

ANNOUNCEMENTS — June 22, 2014

**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, June 22	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	New Member Meeting	10:15 a.m.
	Strawberry Festival on the town common	2-4 pm
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	Ladies' Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Pastoral Search Committee meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 29	Worship	9:00 a.m.



**Newcomers Informational Gathering:**  
**TODAY, Sunday, June 22,** after worship and outdoor refreshments, about 10:15 am. Let Rev. Bob know of your interest. We'll meet in Emerson Chapel.

**Our Supper Circles** were a resounding success! This past Friday evening, 28 people enjoyed dinner and conversation in three homes, hosted by Ginnie & Allen Brown, Tonda & Thom Davies, and Nancy, Dick, & Carol Birch. Plan to sign up for the next Supper Circle event, and get in on the fun!

**Parsonage Grounds Spruce-Up:** Our grateful thanks to all who have volunteered to help with yard work - edging, weeding, trimming, mulching. They worked from 8 am to 4 pm on Monday, with a pizza lunch and again on Thursday. The grounds look fantastic! David Gilmour, Roger Saunders, Carol Birch, Bill Wagner, Paul Widner, Len Martel, Bob & Diana Macfarlane, Dick & Nancy Birch, Chris, Sue and Hunter Adams – and any we may have inadvertently missed – **Thank you to All!**

**Coming to our pulpit on July 6 — General Joshua Chamberlain** (aka Rev Bob Macfarlane), a veritable icon of Civil War legend, best known for his heroic participation in the Battle of Gettysburg. *Plan to join us for this very special worship service!*

*Youth Group News!*

**Senior Youth Group** will be having a cookout with games **today, Sunday, June 22nd (5 - 7 pm)** at the Parsonage.

**Save the date for Senior Youth Group's day in Boston! Saturday, September 6th** for volunteer work plus lunch and free time at the Franklin Park Zoo followed by fun in the city.

**June - August Item of the Month: Support for "Backpacks for Back-to-School."** During the summer months, show your support for the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter's Backpack program – specifically, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- boxes of 24 count **Crayola crayons**
- boxes of **colored pencils** (bright or bold)
- **#2 pencils** in the 12 or 24 count
- small handheld **pencil sharpeners**
- glue sticks
- 8 GB flash drives



And, certainly, **new backpacks** for boys and girls of all ages, K - grade 12, are also most welcome.

**Please place items in the shopping cart through August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Canned Goods Collection Continues:** We continue to collect canned goods for our Shamokin, PA Mission Trip. Please leave any donations on the counter in the church office. Remember to check those expiration dates as we travel to Shamokin in late July.

<b>Financial Update:</b>	<u>Through 6/19/14</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
2014 Pledges	\$ 95,271	\$ 232,000
Loose Offering	\$11,176	\$ 20,000
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 143,622	\$ 343,642

Collections June 15: \$3,818  
Pastoral Search Fund: \$7,078



Although many of church family spend time away from home pursuing summer activities, our church in Hollis is open all year around and the church's expenses do not take a vacation. **Please make plans to keep your pledge up to date throughout the summer months** even when you can't attend - either by US mail or your bank's Bill Pay service. Many thanks, and enjoy your summer holidays.

**The Settled Pastor Search Committee** is currently receiving and evaluating ministerial candidate profiles as they continue our search for a new settled pastor. Please help our church “prepare the way” for the new settled pastor by donating to the **Pastoral Search fundraiser**. Make your donations payable to *The Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Search Fundraiser** in the memo.



**Church Office Summer Hours:** The church office will be open Thursday and Friday mornings only (closed Mon-Wed) through mid-August.

## *Christmas Fair News*



The Fair will be Saturday, **November 22, 2014**

Favorites returning, the luncheon, baked goods, angel loft, book fair, gift baskets, treasures from Christmas past and more.

New this year, *Christmas in the Kitchen* — aprons, hot pads, oven mitts, dish cloths, trivets, and cutting boards (**Gentlemen** - contribute your work in the making of cutting boards and trivets!).

**Needed: old tablecloths or old fabric**, vintage or not, for aprons.

**Needed: 100% wool sweaters** in any condition (moth holes are OK!) for recycling into mittens. Give to Eileen in the office.

**Needed: Beanie Babies** for recycling into scarves.

We want to hear from you! Do you have any additional ideas that you think could enhance our Christmas Fair? Do you have a talent for decorating, baking, sewing, crafting?

Please contact Susan Adams at 673-3212 or scadams@charter.net, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt at 673-1784 or therryns@charter.net.

**Lydia Schellenberg** is at home on Worcester Road and would love to receive greeting cards and notes or phone calls (465-2495) to stay in touch with her church family. You can send cards to Lydia at P.O. Box 254, Hollis, NH 03049.

**Church Directory Planning:** It's time to start preparing for a new church directory in anticipation of a new settled pastor. If you're interested in being on the Directory Committee, please contact Carol or Nancy Birch (465-7622) or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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

## *In Our Community...*

The annual **Hollis Strawberry Festival** will be held **TODAY, Sunday, June 22, from 2-4 pm** on the town common (rain location: Hollis Brookline Middle School). Come enjoy a concert by the Hollis Town Band while you enjoy your strawberry shortcake, strawberry-rhubarb crisp, and strawberry sundaes! Event sponsored by the Hollis Woman's Club and the Hollis Town Band.

