!



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