

ANNOUNCEMENTS — January 1, 2012

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you have chosen to be with us. Please sign the friendship register when it is passed. If you are a visitor and would like to know more about our church, speak with the pastor or a deacon following the service or call the church office weekday mornings at 465-7797.

Activities for the week

Sunday, Jan 1	New Year's Day Family Worship	10:30 a.m.
	One Service Only — No Sunday School	
	No child care in the nursery during worship.	
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	CE Board meeting moved to Jan 9	
Tuesday, Jan 3	Annual Reports from church boards are due	
	Stewardship Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knitting group	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation class	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	Choir	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 8	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Rainbow Ringers	11:45 a.m.

Annual Reports for 2011 are due to the church office by Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Complete reports may be emailed to ChurchOffice@HollisChurch.org (the preferred method of receipt). If you do not use Microsoft Word, please save documents in RTF (rich text format) before emailing. Alternatively, reports may be mailed to the church or dropped off in hard copy at the church office.

A New Adult Study Class will begin on January 11, using the DVD based program – *Adult Crossings*. “The Bible contains hundreds of stories – thousands of names. How does a person begin to understand and remember it all? *Adult Crossings* is a unique Bible overview. It explores what many scholars consider the **eight core stories of the Bible**. This is what theologian Walter Brueggemann calls ‘the primal narrative – that most simple, elemental, and non-negotiable story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith.’” (Program description) These eight core stories will be presented in 11 DVD seg-

ments. The class will meet weekly on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00, beginning on January 11.** The sessions will be:

1. How Is the Bible True?
2. God's Call
3. The Exodus
4. Sinai Covenant
5. Promised Land
6. Davidic Rule
7. Jesus' Family Tree
8. Jesus' Life
9. The Cross
10. Resurrection Life
11. Run the Race

Please contact the church office or Rev. Smith **if you expect to participate.** A Wednesday evening session will be scheduled pending interest - let us know if you are interested in having an evening session. Each participant should have a copy of the *Journal* (cost -- \$12.00). Journals are available through the church office and should be picked up and the first unit read before the first class.

The January-February issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular and large print in the narthex and on the shelf outside the church office.

These weekly announcements, the calendar of church activities, and January *Chimes* newsletter are all **available on our website at www.hollischurch.org.** Check it out!

The 2012 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside Rev. Smith's office. Please consider signing up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. Just write your name and telephone number beside your chosen date; then take a reminder/instruction notice with you.

Come join the Knitting Group! Members of our church's Knitting Group work on a variety of projects including Prayer Shawls, hats for cancer patients, mittens for the Christmas mitten tree, items for the Stork Project, and Seafarer's Friend hats for members of the Merchant Marines. Anyone is welcome to join the group. The Knitters meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parkhurst Room. **Their next meeting is this Wednesday, January 4.**



Knitters ~ A supply of yarn is available in the church office for anyone interested in making a prayer shawl for our Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry. The directions for the easy-to-make shawls are available in the basket and hanging on the bulletin board outside Rev. Smith's office.

Support the 2012 Mission Trip! Help the Mission Trip work-campers and our earth — visit our recycling bin!

No need to wait for “Dump Day”— We’re Open 24/7



← Drop your paper for recycling through this opening on the side of the box! This is an ongoing workcamp fundraiser — our workcampers earn money for every ton of paper recycled and you help our earth!

The Facilities Committee is looking to create a list of names of people who would be willing to work on small, short term maintenance projects for the church. Our committee is small, and it is difficult to keep up with all that is needed to keep our beautiful church and parsonage in tip top shape. These projects might consist of: minor



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painting, overseeing or meeting a contractor on site, changing batteries in smoke alarms, replacing a hinge on a door, installing a shelf, contacting a contractor to get an estimate, coordinating a project, soliciting donations, etc. If you are willing to be on a call list, please email Lin Westberg at LWestberg@comcast.net. Please indicate what you might be able to help out with. Thank you in advance!