

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.

Please join us for fellowship downstairs in Hardy Hall after the 10:30 worship service.

Cell Phone Request: Please silence cell phones during our worship service. Thank you!

Activities for the week

Sunday, Oct 13	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Sr Youth Group ~ <i>window washing!</i>	1:00 p.m.
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
Tuesday	November <i>Chimes</i> deadline	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	Knitting Group	10:00 a.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Youth Group <i>Big Day of Serving</i> event	
Sunday, Oct 20	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Rainbow Ringers	11:30 a.m.
	Naomi Circle	2:00 p.m.

Youth Group Update: We had a terrific kickoff event with 19 Senior members and 17 Junior members. New members are welcomed to join at any time. Today is the last call to attend our Big Day of Serving event on Oct 18 - 19 which is open to 6th to 12th grades and adults.

Senior YG: Today at 1pm we are cleaning the windows in the Meeting House and preparing the yard at the parsonage for Reverend Bob. Bring supplies if you have them. Our next event is an overnight retreat at Beaver Brook on Nov 1. Please sign up through a youth leader asap.

Junior YG: Our next meeting is Nov 3 at the Andres Institute of Art for a hike. More details to follow through emails.

Contact youth group leaders or the church office for more information.



CROP Walk

Sunday, October 27, 2013



The Nashua Area CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to support hunger-fighting efforts locally and globally. **Our Confirmation class and others will be 'walking the walk' and they're looking for your help as sponsors.** Please consider supporting one (or more) of them!

If you'd like to be a Walker, see Gail Harrison for a Walker envelope.

If you'd like to sponsor a Walker, you can do that either in person OR online!

- **In Person:** Watch for **Confirmation class students seeking sponsors** at Fellowship time! Donation checks should be payable to CWS/CROP.
- **Online Donations:**
 1. Go to <http://nashuacropwalk.blogspot.com>.
 2. **Click on the CROP stop sign** at the right side of the page to get to the Nashua CROP Walk webpage. You'll see *Sign Up* and *Donate* red buttons. Click on the *Donate* button.
 3. The next page offers 3 choices –
 - Support a Participant** – click on this button to support an individual who is registered online. Just enter a last name to search for a walker and click on *Donate Now* to make a gift on behalf of a walker.
 - Support a Team** – Click on this button to donate on behalf of our team **Congregational Church of Hollis** and click on *Donate Now*
 - Support the Walk** – You can make a general donation to the CROP Walk...but why would you do that when we have our own team to support? ☺

Financial Update:

	<u>Through 10/11/2013</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>
2013 Pledges	\$ 159,939	\$ 238,000
Loose Offering	\$ 14,171	\$ 20,000
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 320,112	\$ 332,590

Collections Oct. 6 \$5,901.12 Needed Weekly \$4,962
Deacons Fund received Loose Offering of \$387

Volunteers Needed: The Stewardship Board is looking for a **few good counters** to count up the offering after church once or twice a quarter. You do not have to join the stewardship committee to count! You'll never be asked to count by yourself, and you'll always have a more experienced counter with you at the beginning. The instructions are posted in the counting room, too. If you think you'd like to learn to count, talk to Darrell Stam, Karen Marino or any member of the stewardship board.

It's time to think about your annual pledge!

By now, you've received your letter from the Christian Stewardship Board kicking off the annual fall campaign. **We would like everyone to complete the pledge card enclosed in the letter.** Additional pledge cards are available in the pews. **Please remember to complete your pledge card by November 3rd** and help us reach our goal!



October Item of the Month: Freshman Care Package Items!

Please join us this month in donating items for our college freshmen! Appropriate items include microwaveable packages of popcorn, mac and cheese, and other snack foods such as granola bars. Other fun goodies such as playing cards, slinkies, fun sticky notes or paper clips are most welcome. This is a great annual tradition and so appreciated by the students.



Is there a college freshman in your family? Please provide us with their name and address for newsletters and our freshman care package project. **Contact the church office** (churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797) with the information. **Please also update college addresses of upper classmen** so we can send them our monthly newsletters.

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



Greetings! You may not be thinking about Christmas yet, but Susan Adams and Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt are thinking about the **Christmas Fair — Saturday, December 7, 2013**

You have gifts and talents, and we need your help!

We need **craft items**. We want to build upon our craft offerings from last year. People are very interested in scarves, hats, and blankets, for example. Handmade jewelry is a very popular craft item, too.

We've already asked for your **books**. We're tucking them onto the shelves and in the corners of the pastor's office. Drop off your bags and boxes outside the pastor's door.

The themed baskets sold well last year, and we'd like to expand our offerings. We will be asking groups of Sunday School children to make up baskets. If you or a group of families from your neighborhood would like to **contribute a basket for the raffle**, please call Susan (673-3121) or Therry (673-1784) to talk about possible themes for baskets.

As with anything big at Hollis Church, many hands make labor light. We could use whatever help you'd like to give us, a little or a lot. There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you put your name on it, it does NOT mean that you're going to have to do it all by yourself! Or you can talk to Susan Adams or Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt about getting involved. We'd love to have your help and many thanks for all you do

In Our Community

Singers Wanted! On December 14, our Ladies Society 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. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 23**, but you can still join even if you can't make it on then — just come when you can!

