

ANNOUNCEMENTS — JANUARY 1, 2017

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.

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 or drop in the offering plate. Only prayer requests received in writing will be added to the prayer chain. Prayer requests may also be made via email to Pastor@HollisChurch.org.

Activities for the week

Sun. Jan. 1	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
	Communion Worship/No Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	7:15 am
	Women's Breakfast at Joey's	8:00 am
	Christian Ed. Board Meeting	7:00 pm
	2016 Annual Reports Due	
Tuesday	Stewardship Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday	Bell Practice	3:00 pm
Sun. Jan 8	Strategic Planning Task Force Discussion	
	Worship	9:00 am
	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 am

Annual Reports for 2016 are due to the church office by January 2, 2017. Completed reports may be emailed to churchoffice@hollischurch.org. If you do not use Microsoft Word, please save documents in RTF (rich text format) before emailing.



Boxed Offering Envelopes for those who made a 2017 pledge and requested envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Strategic Planning Task Force Discussion

During Worship on Sunday, January 8th

Most of you are already aware that a very hard-working Strategic Planning Task Force has published its Report, which we hope will help to guide our work and life together for years to come. On January 8th, we'll have a congregation-wide introduction to the document — I hope you'll be here for worship that day, because that's when we'll commit ourselves to this endeavor in earnest.

Favorite Hymn? – The music board wants to know about it! We are excited to have taken on the project of selecting and creating a new hymnal for our congregation. Which hymns are important to you? How about hymns not currently found in our hymnals that you enjoy singing? The music board welcomes all input and suggestions through the month of January. Please feel free to contact Kirsten Szczeszynski (kirsten@electriceng.com, 465-2324) or any other music board member with questions, comments, or concerns. Watch out for the hymn request boxes that will be in the meetinghouse entranceways in January!



January Mission Items of the Month:

New Socks, T-shirts and Underwear for the Nashua Children's Home. They are in need of **new socks, underwear and T-shirts** for boys and girls, ages 8-18 and adult sizes. Please place items in the shopping cart in front of the office. As always, thank you for your support!



Bells Practice Update – For January everyone is welcome! All ages and all capabilities. Practices will be January 7, 14, 21, 28, at 3:00 p.m. in Parkhurst Room. Bells will play on January 29 at both services.

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!

FYI Directory Notice! The new Church Directory will include a roster (including names, address and telephone numbers) of active members and friends of the church even if no picture or profile was submitted. The information will be included as specified on submitted profile sheets otherwise the information will be taken from the church office's records. If you wish to have certain information omitted or updated, or to submit a photo, please send your request to Directory@hollischurch.org or leave a note with the church office **by January 15th**. Don't forget Christmas is a perfect opportunity for a family photo! Profile sheets and further information can be found at <http://hollischurch.org/resources/directory-info/>.

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!

Ladies Breakfast Weather Policy

Through the winter months, the Monday morning Ladies Breakfast at Joey's Diner will be automatically postponed to Wednesday at 8 am whenever the Hollis schools have a delayed opening or cancellation due to inclement weather.

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.

“What Is White Privilege?”

A 4-week series on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. January 18 & 25, February 1 & 8.

“White Privilege” is a highly-charged term in today’s politics — one that can quickly put many folks on the defensive, referring to an issue that many will dismiss as an illusion while others insist it is a real and destructive phenomenon.

As Christians we believe that in God’s eyes, all human beings are equally valuable and infinitely loved: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28) Still, there are many people who attest that such equality is hardly the case in our society.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we should at least be trying to listen to and understand those who feel aggrieved and marginalized, and possibly even taking action if we’re able. This Adult Christian Education course will help us to explore the issue, examine and discuss several different points of view on the subject, and deepen our own faith-and-life understanding about “White Privilege”. The curriculum we will use has been designed by U.C.C. denominational leaders, including the Rev. Dr. John Dohauer (U.C.C. General Minister and President), and will be adapted by Pastor Tanya to incorporate Biblical foundations for our discussion. If you’re interested to have a “sneak preview” of the materials, you can download it at: <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>.

If you’re interested in participating, please email Pastor Tanya at pastor@hollischurch.org so enough copies of the curriculum can be produced.

In Our Community.....

Come hear the Stage Coach Women's Chorus perform their Winter Concert on Sunday evening, January 15th, at 6:30 p.m.! Stage Coach Women’s Chorus performs music from a variety of different genres, including show tunes and pop, classical and madrigal pieces, jazz and ballads, and they have performed at numerous holi-



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day events and celebrations. As an added bonus, this year the chorus will be joined by the newly formed a cappella quintet Tonal Eclipse. Support members of our Senior Choir Sylvia Eggleston and Suellen Davidson who are members of the chorus.

Hollis Boy Scout Troop 12 is offering a **Christmas tree pick-up** service for Hollis residents. Trees will be picked up every **Saturday** from **December 31st to January 14th**. All proceeds from this service benefit our *BIG trip* to Wyoming in August 2017. Suggested donation is at least \$10 per tree. To schedule a tree pick-up, please email hollistroop12@gmail.com or call **(603)-566-2158**. **Please include your address, phone number and preferred pick-up day when contacting us.** Please schedule your pick up in advance so we may plan accordingly.