

ANNOUNCEMENTS — February 17, 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.

Activities for the week

Sunday, Feb 17	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship & Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Naomi Circle meeting	2:00 p.m.
Monday	Trustees meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Church Council meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Study Class #5	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	5:00 p.m.
	Adult Study Class #5	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Knitting group	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	<i>Prepared to Serve</i> event in Pembroke	
Sunday, Feb 24	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship - NO Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

The Naomi Circle will meet in Emerson Chapel today, Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m. We will discuss the book *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. All women of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion ~ whether you've read the book or not!

Our Adult Study Program continues on **Wednesdays, through February 27.** *"Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture"* class sessions are held at 10:00 am and at 7:00 pm. Session topics and dates are as follows:

Feb 20 - *The Grief of Loss as Divine Judgment*

Feb 27 - *The Promissory Language that Breaks Despair*

Boxed Offering Envelopes for those who made a 2013 pledge and requested envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex.

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



Spaghetti Sauce
& Dry Pasta
for St John Neumann Food Pantry

February Item of the Month: Pasta (dry) and Spaghetti Sauce

We are collecting **pasta** (in boxes or bags) and **spaghetti sauce** (in cans or jars) for the St. John Neumann Food Pantry. The Food Pantry directly helps families in need right here in Hollis, and in other local communities such as Nashua, Amherst, and Merrimack. Please leave your items in the cart near the CE office at the top of the stairs.

Financial Update:	<u>Through 2/14/2013</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>
2013 Pledges	\$ 28,024.	\$ 238,000.
Loose Offering	\$ 3,621.	\$ 20,000.
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 31,546.	\$ 332,590.
Collections Feb 3	\$4,899	Needed Weekly \$6,395

Our Deacons' Fund distributes more than 35 food baskets to needy area families each Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The Fund also provides short-term emergency financial assistance to families in Hollis. **Today is one of four Sundays each year when the Deacons Fund receives the loose** (those funds that are not pledged) **offering.** However, designated gifts are cheerfully accepted at any time. Just make a check out to *The Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Deacons' Fund** on the memo line.



Prepared to Serve 2013 "Love into Action" is a day of workshops & worship for all church members, sponsored by the New Hampshire Conference UCC. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or check www.nhcucc.org and click on *Prepared to Serve* to view the brochure or register online.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. The theme of this year's service, written by the women of France, is *I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me*. Sponsored by Nashua area Church Women United, **the celebration service**, followed by the annual 24-hour prayer vigil, **will be held at First Church, UCC, Nashua, on Friday, March 1.** See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.