ANNOUNCEMENTS — November 30, 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.

You are invited to offer prayer requests using the request cards located in the pew racks. Please give the cards to a deacon at the beginning of the service. Prayer requests may also be made via email to Pastor@HollisChurch.org or to Prayer Chain contact Lydia Schellenberg at 465-2495.

Our staffed church nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 10:30 worship hour downstairs in the Austin Room.

Please silence cell phones during our worship services.

Activities for the week

Sunday, Nov 30	First Sunday in Advent ~ Hope	
	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship / NO Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall	After worship
Monday, Dec 1	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	Ladies' Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 a.m.
	CE Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Confirmation class	5:00 p.m.
	Stewardship Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Advent Study class #1 of 3	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	Knitting Group	10:00 a.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Wreath-Making Workshop	10am-2pm
Sunday, Dec 7	Second Sunday in Advent ~ Peace	
	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship / Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel / Hardy Hall	
	Devotion Chimes	11:45 a.m.
	JYG Christmas Celebration	4-5:30 p.m.
	SYG Christmas Fellowship	6:30-8 p.m.

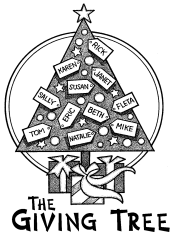
The Junior Youth Group invites all seniors (60+) of the church to share in a fun Christmas celebration with music, games, food, crafts and fellowship **4-5:30 pm** on **Sunday, Dec. 7,** in Hardy Hall**.**

The **Senior Youth Group** Christmas fellowship event will be **Sunday, Dec. 7th, 6:30 - 8 pm in Hardy Hall**. Please bring a wrapped gift ($10-$15) for a Yankee Swap.

November Items of the Month: Toiletries for ***Bridges: Last Day!*** toothbrushes & toothpaste deodorant hand and body soap shaving cream & razors body lotion shampoo & conditioner

There will be NO Mission Item of the Month in December. Please support the Giving Tree.

The Christmas Giving Tree …



will be in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall each **Sunday until Dec. 7**. Take an ornament (or two!) and make Christmas special for a child who might otherwise find no gifts beneath their tree.

Here's how it works! The tree will be decorated with ornament tags — TWO on each string.

1. Choose a tag (or more than one!) from the tree.
2. Pull the *second* tag off the string, write your name and phone number on it, and put it in the basket provided.
3. Keep the top tag. It has the information about the gift recipient.
4. Go shopping! Use the information and suggestions on the tag as a guide. It is not necessary to purchase every item listed on the tag.
5. *Please wrap gifts individually.* This is so the children will have multiple things to open on Christmas morning, and it's a lot more fun to open wrapped gifts!
6. Attach the tag containing the gift request information to your gift.
7. The gifts will need to be **back at the church by Sunday, December 14th** to give us time to deliver them.

Volunteers Needed for the **Wreath Decorating Workshop** to fulfill wreath orders taken at the Christmas Fair. Workshop is in Hardy Hall on **Friday, December 5** from 10am until 2pm. Contact Julie Kopser (Julie@kopser.net) or the church office (465-7797) if you can come and help us.

An Advent Adult Study will be offered on Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, at 10:30 AM in the Parkhurst Room. We will use the booklet *When God Comes Down,* by Rev. James Harnish, studying "some of the people who witnessed the miracle…" Interested? Please contact Bonnie.

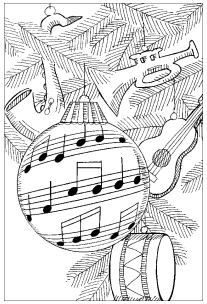
All-Church Advent Celebration

5 - 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th in Hardy Hall Take a break from the hustle and bustle to **come celebrate the joyful season of Advent** with your church friends. Together we'll enjoy a light supper with both combined family and separate children and adult activities. Each family is asked to bring a small unwrapped gift (e.g. gift card, game, decoration, book, or special treat) for the church's holiday food boxes given to local needy families.

Join us for an evening of music and fellowship at

The Hollis Town Band and Community Chorus

Christmas Concert



7:00 pm, Saturday, December 13, 2014

Hollis Brookline High School auditorium

Co-sponsored by our Naomi Circle & Friends and the Hollis Town Band

Admission: non-perishable food items

All food items will help **fill our church's Christmas food baskets**.

The Naomi Circle & Friends will sell finger desserts at the Christmas concert to raise money to help pay for the perishable food **for our church's Christmas baskets**. As you know, the more sweets we have to sell, the more funds we raise, the more food can be purchased. Your special goodies may be brought when you come to the concert or drop them at the church office on the morning of Friday, Dec. 12. ***Will You Help Us?***

- **Bake** and donate a few goodies.
- **Come to the concert!** Bring your non-perishable food items to donate and buy some sweets at intermission.

UCC Christmas Fund Offering - Dec. 14

The Christmas Fund offering is a 110 year old tradition of sending a monetary gift to those who have served the Lord and His Church. Gifts to the Christmas Fund help provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency grants, and Christmas *Thank you* gift checks to hundreds of annuitants. Please watch for the **special envelopes inserted in your bulletin on December 14th** and consider making a contribution to the Christmas Fund.

Financial Update:	Through 11/25/14	2014 Budget
2014 Pledges	$ 195,269	$ 232,000
Loose Offering	$19,974	$ 20,000
Budgeted Expenses	$ 257,430	$ 343,642

Collections Nov. 23: $5,875 Pastoral Search Fund: $10,548

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

In our Community…

The 27th Annual Messiah Sing! concert will be on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, December 7 at 4:00pm at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church on Rt. 13 in Mont Vernon. Messiah Sing! is a community chorus (over 100 voices including some of our choir members) with orchestral accompaniment. A great way to start the holiday season!! The concerts are free, although a free-will offering is taken.

A Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the newly improved parks and playgrounds in Hollis will be held outdoors followed by refreshments in the Hollis Social Library on Sunday December 7th, 2014 at 12:00 pm. Little Nichols Park 2 Monument Square Hollis NH The community is invited — No rsvp needed. For info call Anna Birch at 603-433-2484

The Hollis Brookline High School Band invites you to their **Band Concert** at 7pm on Thursday, December 11, in the HBHS auditorium. For more listening pleasure, come back at 7pm the following Thursday, December 18, for the **Hollis Brookline High School Choral Concert.**