

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — May 20, 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.

### **Activities for the week**

Sun, May 20	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship- <i>Children's Day</i>	10:30 am
	All Church Picnic	11:30 am
Monday	Men's Breakfast	7:15 am
	Ladies Breakfast	8:00 am
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Unwrapping Our Gifts	7:00 pm
Sun., May 27	<b><i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i></b>	
	Worship	9:30 am

**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 Summer Worship schedule begins Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.** One service of worship will be offered **at 9:30 a.m.** each Sunday through Labor Day weekend.



**All Church Picnic** - After the 10:30 a.m. service today, please join us for a church picnic outside. Please bring a salad, casserole, dessert or even a bag of chips to share. Also, bring your sneakers to join in a Whiffle Ball game!

### **Teacher Appreciation Event - Postponed**

The teacher appreciation event scheduled for today has been postponed. Please stay tuned for new date.

## ***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.



**All Boards Meeting** - Curious about how this church does all the wonderful things we do? Like, who plans events, manages the budget, organizes Sunday School, etc.? Church Council is holding an All Boards Meeting on **June 19 from 7 to 9 pm** in Hardy Hall. We will focus on the upcoming 2018-19 church program year, and ways to increase our collaboration across boards and teams. But you don't have to be a Board/Committee/Ministry Team member to attend—*everyone* is welcome! Come and learn more about our faith community, and contribute your ideas. Bring your interest and meet a group of welcoming folks. Any questions? Call Dot Hyde (Council Chair) @ 465-6416.

### **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). 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).



### **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.



**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.

## 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.

### Continuing until June 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.

### NEW Church Website has launched!

Please check out our new and improved website at [hollischurch.org](http://hollischurch.org). Thank you to the Communications Team and especially Laura McCarthy for all their hard work!

### 2018 Christmas Fair Planning Meeting

There will be a Christmas Fair Planning meeting on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Parkhurst Room for all who are available and would like to play a role in this year's fair. If you are not available, but would like to take a lead role, please contact Sue Adams at [sue@hollischurch.org](mailto:sue@hollischurch.org), Kim Burton, or Kim Verrecchia at [ce@hollischurch.org](mailto:ce@hollischurch.org).



**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.

### All-church Mid-Summer Outing & Cookout at Rocky Pond!

**Mark your calendars!** Come enjoy the water, outdoors, fellowship and food. The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee invite you to the third annual all-church **Mid-summer Outing & Pot-Luck Cookout at Rocky Pond** (at the Boy Scout beach) on **Wednesday, July 25th at 5 pm** (rain date 7/26). Beverages, chicken, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and maybe even a friend! Lawn/beach chairs, outdoor games, and guitars are welcome. RSVPs and volunteers are greatly appreciated to [FandH@hollischurch.org](mailto:FandH@hollischurch.org).



### Community End of Summer Fiesta Supper!

Gather with friends and reminisce about your vacations at the F&H's **End of Summer Fiesta Supper** on **Sunday, August 26th, 5:30 - 7 pm**. Volunteers may contact [FandH@hollischurch.org](mailto:FandH@hollischurch.org).

### *In Our Community...*

#### **Hollis Social Library - Children's Room Unveiling Party Sunday, June 3 @ 2pm**

The Hollis Social Library children's room has gotten a facelift! Due to a generous donation by the Squires family in memory of Jan Squires they have updated the kid's room. Stop in and join the unveiling party with the Squires family. Children are welcome. Light refreshments to be served.

**Piano Lessons** – Ed Scibilia, our organist, is offering piano lessons for beginning and intermediate levels. Ed is an experienced teacher and is willing to travel to your home. For available times and fee call 603-809-3788.



## AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM THE BOV TEAM

The BoV team is hearing excitement and positive feedback from the congregation and are grateful that so many care deeply about our church. Part of the work of any project team, however, is to discern how a project is proceeding and how it is being received by the audience it serves.

The building of our vision is a large undertaking that is of utmost importance to the church and the wider community of Hollis. The BoV team does not want to rush this important process and has reached a consensus to delay recommending a single concept at this time. We have determined that more time is needed for reaching agreement with the town concerning fire safety and other compliance issues, and for careful and thoughtful consideration of the feedback that we are receiving from the congregation.

We are asking people to live into our Strategic Plan. This involves many changes—changes to our facilities, and changes to certain patterns in our ways of gathering. Our team firmly believes that these changes should be thoroughly discussed and well understood. We now see that this simply isn't possible in our original timeframe.

As a result, the **June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will now be a second progress report**: Dennis will present a round of changes based on congregational feedback as well as address safety issues; one of our team members will review how the current plan implements our strategic plan; and there will be time for questions and feedback. At the end of the session, members will be able to take a copy of the plan to review over the summer. We encourage you attend this presentation!

In addition, **we will *not* have a Congregational vote on June 24<sup>th</sup>**. BoV will continue to move this project forward by working with our architect and the town over the summer, as well as continue to address input from church members and groups. In September we will assess where we are and determine a new date for a congregational vote on proceeding. But we will not be proposing a move to the contractual drawings phase until after the summer break. The BoV team strongly believes that taking our time now will result in more realistic, better, clearer plans for the future of our church.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING BOV DATES

**SUNDAY JUNE 10, 10:45**

**HARDY HALL: SECOND PROGRESS REPORT (NEW!)**

Please join BoV on June 10<sup>th</sup> for a **second progress report** (not a recommendation as originally planned). Our architect, Dennis Mires, will present a round of changes based on current feedback as well as address safety issues and one of our team members will review how the current plans live out our strategic plan. There will be time for questions and feedback. At the end of the session, members will be able to take a copy of the plans to review over the summer. We encourage you attend this important presentation!

**SEPTEMBER 2018 (NEW!)**

BOV will determine a new date for a recommended plan and a new date for a congregational vote on taking those plans to a contractual drawings. Dates will depend on progress made with the fire chief over the summer and an assessment of where we are as a congregation. Please note that there will NOT be a June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as originally planned. Watch your emails for more information.