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Autumn Message from the Pastor

“All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich o’erflowing stores
All to thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.”

(From the hymn, “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”)

We are indeed blessed to call this small corner of God’s creation where we live – home. Especially at this time of the year, October, we are even more aware of how fortunate we are. All around us are orchards laden with ripe fruit, harvested fields that reveal pumpkin patches, trees ablaze with their autumn colors, and hearty, vibrant chrysanthemums. It is a time of bright blue skies, brilliant sunshine and clear, cool (sometimes chilly) starry nights. Above our heads we also hear the honking of geese as they wing their way along ancient migratory routes. All serve to remind us, indeed, of “all that liberal autumn pours from her rich o’erflowing stores,” and how it is to “God, Source whence all our blessings flow,” that we owe our thanks.

As I drive through our beautiful communities I marvel in the glories of autumn and the seasonal changes that take place around us with childlike wonder. In these precarious and threatening times in which we live, to see and appreciate the handiwork of God is helpful to the spirit. May it be for all of us a time to remember the Creator and Giver. The following prayer by Edwin Osgood Grover guides us in that way ...

Grant that these autumn days may be our harvest season:
That our lives may reap the fruitage of a well-spent year.
Let us be happy with the joy of the flaming hillsides,
With the glory of Indian summer,
With the ecstasy of the ripening grain;
Happy in the harvest of our high hopes,
In the garner of sweet memories,
In the ripening of true friendships,
In the reaping of bounteous blessings
Of the buoyant spring and brimming summer;



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From the Christian Education Office

Confirmation Calendar

- October 8 (Monday-Columbus Day holiday)** – Trip to Plymouth
October 17 (Wednesday) – class session, 5-6:15 pm
October 26-27 (Friday-Saturday) – Overnight Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Center
October 28 (Sunday) – CROP Walk, assembling at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, with the time to be announced

Fire Drill

During the 10:30 service on **Sunday, October 21st**, we will have our annual fire drill. The alarm will sound and everyone will follow instructions to exit the building safely. Children will be escorted to pre-assigned areas outdoors with their classes. **PARENTS SHOULD NOT LOOK FOR THEIR CHILDREN.** The children will remain together with their classmates and will be escorted by their teachers back into the building after the all-clear is sounded.



Acolytes Wanted

If your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader is interested in serving as an acolyte during worship and you did not indicate it on your Sunday school registration form, please call the CE office so we can add your child's name to the list. The Deacons will create the schedule and teach the children everything they need to know about wearing the robe, lighting the candles at the beginning of the service, and extinguishing them at the end. This is a wonderful way for our children to actively participate in worship.

Bible Sunday

On September 23rd our third graders received their very own Bible from the church. New this year, the children received the Spark Bible (NRSV) with a personalized dedication bookplate.



This Bible is very accessible for this age group, but will grow with them through the older grade school years. We are especially excited by the engaging nature of this particular Bible. The children will be encouraged to think about how to apply Biblical lessons to their own lives, and challenged to live a faith-centered life. Removable stickers at the back of the Spark Bible make it all fun and friendly!

WELCOME BACK!

Jesus said, "Let the children come," and they did!! **Rally Day** was filled with excitement as we registered our children and celebrated the new program year with our All Church Picnic. We were extra blessed this year with great weather and an opportunity to enjoy our picnic outside in the sunshine. Thank you to all the Boards who stepped up and helped make the picnic such a joyful experience.

Parents, if you have any questions regarding your child's class this year, please feel free to talk with the teacher or call Amy (465-7797). Thank you for your support! We are so excited for the year ahead.

Come Visit CE!

Where can you find comfy chairs, hot coffee and tea, and munchies? **The new Christian Education office!** Please stop by for a visit, and see our new space in the room next to Larry's office. And then stop back again! Our door is always open.



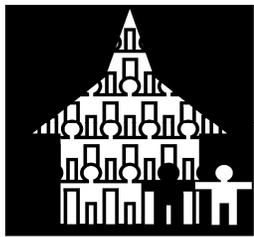
Amy & Michelle

(Pastor's Message ~ cont'd from page 1)

Happy in the knowledge of some
little kindness done,
Some great good gained;
Happy in our new strength,
Our surer hope,
Our wider lives
And loftier visions.
Let these be our jubilant days,
The days of our rejoicing.

