

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — April 29, 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](mailto:prayerchain@hollischurch.org)**.

### **Activities for the week**

|               |   |          |
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| 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 |
| Monday        | Men’s Breakfast   | 7:15 am  |
|               | Ladies Breakfast  | 8:00 am  |
| Tuesday       | Stewardship   | 7:00 pm  |
| Wednesday     | Unwrapping Our Gifts                                    | 7:00 pm  |
| Thursday      | Christmas Fair Craft Meeting                            | 10:00 am |
|               | Senior Choir & Children’s Day                           | 6:30 pm  |
|               | Rehearsal   |          |
| Saturday      | Mission Trip Yard Work                                  |          |
| Sun., May 6   | Communion Worship                                       | 9:00 am  |
|               | Communion Worship/Sunday School                         | 10:30 am |
|               | Architect’s Concept Walkthrough,<br>Q&A, and Lite Lunch | 11:45 am |

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

**Pulpit Swap – Today** - Rev. Tanya and Rev. Catherine Merrill from the Brookline Community Church are doing a pulpit swap today.

Catherine Merrill is a graduate of Wellesley and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. She worked for three decades at a variety of internet startups. From a long line of New Englanders (which means there are both farmers and Congregational ministers in her family tree, including that grumpy old Puritan Cotton Mather), she was called to the ministry in 2009. She graduated from Andover Newton in 2012 and was ordained into ministry in 2014 after being called by the Brookline Church. In her down time, she embroiders and reads thrillers and science fiction.

### **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.

### **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 **today after the 10:30 service**. Sign up outside CE office or email [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org). Registration forms available outside the CE office or at [hollischurch.org](http://hollischurch.org).

**The May-June issue of *The Upper Room*** is available in regular and large print in the narthex and on the shelf outside the office. *The Upper Room* is a daily devotional magazine written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing — both laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The meditations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone.

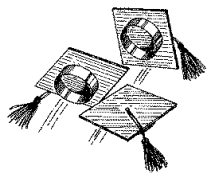


**Calling All Musicians!** All are encouraged to **sign up to provide music for the summer 9:30 a.m. worship services**. There are plenty of opportunities available on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



## **BOV - Architect's Concept Walkthrough, Q&A, and Lite Lunch - Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 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](mailto:bov@hollischurch.org), or contact a member of our team.



### ***Calling all Graduates!***

Is there a 2018 high school or college graduate in your household? At our June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## **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.



## ***Sign up to cook! -Nashua Meals for Kids***

Joyce Toli and Lee Harper have led the effort at our church to cook meals for this program. A collaboration of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Salvation Army, Corpus Christi, End 68 Hours of Hunger, Southern NH Service, United Way and Mayor Jim Donchess. There will be another opportunity to help with cooking and packing meals at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, May 9** in the church kitchen. If you'd like to join this cooking session, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Call Lee Harper (603)465-5118 or Joyce Toli (603)882-7028 for more info.

### **April Items of the Month - Collection Continues for our Mission Trip**

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.

### **Coming Soon – May Items of the Month Food, Clothing & Backpacks for teens**

We are becoming increasingly aware of teenage homelessness in our community. Nashua High South students continue to need food, backpacks and clothes. These kids are trying to go to school while looking for a place to sleep. Please assist us in helping these students. All items can be left in the shopping cart at the top of the stairs. Items include: Kraft macaroni and cheese, Hormel Compleats, kid-friendly cereal, crackers with peanut butter, granola bars, etc., Ramen soups and noodles. Backpacks, new underwear and socks.

### **Final Ring This Season**

Bells play May 27 – one service at 9:30 a.m.  
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](mailto:janetsterritt@gmail.com) for exact times.



**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.

## Building Our Vision - Important Upcoming Events

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### Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Presentation of BoV Recommendation 10:45AM in HARDY HALL

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](mailto:tulley5@charter.net) (OR: [BOV@hollischurch.org](mailto:BOV@hollischurch.org)). All responses will be confidential.

## 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