

ANNOUNCEMENTS — November 12, 2017

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 weekday mornings at 465-7797.

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., Nov. 12	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	<i>Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel</i>	11:30 am
	Community Prayers	7:00 pm
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 am
	Women's Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 am
	Deacons Board Meeting	7:15 pm
Tuesday	Mission Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Pastoral Care Meeting	7:00 pm
	December Chimes Deadline	
Thursday	Book Sorting/Fair Set up	4:00 pm
	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
Friday	Christmas Fair Bake Goods Drop Off	8am-noon
		4-6:00 pm
Saturday	Christmas Fair	9-2:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 19	Feather Food Sunday	
	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	<i>Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel</i>	11:30 am
	Packing Food Boxes at Brookdale	11:30 am
	Sunday School Transition Open House	4-5:30 pm



Community Prayers Second Sunday @ 7 p.m. Starting on Sunday, November 12th, we will be holding **Second Sunday Community Prayers each month from 7 – 8:00 pm. in Emerson Chapel.** On the second Sunday of each month 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. There will also be an opportunity to learn about various prayer practices (e.g., *lectio divina*, intercessory prayer, meditation, labyrinth exercises, etc.) and share resources we find helpful in our personal prayer practice each month.

The deadline for the December *Chimes* is **Sunday, November 15, 2017.** Please submit all articles in writing to the church office or via email to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.



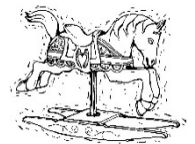
Do you have a collection of unused Christmas Cards from years past? Please drop them off to the church office so they can be used as part of a town-wide effort to send cards to **deployed soldiers.** The cards will be available for signing at the Christmas Fair on **November 18th.**

Ring In The Season! Devotion Chimes



Practices will be weekends through November. Devotion Chimes will play at the November 26 church service. Everyone is welcome to join in! If interested contact Janet Sterritt at janetsterritt@gmail.com.

The Nursery is staffed and ready! 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.



November Mission Item of the Month: Cleaning Supplies *Bridges* is a non-profit agency whose purpose is to help victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. They are asking for household cleaning products such as: **paper towels, Windex, bathroom cleaner, floor cleaner, H E laundry detergent, dish soap (washing by hand).** All donations should be placed in the cart outside the church office. Thank you for supporting this cause!



Attention Parents! – Featherfood Sunday
Children are asked to purchase their “featherfood” item and bring it back to church on **Sunday, November 19th.**

On November 19th, the children will start upstairs in the meeting house and will bring their food with them as come to the front for the Children’s Message. All of the donated “featherfood” will be included in the food baskets that are packed by our Deacons and any other volunteers interested later that day and given to local families in need. (If a child forgets their donation, there will be additional food available outside the C.E. Office.)

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:
An “all-church” effort...**

Our Deacons get non-perishable foods through *Scouting for Food...*

Our children bring Feather Food of fresh veggies and other Thanksgiving dinner items...

Our Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation students (grades 7-9) pack the food into boxes for delivery...

Our Deacons deliver the baskets...



But we need your help, too! We need volunteers to **bake Thanksgiving pies** – pumpkin, apple, whatever you like – for the baskets. Please deliver the pies to the church office on the morning of Friday, November 17, or to Hardy Hall kitchen on Sunday morning, November 19.

Sunday School Transition Open House - New things are coming to the Sunday School! Parents and others interested in the faith formation of our children are invited to share their ideas and see the proposed updates during an informal open house **Sunday, November 19th from 4-5:30 p.m.** at the Rasmussen home 16 Depot Rd, Hollis. Please RSVP to transition@hollischurch.org if you are able to attend.

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



Annual Giving Tree Program:

The Mission & Action Board sponsors the **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE*** for needy families in our area. The Christmas tree will be in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall **beginning Sunday, November 12th,** and decorated with ornament tags — TWO on each string.

1. Choose a tag (*if you wish to sponsor more than one child, please speak with Karen Marino for assistance*) from the tree.
2. Pull the *second* tag off the string, write your name and telephone number on it, and put it in the basket provided.
3. Keep the top tag. It has the information about the gift recipient.
4. Go shopping! Use the information and suggestions on the tag as a guide. It is not necessary to purchase every item listed on the tag.
5. *Please wrap gifts individually.* This is so the children will have multiple things to open on Christmas morning, and it’s a lot more fun to open wrapped gifts!
6. Attach the tag containing the gift request information to your gift.
7. **The gifts need to be back at the church by Sunday, December 10th** to give us time to deliver them.

***Monetary donations** toward fulfilling ‘Christmas wishes’ are also gratefully accepted. Checks should be payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with *Giving Tree* on the memo line. **Donations needed by December 10th** to allow time for M&A to shop to fulfill wishes.

Advent Adult Study - Looking for something to ground your Advent more fruitfully than the fret and fuss of shopping and parties? Join us on **Wednesday evenings (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20)** from 7-8 p.m. in the Parkhurst Room! The devotional book *Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent* will frame our conversations as we reclaim the deeper meaning of the Season for spiritual nourishment. Several copies of the book are available for \$11.35/each; please contact Rev. Tanya if you’d like to participate!

Rev. Tanya’s Office Hours: Rev. Tanya will maintain regular office hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Other days and times available by appointment.

Christmas Fair News

The 2017 Christmas Fair will be
next Saturday, November 18, 2017
...and we will need your help!

How can I help? Sign up to provide baked goods, help with set-up or clean-up, or **volunteer on Fair day**. **Sign-up sheets** are posted on the easel outside the church office.

Book Room Helpers Needed: Book sorting and room set-up for the Christmas Fair will be **Thursday, November 16th at 4:00 pm** and continue **Friday, November 17, at 9:00 am**. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to come!

Items Needed...

- * **Goods & Services** for the **Silent Auction**
- * **High End Clothing, Purses and Fashion Accessories** for the successful Ladies Fashion Boutique.
- * **Craft Items** - Do you have any craft/handmade items that you would like to donate?
- * **Angel Loft Items** – **Small trinkets, family games, jewelry, and things for Dad**. Items can be **new or gently used**. Think small tokens of appreciation.
- * **Gently used Books, DVD's/CD/s, puzzles and games**.
- * **New Re-gifting Table** - Do you have a drawer or closet shelf with unused thoughtful gifts received or purchases never returned? Donate them to the re-gifting table in the Arts, Crafts and Gifts room of the Christmas Fair. Items may be left in the office (labeled as "Re-gifting")

Please drop off donated items by November 16th. Items may be dropped off during church office hours.

Baked Goods may be dropped off in Hardy Hall on **Friday, November 18th during church office hours (8 -12:00 pm) and between 4 – 6:00 pm**.



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In Our Community.....

Singers Still Wanted! On Saturday, December 9, our Women's Fellowship and the Hollis Town Band will present a holiday concert, collecting non-perishable food for our church's holiday baskets as "admission." A community chorus performs with the band. **Come join the Community Chorus!** *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you're in!* All voices needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall (no rehearsal November 22). **Rehearsals have begun**, but you can still join - just come when you can!