Blest be the tie that binds!

Larry W. Smith



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

A New Member Forum is scheduled for those who have not “officially” joined the church and would like to join or explore the possibility. The date is set for **Sunday, October 14**, after the 10:30 service at 11:45 in the Emerson Chapel room.

The session lasts about 45 minutes and offers the opportunity to get acquainted with others attending, as well as hearing Rev. Smith along with Lydia Schellenberg (our Deacon Emeritus) talk about the history and organization of The Congregational Church of Hollis, our denominational affiliation, expectations of church membership, and about our **service of joining**, which is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, November 4**, during the 10:30 service.

Please contact Rev. Smith or the church office if you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend the New Member Forum, but would still like to join on November 4, please speak to Rev. Smith to make other arrangements.

Embracing an Adult Faith is the title of our next adult study group that **begins on October 10**, and consist of 5 sessions. Participants may come to either the morning (10:00-11:00) or the evening (7:00-8:00) sessions.



In this course we will explore five distinct topics with input from best-selling author and theologian Marcus Borg as well as the reactions of a small group of participants joining him in conversation, which is captured for us on the DVD. The topics center around the following issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology: *Who is God?* (October 10) *Who was Jesus?* (October 17) *What is salvation?* (October 24) *How do we practice our faith?* (November 7) *How do we live in community?* (Nov 14).

Each person (or couple) participating in the class should have a copy of the handbook, which can be purchased in the church office (\$12.95). **In preparation for the first session**, participants are asked to note their reflections to the five questions that are found on pages 11 and 12 in the handbook under Session 1 – God.



May we pray for you?

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Prayer Chain is a group of members who are willing and committed to praying for others’ needs. No request is too big or too small and all requests are held in strictest confidence. Please contact Rev. Larry Smith at 465-7797 or Lydia Schellenberg at 465-2495.

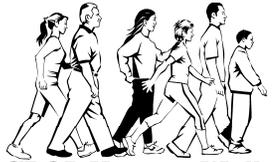
NH UCC Women’s Forum

The Fall Forum will take place at the Greenland Community Congregational Church on Wednesday, October 10, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Speaker Rev. Emily Geoghegan’s topic will be *Staying Centered in a Distracted World*. Speaker Ruth Smith will be talking about *Mindful and Faithful Eating*.

The \$10 cost includes lunch. Call Dot Pitman at 465-7672 to register or for more information.

October 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker! CROP Hunger Walk - October 28</p>	<p>7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7:00 pm – CE Board meeting 7:15 pm – Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>10:30 am – Ladies Society 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting</p>		<p>10 am - Knitting Group 7 pm – Choir</p>		
<p>9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 11:45 am – Advanced Ring 2-4 pm – Apple Festival on the town common</p>	<p>7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s Confirmation trip to Plymouth MA</p>	<p>9:00 am – Staff meeting 7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting</p>	<p>10 am – Adult Study class #1 5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 7 pm – Adult Study class #1</p>	<p>7 pm – Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting</p>	<p>Our church volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter</p>	
<p>9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – New Member Forum 11:45 am – Rainbow Ringers</p>	<p>7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting November <i>Chimes</i> deadline</p>	<p>7 pm – Church Council meeting</p>	<p>10 am – Adult Study class #2 5:00-6:15 pm – Confirmation Class 7 pm – Adult Study class #2</p>	<p>10 am - Knitting Group 7 pm – Choir</p>		<p>Our church delegates attend NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Concord, NH</p>
<p>9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School FIRE DRILL during 10:30 worship 11:45 am – Advanced Ring 2:00 pm – Naomi Circle</p> 	<p>7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s</p>		<p>10 am – Adult Study class #3 7 pm – Adult Study class #3</p>		<p>Confirmation Barbara C. Greenfield, Leave church at 4pm</p>	<p>Retreat Harris Center NH Leave center at 1pm</p>
<p>Mission Trip Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School CROP Walk in Nashua Registration at 12 noon – Walk at 1:30 pm Temple Beth Abraham</p>	<p>7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s</p>					<p>Mission Items of the Month: College Care Package items Fun, useful or tasty items like... small toys and games, non-perishable snacks, cocoa mix, Silly Putty, window clings, Nerf balls, bubbles, paper clips in fancy colors, post-its...</p> 

Mission Trip News

Memories of Buffalo, NY...



