ANNOUNCEMENTS — March 25, 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.

Cell Phone Request: During our worship service, please turn your cell phone off or set to vibrate mode. Thank you!

Activities for the week

Sunday, Mar 25	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Confirmands pack Easter food baskets at Brookdale	11:45 a.m.
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	Easter Flower order deadline	
	Lenten Soup and Study Program (program begins at 7:00 p.m.)	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Confirmation class	5-6:15 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Apr 1	*Palm Sunday*	
	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt	11:30 a.m.
	Teen Handbell Ringers	11:45 a.m.

Changes in Sunday School classroom locations for today only:

6th & 7th Grades – Conference room (upstairs)
5th Grade – Church office (upstairs)
4th Grade – remains in Hardy Hall
3rd Grade – Parkhurst Room (upstairs)
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade – *no change* – meet in Flagg Room

The deadline for Easter Flower orders is tomorrow, Monday, March 26. Please use the form inserted in this morning's bulletin.

The final Lenten Soup & Study program is **tomorrow, Monday, March 26.** A simple Lenten fellowship meal will be served at **6:15**, featuring a choice of 2 home-made soups, bread and dessert. The video presentation will begin not earlier than but as close to **7:00** as possible. If you cannot join us for the meal, please feel free to arrive at 7:00 for the video presentation followed by discussion. **Those who intend to be present for the meal are asked to make a reservation** TODAY by signing the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Monday, March 26 – *Faces on Faith: Marcus Borg.* Marcus Borg retired recently from his position as Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University. He is author of the bestselling *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, The Heart of Christianity* and others. He was an active member of the Jesus Seminar when it focused on the historical Jesus and he has been chair of the Historical Jesus section of the Society of Biblical Literature

Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Palm Sunday, April 1,** directly following the 10:30 worship service. Parents, bring your children to Little Nichols field (next to the library) immediately after church and enjoy a traditional Easter egg hunt. This is an outdoor rain-or-shine activity so dress for the weather! And don't forget your camera to record those precious memories.

Mission Item of the Month: Powdered Laundry Detergent for the Corpus Christi Food Pantry. Please place all items in the shopping cart outside the church office. Thank you for your generous support!

During **April**, we will be collecting **Canned Goods** for the Mission Trip. Please show your ongoing support of the Mission Trip and our workcampers by donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items. These items will be distributed to food pantries in the Buffalo, New York area. Thank you for your generous donations!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday Services ~ April 1

9:00 and 10:30 services in the meetinghouse. The Senior Choir will offer a Palm Sunday Cantata at both services. *Procession of Palms* at 10:30 service

Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

At this beautiful and moving service we remember that last night Jesus shared with his disciples and partake of the sacrament of our Lord's Supper. Following communion we observe the service of Tenebrae – the gradual extinguishing of the light – recalling the events of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and looking ahead in hope to the dawning of Easter day.

Easter Services ~ April 8

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service *at a new location* — on the hill at junction Rt. 122 and North Pepperell Road, just south of Bud and Phyllis King's Triple Knoll Farm. (If it is rainy, the service will be held in the meetinghouse)

Easter Breakfast in Hardy Hall follows the sunrise service hosted by the Confirmation Class.

9:00 and 10:30 services in the meetinghouse with the Senior Choir singing at both services

A NEW MEMBER FORUM is scheduled for those who would like to join or explore the possibility. The date is set for **Sunday, April 15**, after the 10:30 service at 11:45 in Emerson Chapel. The session lasts about 45 minutes and offers the opportunity to get acquainted with others attending, as well as hearing Rev. Smith along with Lydia Schellenberg, Deacon Emeritus, talk about the history and organization of The Congregational Church of Hollis, our denominational affiliation, expectations of church membership, and about our **service of joining**, which is scheduled to take place **on Sunday, May 6**, during the 10:30 service. If you are unable to attend the New Member Forum, but would still like to join on May 6, please speak to Rev. Smith to make other arrangements

Financial Update

In order to better communicate information about church finances, we are putting information in the weekly bulletin on a regular basis.

	Giving through 3/21/12	2012 Goal
2012 Pledges	$ 57,437	$ 231,658.
Loose Offering	$ 6,884	$ 17,000.
Budgeted Expenses	$ 70,847	$ 299,446

As you may have noticed, our **Lenten Giving Tree** is filling with leaves. Many of the more than 50 leaves on the tree today signify a Lenten sacrifice made by individuals and families, members and friends of our church family. Some of us have forgone cherished food items (wine, Oreos, ice cream), and some a favorite activity (skiing, a round of golf). Each leaf also signifies a financial contribution to the operation of our church. Our shared sacrifices and special offerings have sanctified (made sacred) these gifts, which will help us to continue our service to neighbors in need. It is not too late to participate. Additional leaves are in the pews or you can pick one up in the church office.

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 ~ **April 1 is still open!** Just write your name and telephone number beside your chosen date; then take a reminder/instruction notice with you.

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

Support the 2012 Mission Trip! Help the Mission Trip workcampers 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!

Easter Flowers

You may place flowers in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Fill out the form below to place your order. Call Wendy Longland at 465-3466 with any questions.

I would like to order _____ **tulips** and/or _____ **lilies** (please indicate quantity & flower choice) to be placed in church on Easter Sunday.

_____Total cash/check enclosed at **$7.50 per plant.** Checks should be made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis** with *Easter flowers* on the memo line.

This plant is given **_____ in loving memory OR _____ in honor** of:
(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED)

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Your Name:_____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR)

Telephone:_____

____ I wish my plant **TO BE DELIVERED** to friends or members of our church family in hospitals or nursing homes.

____ **I WILL PICK UP** my plant(s) *after the last service* on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012.

Please return form to: The Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square
Hollis, NH 03049

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING:
Monday, March 26, 2012