

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — December 24, 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 (465-7797) weekday mornings.

**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 [prayerchain@hollischurch.org](mailto:prayerchain@hollischurch.org)**.

### **Activities for the week**

Sun., Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ LOVE	
	Worship/No Sunday School	9:30 am
	Christmas Eve Family Worship	4:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols	7:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols	9:00 pm
Monday	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	
Sun., Dec. 31	Worship Service/No Sunday School	<b>9:30 am</b>

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT and CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday, December 24

**On Sunday, Dec 24**, the Fourth Sunday in Advent *and* Christmas Eve, Rev. Tanya will offer **one morning worship service at 9:30** (no Sunday School).



**CHRISTMAS  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

Our **4 p.m. Christmas Eve family candlelight service** with Youth Chimes focuses on celebrating Jesus' birth with narrative and music that is appropriate to our community's youngest members.

Our **7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve** worship services are **traditional services of Lessons and Carols**. The choir will sing and bell choir plays at the 7pm service, and soloists will provide special music at the 9pm service.

**Pastoral Care Emergencies:** If Pastoral Care is required this holiday week, please contact Deacon Tonda Davies at 603-860-0562.

**Church Office Hours** – the church office will have limited hours this week. Please call ahead at (603) 465-7797.

**Rev. Tanya's Office Hours:** *No office hours* this week.

Rev. Tanya will resume regular office hours (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays) in January. Other days and times available by appointment.

**Our Worship Schedule for Sunday December 31, 2017:**  
**Worship at 9:30 a.m. only, No Sunday School.**

**2017 Pledge Reminder** – The Stewardship Board reminds you that the last time contributions will be counted and tallied in 2017 will be after the 9:30 service on December 31. **All contributions received in person or postmarked by December 31 will be credited to 2017 for income tax purposes.**

**Ladies Breakfast:** Due to the upcoming Monday holidays, Ladies Breakfast is canceled for Christmas week and is moved to Wednesday, Jan. 3rd for New Year's week. For the winter months, when HB schools are delayed or closed due to weather conditions, Ladies Breakfast is moved to Wednesday morning.

**Annual Reports for 2017 are due to the church office by January 2, 2018.** Completed reports may be emailed to [churchoffice@hollischurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@hollischurch.org). If you do not use Microsoft Word, please save documents in RTF (rich text format) before emailing.

### **What's Cooking in the Sunday School?**

Plenty! And you are invited to explore the opportunities for sharing your talents, interests and faith with the young people of the church beginning with the New Year. New Sunday school curriculum, updated materials, training, support and nurture, as well as surprising perks for volunteers are on offer. You can sign up to help once a year, once a month, once a week or any time that works for your busy schedule. Join a team and share your love of cooking, crafts of any kind, music, and art in many forms, science, nature or anything of interest to you.

**Teacher Training – Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00pm.**

Contact [transition@hollischurch.org](mailto:transition@hollischurch.org) for further information. The New Year begins when you volunteer!





### HELP US HELP OTHERS - The Pre-

**Confirmation and Confirmation classes** are helping teens who are new to our country by donating basic food items to the free Food Pantry at Nashua

High School South. See the bulletin board outside the church office for a list of items needed. Please join us in donating! Items may be left in the box by the piano in Emerson Chapel.

There is a **dire need** for the following clothing items for **teens**: Gently used or new winter clothing: pants, sweaters, long sleeved shirts, coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, NEW underwear and socks

### Post-Christmas Fair Meeting

There will be a short meeting in Emerson Chapel on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. for Christmas Fair volunteers to offer any post fair thoughts. What works well and what can we do differently? We hope to be able to communicate final numbers on our proceeds and talk about how the monies will be used.

**New Hymnals** - The Music Board is pleased to announce that the new hymnal order has been placed, and hymnals will arrive sometime in spring 2018.

This hymnal replaces BOTH hymnals now used and includes congregation-selected hymns in a supplement and over 90 beloved hymns from the Pilgrim Hymnal. **Looking for a unique Christmas gift?** Donate a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. Use the form at the end of this bulletin.



### ***Doing some last-minute shopping online at Amazon?***

Turn your online purchases into dollars for the church *without costing you a penny* at AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to **support our church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our church. **On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, just designate the Congregational Church of Hollis as your charitable organization** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

**The 2018 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!

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

### ***In Our Community...***

**Hollis Troop 12 Boy Scouts** will offer a **Christmas Tree pickup** service on **January 1, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21**. Please call Chris at 465-5614 to arrange a pickup date and time. Ten dollar donation customary. Thank you very much for your support.

**Are You Interested In Learning About A New Culture?** Have you thought about opening your home to an international student? UTP High Schools, in partnership with Bishop Guertin High School, is currently accepting applications for host families for their Spring Semester, beginning mid-January 2018. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Kylie at 603-203-6577 or [kylie@utphighschools.com](mailto:kylie@utphighschools.com).



## *Hymnal Donation Form*

Yes, I would like to give \_\_\_\_\_ hymnals  
to the church (please indicate quantity)

I am enclosing a check in the amount of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per hymnal)

**In loving memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like the church to notify someone of this gift,  
please give the name and address below:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hymnals ordered Dec 1 with anticipated arrival Spring 2018**

**Please enclose a check** (\$25 for each hymnal) payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "*Hymnal*" on the memo line and send to:

Congregational Church of Hollis  
3 Monument Square  
Hollis, NH 03049