Come to the Mission Trip service on Sunday, October 28th to hear the message that 30 teenagers and adults have to share from their trip to Buffalo, NY this past summer. Helping those truly in need, building faith, sharing laughter, working hard, learning new skills, and experiencing joy are all part of the Mission Trip experience. Come sing the songs, see the photos and share in the joy of a week at workcamp. We have much to be proud of in this group's service to those in need. These 33 folks are our missionaries; come listen to their stories.

Emily Babcock
Kelsey Berry
Olivia Black
Meghan Bonta
Sarah Bonta
Lizzy Davis
Patrick Dunn
Rachel Dunn
Sarah Ericson
Molly Forgaard
Scotty Goldberg
Allison Gregory
Michaela Gregory
Ben Groves
Rebecca Harmon
Gabe Lewis
Erin Johnson

Mandy Kabel
Aaron Pepin
Dannie Putur
Nellie Putur
Nick Ullrich
MacKenzie Woodrow
Holly Babcock
Carol Birch
Thom Davies
Jeff Kabel
Charles Lewis
David Lowrance
Rick Ullrich
Amy Zapp
Fred Zapp
Debi Davis

Handbell Schedule

Advanced Ring – for a little more challenge

Practice: Oct 7, 21, Nov 11, 18
Parkhurst Room 11:45 to 12:45
Play: Nov 25 at 10:30 service

Rainbow Ringers

Practice: Oct 14, 28, and Nov 4
Parkhurst Room 11:30 to 12:30
Play: Nov 11 at 10:30 service



Singers Wanted!

Each December our Ladies Society and the Hollis Town Band present a holiday concert, collecting non-perishable food for our church's holiday baskets as "admission." A community chorus performs with the band. **Come join the Community Chorus!** *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you're in!* All voices needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 17**, but you can still join even if you can't make it on the 17th — just come when you can!



Ladies Society

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. is the time for the Ladies Society to meet to re-new friendships, make plans for the next few months, and have lunch together. We would be pleased to welcome some new faces around our table!

Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will meet on Sunday, October 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Emerson Chapel. Come join this friendly bunch and enjoy fellowship!

Our Church Records

Deaths

August 20, 2012
Deborah Glover Janeiro

August 28, 2012
Janet Louise (Ahlin) (Blake) LeMay

Memorial Gifts

*To the Ladies Society
in loving memory of Jan LeMay by:*
Joan and Howard Cole
Jackie and Bert Sommer
Sandra Blake and Rebecca Jones

Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 17th



Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17th from 11am-4pm, and there are still plenty of ways for you to help make this a big success!

Contact the chairperson listed below if you would like to contribute to one of the following teams or Julie Kopser at Julie@kopser.net (603)325-5745.

Luncheon: Co-chair requested – call chair Kimber Harmon 465-2742

Greens Sale: Wendy will need help decorating wreaths – Wendy Longland 465-3466

Themed Raffle Baskets: Additional help requested – Robbin Dunn 465-2921

Pet Boutique Table: Items for sale needed – also baked treats for pets – Eileen Widner 465-9054 and Amie Ippolito 978-433-5154

Bake Sale and Cookie Walk: Baked items needed: breads, pies, cookies – Pam Richardson 465-3658

Angel Loft: Martha Daigle 465-7474; Michele Gehan 465-7797

Kid's Craft: Two teens needed to help kids assemble and wrap crafted gift item – Julie Kopser 325-5745

Marketing and Publicity: Susan Benz 465-3607

Used Book Sale: Book donations needed – Laurie Smith 465-2188 and Mary Csakai 465-6282

Quilt Raffle: Gail Harrison 465-9451

Music: To be announced



The Angel Loft is a special boutique just for kids where children can shop for their family, friends and pets, too!

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to **make friendship bracelets** and jewelry, or to **donate small treasures** such as picture frames and ornaments. Contact Martha Daigle - daigle33@charter.net or Michelle Gehan - MichelleCE@hollischurch.org.



GOT BOOKS????

The Used Book Shop is returning to the Christmas Fair, and your contributions are needed. Hardcover and paperbacks, children's books and DVDs (Jigsaw puzzles will be added this year, too.)



