

ANNOUNCEMENTS — May 6, 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, May 6	Communion Worship	9:00 am
	Communion Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Architect's Concept Walkthrough, Q&A	11:45 am
Monday	Men's Breakfast	7:15 am
	Ladies Breakfast	8:00 am
	C.E. Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Mission & Action Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
	Cooking for Kids	1:00 pm
	Facilities Meeting	5:00 pm
	Unwrapping Our Gifts	7:00 pm
Thursday	Music Board Meeting	6:00 pm
	Senior Choir & Children's Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Friday	Mission Trip Yardwork	
	Volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter	
Saturday	Mission Trip Yardwork	
Sun., May 13	<i>Music Sunday</i>	
	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Community Prayers	7:00 pm

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

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.

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. Registration forms available outside the CE office or at hollischurch.org.

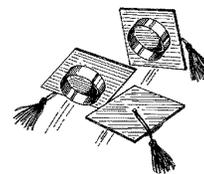


Calling All Musicians! All are encouraged to **sign up to provide music for the summer 9:30 a.m. worship services.** There are plenty of opportunities available on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Meals on Wheels Walkathon – Saturday, May 19th.

Karen Marino, a fellow church member, will be walking in the Meals on Wheels Walkathon. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please drop you check in the offering plate or give it directly to Karen. Please write Meals on Wheels on the memo line. You can also donate by going to mealsonwheelsnh.org click on walkathon and look for the Congregation Church of Hollis team. All donations must be turned in on the day of the walk.

Thank you for your support.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Final Ring This Season

Bells play May 27 – one service at 9:30 a.m.

Practice for May 27: May 12, 19, 26, Parkhurst Room. Practice times can vary to fit everyone's schedule, please contact janetster-ritt@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.

BoV - Update

Architect's Presentation Today 11:45AM in Hardy Hall

You are invited to join BoV today for a presentation of the current concept by Architect Dennis Mires. After the architect walks us through the plans, there will be a Q&A where members will be able to offer feedback as well as enjoy a light lunch. Childcare will be provided. BoV will continue to solicit feedback for several weeks in May at Board Meetings and through informal sessions after both services.



June 10th @ 10:45AM: Presentation of BoV Recommendation

Architect Dennis Mires will present the BoV recommended concept based on the team's work to-date and congregational input from the May meetings. This recommended plan will have been determined by the BoV team as the best option for the church to move forward given safety, strategic plan guidelines, input and costs. A rough estimate of the cost of the project will be available.

June 24th @ 10:45AM: Congregational Meeting - At the Congregational Meeting, members will vote on BoV's recommended concept. A vote to approve the recommended concept will be a vote to move to a detailed design phase. If the recommended concept is approved, a second vote will be taken to provide incremental funding necessary for the detailed design phase. The detailed design takes the recommended conceptual plans to contractual plans. This will happen over the summer and will produce build-to-drawings and will allow for firm financial costs. Construction would not begin until approved by another Congregational Meeting in the fall.

BoV is developing plans to offer absentee voting prior to the June 24th congregational meeting for those members who will not be able to attend. More details will follow as they are developed and approved by Council.

Lead Giver Opportunity

At this time, the BoV is exploring the financial feasibility of this project. Although all church members will be invited to contribute as they are able, we are interested in identifying those members who want to become lead givers by providing a substantial gift prior to the launch of our capital campaign. Several church members have already stepped forward. If you think you would like to be a lead giver, please contact Kara Tulley at tulley5@charter.net or BoV@hollischurch.org. All responses will be confidential.



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.

Knitters' Challenge: 42 by the 4th of July!

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. Our goal is to have 42 shawls for our 42 workcampers to take to Wallingford, CT in July. Deliver completed shawls to the church office, and we'll keep you updated as we work toward the magic number of 42! **Our current shawl count is 31.**

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to **support our church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our church. **On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, just designate the Congregational Church of Hollis as your charitable organization** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office with plenty of dates still available. Sign up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. Just write your name and phone number beside your chosen date and take a reminder slip!

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