ANNOUNCEMENTS — January 6, 2013

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.

NEW ALTERNATIVES are offered for parents of very young children. Our church nursery is available for infants and toddlers downstairs in the Austin Room. Also, parents who wish to have their little ones with them and still hear the church service may use the Emerson Chapel room if a "break" is needed. Emerson Chapel is easily accessible from the sanctuary by exiting the doorway into the church office wing.

Activities for the week

Sunday, Jan 6	*Epiphany*	
	Communion Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Communion Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	CE Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Trustees Budgeting meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Mission & Action Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Stewardship Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Facilities Committee meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Confirmation Class	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
	Music Board meeting	8:15 p.m.
Friday	Our volunteers provide dinner at Ash St Shelter	
Saturday	Ladies Society & friends remove Christmas decorations	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Jan 13	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Combined Bell Ringers practice	11:45 a.m.
	Mission Trip meeting	11:45 a.m.

January Item of the Month: Loose Change for the Penny Pickers!

Penny Pickers collection

This month, we will be collecting **loose change** for *The Front Door Agency*, a local organization whose mission is to "help individuals and families in the greater Nashua area transition from crisis to self-sufficiency by providing a hand-up opportunity to those at risk of homelessness."

During the 10:30 service today, a member of the Agency will be speaking to the congregation about the programs and services they provide, and to introduce the Penny Pickers program. During January, look for the special canisters at Church where you can drop off your change in support of this very worthwhile cause.

A New Adult Study Program will begin on **Wednesday, January 16** and continue for the following five Wednesdays. ***"Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture"*** is a DVD based study led by Walter Brueggemann, who is arguably America's leading Old Testament scholar and theologian. There will be a morning session that will begin at 10:00 and an evening session that will begin at 7:00.

Prior to the first session, those planning to participate are asked to pick up in the church office a sheet of questions to help prompt some reflection on the topic to be considered.

Session topics and dates are as follows:

January 16 - *Moses, Pharaoh, the Prophets and Us*
Jan 23 - *The Prophets as Uncredentialed Purveyors of Covenant*
Jan 30 - *Moral Coherence in a World of Power, Money & Violence*
February 6 - *The Shrill Rhetoric that Breaks Denial*
February 13 - *The Grief of Loss as Divine Judgment*
February 20 - *The Promissory Language that Breaks Despair*

Annual Reports for 2012 were due to the church office last Friday, January 4. If you have not yet sent your report, please do so as soon as possible. Completed 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.

Preparation of the **2013 Offering Envelopes** has been delayed due to illness. We expect that the envelopes will be available for pick-up next week.

Financial Update:

	Through 1/3/2013	2012 Budget
2012 Pledges	$ 232,784.	$ 231,658.
Loose Offering	$ 31,474.	$ 17,000.
Budgeted Expenses	$ 333,029.	$ 299,446.

Collections Dec. 30 $2,230 Needed Weekly $4,782

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 – Fuel Oil Assistance $7,189

The deadline for the February ***Chimes*** is **Tuesday, January 15.** Please submit all articles in writing to the church office or via email to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

The 2013 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.

The January-February issues of *The Upper Room* are now 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!

Too many Christmas catalogs?

Help the 2013 Mission Trip workcampers and our earth — *take them to 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!

Christmas Tree Pickup

For the benefit of

Beaver Brook Association

Proceeds will fund the building of a bridge on the property, an Eagle Scout Project by Aaron Pepin

Tree Pickup is offered on the four Saturdays after Christmas: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, and 1/26

Cost per Tree is $10 and will benefit the building of a bridge to the new Whaleback and its 3 miles of trails at Beaver Brook.

Contact Aaron with your address and preferred pickup date

Email: apepin35@gmail.com

Phone:(603) 689-3869

In Our Community

Summer employment opportunities for young adults available on Star Island at the religious and educational conference center off the New Hampshire coast**. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.**

Foster Families Wanted – Independent Services Network is seeking loving, dedicated individuals and couples to change the life of a child or a teenager in need. They are looking for committed people willing to provide long-term or short-term foster care. Training, on-call crisis support, and a stipend included. If you are interested in fostering a child or would like to know more information, please contact:

Leigh Chamberlain
Phone: 603-261-5058
Email: chamberlain@isnnh.com

Burlington, NJ 2013 Mission Trip Crew invites you to order raffle tickets for the…

Mission Trip Quilt

The beautiful handmade **purple and green quilt** will be offered for raffle at the Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper on February 10 as a fundraiser for the 2013 Burlington, NJ Mission Trip. **Raffle tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. You can purchase tickets from Gail Harrison or use the order form below.** When we receive your order, your name and phone number will be written on each of your tickets and dropped in the raffle bucket. *Don't miss your chance to take this lovely quilt home with you!*

Quilt Ticket Order Form

Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

Total _____ # of tickets requested

Total $_____ enclosed

Name

_____

Address

_____

Telephone

_____

Please make checks payable to the *Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Mission Trip Quilt** on the memo line.

Send order form and payment to:
Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049

Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, February 10

On Sunday, February 10, the Mission Trip Crew will be hosting our annual spaghetti supper in Hardy Hall as a fundraiser for their summer 2013 mission trip to Burlington, NJ. Supper will be served family style (spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert) with two seatings — 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets for Take-Out orders are also available. Tickets are limited, so please order early.

Name_____

Address_____

Seating time: ____5:00 p.m. ____6:30 p.m. _____No preference

OR ____ Take-Out Order

_____ # of Adult tickets at $8.00 each

_____ # of Senior tickets at $5.00 each

_____ # of Child tickets (ages 6-12) at $4.00 each

_____ # of Children under 6 - FREE

Total _____ # tickets **Total $_____ enclosed**

YES, I would like my name included on the placemat as a supporter. Please accept my additional donation of _____ and list my name as:

_____.

Deadline for ticket orders — Wednesday, February 6th
(Deadline for donor names on placemat is Sunday, Feb 3)
Please make checks payable to the *Congregational Church of Hollis*,
3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049