

ANNOUNCEMENTS — April 12, 2015

**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.

**Activities for the week**

Sunday, Apr 12	Communion Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Communion Worship & Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	<b>All-Workcamper meeting</b>	11:45 a.m.
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	Ladies' Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 a.m.
	Deacons Board meeting	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Mission & Action Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May <i>Chimes</i> deadline	
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Labyrinth in Hardy Hall	10 am-3 pm
Sunday, Apr 19	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Worship & Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Naomi Circle	2:00 p.m.
	JYG Progressive Dinner	3:30 p.m.
	SYG Progressive Dinner	5:45 p.m.

**Workcampers: An extremely important meeting is scheduled today, Sunday, April 12th** at 11:45. We will be reviewing forms and safety at this meeting. Prior to the meeting, you will have received instructions for the online registration format.

**Labyrinth ... Walk ~ Meditate ~ Pray**

On **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, we'll be offering a time for a quiet meditation through the use of a labyrinth in Hardy Hall. Each person's walk is an individual



experience, and there is no 'wrong' way to do it! All members of our community are invited to join us for a unique experience in Hardy Hall on April 18<sup>th</sup> anytime between the hours of **10am to 3pm**.

**Youth Group News...** On **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, the Youth Groups will be participating in **Progressive Dinners** hosted by generous members of our congregation. We'll start and end at the church parking lot with **Junior YG** from 3:30 to 5:45 pm and **Senior YG** to follow at 5:45 pm. All 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Special thanks to our hosts! Sign-ups required by the end of TODAY to Carol Birch (birchcw@yahoo.com or 465-7622).

**Join the New Book Study!** Are you curious? Like to read? Sign up for a four week study on ***The Good Book***, a book about the Bible. Written by The Rev. Peter Gomes, late Chaplain and preaching professor at Harvard, *The Good Book* is acclaimed as a great study. Please purchase your own copy of *The Good Book* (available online from Amazon or order through a bookstore). The course will begin Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and meet Wednesday mornings through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call Bonnie for further info or to sign up. 603-247-5489.



**The Nominating Committee has two vacant positions to fill** quickly: a volunteer for **Mission & Action** and a **female Deacon** position. Both have reasonable time commitments. For information, please email Susan.Benz@gmail.com or call her at 465-3607 as soon as possible.

**Workcampers Offer Spring Clean-up Help**

The Mission Trip workcampers are once again **offering to do yard work this May**. We have limited time slots available but hope that if you need help in your yard this year, you'll give us a call. We will be available on **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 a.m.** Please contact Holly Babcock at 465-7448 or hdeurloo@aol.com to book a spot. No fee is charged, but if you would like to make a donation to our trip to Charlotte, NY this July, we would be grateful. We thank you for your continued support.





### April Mission Items of the Month:

**Non-Perishable Food Items** (No glass containers, please) for our 2015 Mission Trip crew to take to Charlotte, NY to fill their food pantry.

**Our new Settled Pastor, The Rev. Tanya Rasmussen** and her husband, Joel, were given a warm and welcoming visit to Hollis last month. They saw the care and love we have for this church, the greater Hollis community and our mission to help others. A **Thank You note from Rev. Tanya** is posted on the bulletin board across from the pastor's office.

**Help Prepare the Way** for the Rasmussens' arrival by donating to the **Settled Pastor Fund**. We know that many of you have already given (thank you!). Please consider adding to your gift or giving for the first time now that the Settled Pastor is "real"! Make your donations payable to *The Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Settled Pastor Fund** in the memo.

<b>Financial Update:</b>	<u>Through 4/9/15</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
2015 Pledges	\$ 62,698	\$ 240,000
Loose Offering	\$4,579	\$ 25,000
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 76,310	\$ 327,277

Collections April 5 \$10,964 Pastoral Search Balance: \$12,622

**The deadline** for the May *Chimes* is **Wednesday, April 15.**

Please submit all articles in writing to the church office or via email to churchoffice@hollischurch.org.

**Vacation Bible School** will be **July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> !**

Plan to have your children join us as we spend the week learning how we can use God's power to overcome the challenges that come our way! VBS will run from 9am-12noon each day and will be geared toward children entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign-ups for VBS kids will be available soon!



**The 2015 Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board outside Bonnie's office and still has plenty of dates available. Sign up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. Just write your name and phone number beside your chosen date.



As you store away your winter sweaters (*finally!*), please put aside any you are ready to give away. We are **collecting sweaters (80%-100% wool, in any condition; moth holes are OK!)** for recycling into mittens for the 2015 Christmas Fair. Give to Eileen in the office.

♪ **Sign up to provide music for 9:00 a.m. worship services.**

Plenty of opportunities are available in 2015! Sign up on the sheets posted on the church bulletin board. Contact Dee Wagner with questions: 465-2562 or billdee.wagner159@gmail.com.

**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 Hollis Historical Society invites you to ...**

#### ***The Other Side of the Midnight Ride:***

***A Visit with Rachel Revere***

7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16  
at the Lawrence Barn

This living history program by Joan Gattorna tells a remarkable story of tea, trouble, and revolution related by the woman who rode through life with Paul Revere. Rachel Revere tells of the Boston Tea Party, the Midnight Ride, and the Siege of Boston. See these events through the eyes of a woman who engineered the escape of her family from occupied Boston and smuggled money to the Sons of Liberty.