Let's fill the pastor's office with our donations.

Pet Boutique Table

Do some of your best friends have fur and four feet?



Our Christmas Fair will have items for our furry friends, too. We are looking for **bakers to make dog biscuits** (we have recipes to share) and **donations of any pet items**. We'll be making felted cat toys and No-Tie Bandanas for dogs. **Donations of cotton fabric for bandanas** – especially sports, pet, or holiday prints – would be gratefully accepted. Just drop them at the church office! Do you have more ideas? Contact Eileen at 465-9054 or churchoffice@hollischurch.org or Amie at 978-433-5154 or aippolito@charter.net.



From the Church Office

A BIG Thank You goes to Lydia Schellenberg, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Marsha Joyce, Claire Boucher and Joyce Toli for collating, labeling, and sorting the September *Chimes* for delivery to your mailboxes.

Mission and Action News

October Item of the Month: Freshman Care Package Items!



Please help our college freshmen make a smooth transition to their new lives! We'll be sending care packages to the college freshmen members of our

congregation to tell them we're thinking of them; providing them with a few sweet treats to remind them of home. We're looking for donations of any individually wrapped edibles (microwavable mac and cheese, granola bars, small boxes of cereal, ramen noodles, crackers, gum...), small toys (Nerf balls, Silly Putty, playing cards...) or other fun things. Please place your items in the cart outside the church office. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Do you have a freshman that started college this year? If so, please contact the church office (churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797) to provide us with the name and address so they can be included in our freshman care packages.

Coat/Sweater Drive Success

The sweaters and coats donated for the Davis Funeral Home Coat Drive were a huge success! Our first deliveries included a dozen big bags of sweaters and coats. Thank you for your generous donations!



Sweater & Coat Drive
Keep Someone Warm this Winter

The 28th Annual Greater Nashua Area

CROP Walk Sunday, October 28

Who are we? We are your neighbors, your friends, a gathering of individuals and families from 26 different faith communities (including Rev. Smith and our Confirmation class members!) united by our dedication to end hunger...one step at a time.

What: Our walk this year is an 8.8 K loop* (5.5 miles) mostly through Mine Falls Park, followed by an interfaith fellowship including a BBQ and entertainment.

*shorter 4.3 k = 2.7 miles route available for those unable to walk the longer route or who have small children.

When: Sunday, Oct 28, 2012

Registration 12:00pm

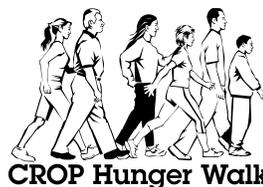
Interfaith Service 1:00pm

Walk Starts 1:30pm

Where: The walk begins and ends at

Temple Beth Abraham

4 Raymond St, Nashua, NH



CROP Hunger Walk

To Walk or Sponsor a Walker, contact our church recruiter:
Gail Harrison 465-9451 or garrison@tellink.net

Who Will Benefit?

Your generous donations of support will benefit families and children in need both locally and abroad. A portion of the monies go to local food pantries including:

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter

Salvation Army

Corpus Christi Food Pantry

St John Neumann Food Pantry

The greater portion of the monies is donated to **Church World Service** an outstanding international relief fund, committed to working "with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world".

*Plan now to **Be a Walker or Sponsor a Walker!***



Our Church Family

It is Stewardship Campaign time!

Once again is it time for our annual stewardship campaign and we are reminded that as a church family **we are all in this together**. Just as with any family, there are many different roles and areas of need and each one of us has unique talents and resources to share.

If you could imagine for a moment the church as a large jigsaw puzzle, then ask yourself – Where do I fit in? Our church offers many activities – some of which you may not even be aware of – and countless volunteer opportunities. Just as with a real puzzle, each piece is important and you and your family help to complete our church picture.

While volunteering your time helps make our church a vibrant spiritual home, we all must recognize a financial commitment is also needed to keep our church

functional. Activities require supplies, staff need a fair salary and the building needs to be maintained. All pledges are kept confidential and while we are grateful for every donation we receive, weekly or monthly pledges make budget planning a lot more realistic. You may also pledge electronically.

Please take the time over the next few weeks to prayerfully consider your commitment to our church. You will be receiving Stewardship information in the mail shortly

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