

ANNOUNCEMENTS — July 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.

We warmly welcome the Rev. Craig Anderson to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Anderson is a UCC minister who served churches in Massachusetts and New Jersey before retiring to South Hill Road in New Boston. Having guided the mostly completed renovation of an old farmhouse, Craig now volunteers as a consultant with ESC, an organization which works with small non-profits in northern New England. Ask him about strategic planning, fundraising, maple syrup, Christmas trees, and hard apple cider!

The flowers morning are presented to the glory of God by Don and Ginny Brooks with thanks to Rev. Anderson for being with us this morning.

Large print bulletins for this service are available in the narthex.

Join us for fellowship on the front lawn after worship. In the event of inclement weather, fellowship will be in Emerson Chapel.

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, July 12	Worship ~ Guest Preacher, Rev. Craig Anderson	9:00 a.m.
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 a.m.
	Women's Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 a.m.
	Vacation Bible School	9am-12noon
Tuesday	Vacation Bible School	9am-12noon
Wednesday	Vacation Bible School	9am-12noon
Thursday	Vacation Bible School	9am-12noon
	Church office open	8am-12noon
Friday	Church office open	8am-12noon
Sunday, July 19	Worship ~ Guest Preacher, Rev. Craig Anderson	9:00 a.m.

The In-Between Time... Until our new settled pastor, Rev. Tanya Rasmussen, begins in the pulpit on August 23, guest preachers for the "In-Between Sundays" will be:

July 12 & July 19 - Rev. Craig Anderson

July 26 - Rev. David Reynolds

Aug 2 & Aug 9 - Rev. Peter or Rev. Joyce Lovejoy

August 16 - Rev. David Reynolds

Please help to welcome each of them when they visit!

Canned Goods Collection continues for our 2015 Mission Trip crew to take to Charlotte, NY. Please leave any donations on the counter in the church office. Remember to check those expiration dates as we travel to Charlotte in late July. Thank you for your support.

Register today! Vacation Bible School July 13 – 16



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 Kinder-

garten through 6th grade. **Sign-ups for VBS kids available at church today or online at**

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/HollisVBS>.

White sheets needed – just to borrow for the week! Contact Wendy or Michelle for sheets, questions, or if you have an older child who would like to volunteer: CEDirector@hollischurch.org

Help Prepare the Way for the arrival of our new pastor, The Rev. Tanya Rasmussen, 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 checks payable to *The Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Settled Pastor Fund** in the memo.

Financial Update:	<u>Through 7/9/15</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
2015 Pledges	\$ 102,697	\$ 240,000
Loose Offering	\$8,289	\$ 25,000
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 164,711	\$ 327,277

Collections July 5 \$1,590

Pastoral Search Balance: - \$2,408 (yes, that's a negative number)

Church Summer Office Hours – Thursdays and Fridays, 8 am – 12 noon (closed Mon-Wed) through mid-August.

Christmas Fair News

The 2015 Christmas Fair will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, **November 21, 2015...** and planning has already begun! Needed now:



- Publicity/advertising volunteer
- small glass canning jars - leave in the office for Amy Watson
- Portable clothing racks (needed the week before the fair)
Just let us know if you have any available to loan us.
- Sweaters (80%-100% wool, in any condition) leave in the office for Eileen
- Large pieces (1 yd minimum) of Christmas print fabrics
- Large pieces (1 yd minimum) of quilted fabrics
- Coupons for JoAnn Fabric stores

Please contact Susan Adams at 673-3212, scadams@charter.net for more information or to donate items

June - August Item of the Month: School Supplies

Support the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter's *Backpacks for Back to School* program with your donations of:



- 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 G-byte flash drives



And, certainly, **new backpacks for boys and girls** of all ages, K - grade 12, are also most welcome. Donations can be placed in the cart near the office **through Friday, August 7th**.

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

The July-August issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular and large print in the narthex and on the shelf outside the church office.

NHC UCC Women's Fellowship Fall Two-Day Gathering *Sharing Our Stories* will be held Friday and Saturday, September 18-19 at the Woodbound Inn in Rindge, NH. All women are invited to this special event. Register by August 3 and pay just \$100 for an overnight guest room, 3 meals, and all events! See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Hope Fellowship Church in New Ipswich, NH, invites us to see **Robin Mark in concert** on Saturday, August 1. A **Worship Clinic** with Robin Mark is offered from 9am to 12noon at the Mascenic Regional High School. The concert is at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, go to hfcnh.org, robinmark.com, or the Hope Fellowship facebook page.

Concert tickets - \$20.

Worship Clinic Add-on - \$15

Worship Clinic only - \$20

Robin Mark (born 1969) is a Northern Irish Christian singer, songwriter, worship leader, and recording artist based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Mark has written several songs sung throughout the world and has released thirteen albums in total with sales of over two million worldwide. Learn more at RobinMark.com.

The Prayer

Lyrics to this morning's anthem

We pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us as we go,
And teach us to be wise in times when we don't know.
Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.
Lead us to a place – Guide us with your grace,
To a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts,
As darkness falls each night, remind us where you are.
Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our days.
Lead us to a place – Guide us with your grace,
Give us faith so we'll be safe.