

ANNOUNCEMENTS — NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you have chosen to be with us. If you have a question or concern, or are a visitor and would like to know more about our church, please complete the friendship card (available at both entrances) and place in the offering plate or give to a Deacon. If you would like to speak with the pastor, call the church office weekday mornings at 465-7797.

Activities for the week

Sun Nov. 27	First Sunday in Advent ~ Peace	
	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/No Sunday School (special activity – Hardy Hall)	10:30 am
	Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall	
Monday	Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s	7:15 am
	Women’s Breakfast at Joey’s	8:00 am
	Advent Listening Project	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Sun Dec. 4	Second Sunday in Advent ~ Hope	
	Communion Worship	9:00 am
	Communion Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am
	Giving Tree in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall	
	Wreath Pick-up	
	Advent Celebration	5-7:00 pm

No Sunday School this morning, but there is a special children’s activity downstairs in Hardy Hall during the 10:30 a.m. service

No Nursery care available this morning, however you can take your young ones into Emerson Chapel, where the service is played through a loud speaker, and there is a basket of toys available.



The Mission & Action Board is sponsoring the **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** for needy families in our area. The Christmas tree will be in Emerson Chapel and Hardy Hall after worship. Choose a tag (or two!) and spread Christmas joy!
All gifts are due back by Sunday, December 11th.

Monday, November 28th, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pastor Tanya will be facilitating an “**Advent Listening Project**” in Emerson Chapel. The past year, and the recent election, has revealed some profoundly painful division and a clear lack of mutual understanding among the people of our country. It has left many of us feeling profound grief, uncertainty, and even fear. There is a clear and present need for healing and reconciliation, which can only happen as people from across the political spectrum listen carefully, and speak the truth as best they understand it in a spirit of love and trust. This “Advent Listening Project” may happen just once, or we may decide to hold it again once a week throughout Advent – but the hope is that we will get a variety of perspectives represented, and our purpose will be to listen more deeply, to appreciate our common humanity despite our different experiences, and to pray to the God who calls us and binds us together by a common Spirit in love.

Advent Bells: Please join us. We are meeting weekly. Call or message Janet if you are interested. janetsterritt@gmail.com, 603-465-7248

Anyone interested in helping with decorating

wreaths to fulfill the Christmas wreath orders taken at the Christmas Fair please join Julie Kopser on Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Music and light refreshments will be available. Bring gloves and wire cutters if you have them. No experience necessary. For more info contact Julie Kopser (Julie@kopser.net).



All-Church “Christmas is for Giving” Advent Celebration, Sunday, December 4th, Hardy Hall, 5 - 7 pm

The Fellowship & Hospitality team invites you to take a break from your busy holiday preparations to celebrate the joyful season of Advent at the “Christmas is for Giving” celebration. Please come spend a bit of time with family and friends in fellowship and service to others. We’ll share a meal (with allergy-free/vegetarian options) of soups, sandwiches and dessert, enjoy some Christmas music, and work together in service to others -- including animals, military personnel, shut-ins, and the impoverished -- by creating special gifts for them. RSVPs greatly appreciated by sign-up in hallway, an email to FandH@hollischurch.org or reply to Carol Birch. Musicians willing to share their talents are also needed.

November Items of the Month: New Towels and Sheets

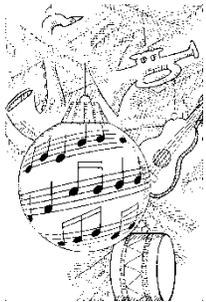


During the month of November, the M&A committee is collecting supplies for Bridges, a non-profit agency serving the Nashua area. They are in need of **new bath towels and sheets** (twin and queen size). All donations should be placed in the shopping cart outside the church office. Thank you for supporting this community need!

Your church needs your time and talent! The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good men and women (and teens) to staff some remaining positions starting in Feb 2017. We have openings for Deacons, Christian Education Committee (not teachers), and Stewardship. There are youth positions open for Christian Ed as well. Most meet just once a month. Please email susan.benz@gmail.com or call 759-0179 if you are interested and would like more information. Thank you for considering serving our church!

Join us for an evening of music and fellowship at

The Hollis Town Band and Community Chorus



Christmas Concert

7:00 pm, Saturday, December 10, 2016

Hollis Brookline High School auditorium

Co-sponsored by our Women's Fellowship & Friends and the Hollis Town Band

Admission: non-perishable food items

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

The Women's Fellowship & 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. 9. ***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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR THANK YOU!

The Christmas Fair Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make this year's fair another success. Whether you donated items, made crafts, helped with decorating or setting up, worked the day of the fair, baked pies, made soup, baked, performed music, cleaned up (or did multiple jobs!), we could not have done this without the support of all of you! We will communicate a final number on proceeds as soon as we have it. Blessings to all!

Rev. Tanya's Office Hours: Rev. Tanya will maintain regular office hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Other days and times available by appointment.

Church Office Hours – The church office hours are Monday – Friday mornings, from 8:00 a.m. – noon.

The November-December issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular & large print in the narthex and on the shelf near the office.

Order your Christmas poinsettias today! Use the form on the next page. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

The 2017 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office with plenty of dates available. Sign up to sponsor the flowers at Sunday worship. Just write your name and phone number beside your chosen date!



In Our Community.....

The 29th Annual performance of The Messiah Sing will be at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church on Saturday, December 3 at 7:00pm and on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00pm. Members of our choir are featured, along with many talented singers from Southern NH. The concerts are free, but a freewill offering is taken at Intermission. The Congregational Church is located on Route 13 in Mont Vernon.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



To place Christmas poinsettia plants in the church on December 18th as a memorial to a loved one or in honor of a special person or occasion, please fill out the form below.

I would like to order _____ poinsettias (please show quantity) to be placed in the church.

I am enclosing cash/check in the amount of

(\$7.50 per plant).

Checks made payable to: **The Congregational Church of Hollis**

This plant is given _____ in loving memory of

OR _____ in honor of:

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED)

BY: _____
(**PRINT YOUR NAME(S) EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR**)

Telephone: _____

_____ I wish my plant TO BE DELIVERED to friends or members of our church family in hospitals or nursing homes.

_____ I WILL PICK UP my plant(s) after the second service on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

Please return this form to: The Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016