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FROM THE PASTOR

In our worship on Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend, we affirm our conviction in the Lord, who gives shelter to our loved ones who have fallen in a kingdom that cannot be shaken. And there are many others who have echoed that same trust in God, beyond whose love and care we cannot drift. Winston Churchill affirmed the same, as reflected in the instructions he left for his own funeral service.

Mr. Churchill selected the liturgy and the great hymns of the Anglican Church (Church of England). He also specified that a trumpet player be stationed in the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral from where he would play Taps, the traditional tune that announces the end of the day.

During the service, just as Taps was finished, another trumpeter stationed on the other side of the dome responded dramatically with the notes of Reveille – the call to get up. It's time to get up.

In this way, Churchill created a beautiful image reminding us that by the grace of God – proclaimed in the resurrection of Christ – the last notes will not be Taps but rather the call of Reveille – the call to a new beginning.

Just as the Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the summer season, so the Labor Day weekend is associated with the end of the summer season. Many of us will bemoan its passing and wonder how it came and went so quickly. But the passage of time and the grace of God always assures for a new beginning. Oh, let us be thankful for the blessings of summer. But now let us be expectant and hopeful for the days of September ... for new opportunities, challenges, and adventures that lie ahead. Let us hear the notes of Reveille – the call to get up. It's time to get up and go forward into God's new day and begin a new church season here in Monument Square. Laurie and I will be looking forward to seeing all of you.

Blest be the tie that binds!

Larry W. Smith

From the Christian Education Office

Confirmation News

Earlier this summer, eighth graders and their parents were mailed some material from Rev. Smith regarding Confirmation Class – what it's all about and some important dates. Also enclosed was a registration form as well as permission/medical release forms to mail back to the church. Please return these materials if you have not yet done so, or contact the church office if you need them.

Any eighth graders or senior high youths who have not yet been confirmed and/or did not receive information about the Confirmation Class and would like to, should contact Rev. Smith or the church office. Early dates on the schedule include:

September 16 (Sunday) – All potential class members and their parent(s) meet with Rev. Smith in the Meetinghouse (sanctuary) after the 10:30 service at 11:40 for about 25—30 minutes.

September 26 (Wednesday) – Our first class session, at the church, 5:00-6:15 p.m.

October 8 (Monday-Columbus Day holiday) – Trip to Plymouth

October 17 (Wednesday) – class session, 5-6:15

October 26-27 (Friday-Saturday) – Overnight Retreat at the Harris Center

October 28 (Sunday) – CROP Walk

All of our new and returning teachers are asked to attend one of the

teacher training sessions being offered. There are two possibilities; the first session will be on **Sunday, August 26** at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the 9:00 church service, and the second will be on **Thursday, September 6** at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Amy Zapp in the church office (465-7797) or amyce@hollischurch.org to let her know when to expect you. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Teacher Training



WELCOME BACK

Let's kick off the new year with an

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 28th

starting at 2 00 p.m.



We will say good bye to summer and hello to a new school year. Join us at the Hollis Congregational Church for an open house ice cream social. *Everyone! Every grade!* You and your friends are welcome to create your favorite sundaes.

Rally Day ~ September 9th

Welcome back to Sunday School!!

(The dress code today is CASUAL)

The new Sunday school program year will begin very soon, and we want YOU to join us. All children age 3-7th grade are welcome. Come and meet new friends or reconnect with the ones you haven't seen all summer! On Rally Day, all children will begin in church with their parents.

We will dedicate the teachers and then classes will be dismissed one at a time to the classrooms.

This year there will be more stories, more songs, more worship and **MORE FUN**. Join us September 9!



Classroom Locations for Fall 2012

Nursery (ages 1 month – 2 years) – Austin Room (downstairs)

3-4 year olds, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade – Flagg Room (downstairs)

3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade – Hardy Hall (downstairs)

6th and 7th grade – Parkhurst Room (upstairs)

Calling all 3rd-5th graders to be Acolytes!

Being an acolyte is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience the joy of participating in worship. Parents, if your child is interested in being an Acolyte, please be sure to indicate this on the Sunday school registration form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ed Wigfield.

Mission Trip News



We're headed for ... **Burlington, NJ!**

Join us in serving God by serving others.

Our planning for next year's work camp has already started.

We have selected a senior high mission trip (age 14 and above) in Burlington, NJ for the week of **July 28 thru August 3, 2013.**

In order to sign up and hold your spot, please fill out the registration form and return it with a \$50 deposit.

We have reserved 40 spaces for campers. This is a larger group than last year, but we do expect spots will fill up quickly. We will fill the roster on a first come first served basis.

Send in the registration form, along with a check made out to The Congregational Church of Hollis. Include a memo line of "Mission Trip 2013". Mail it to "Mission Trip" in care of the Congregational Church of Hollis at 3 Monument Square or simply drop it off in the "Paint Bucket" on Amy's desk in the church office.

This year's camp will be coordinated by Fred Zapp, Holly Babcock and Amy Zapp. This 3 person team will be handling the large variety of jobs related to pulling off a trip with 40 members of our church family. Questions relating to registration and logistics should be directed to Holly at 465-7448.

A note on financial aid: We have access to needs based scholarships for campers unable or burdened by the cost of work camp. Applications for this scholarship are available in the church office and should be returned confidentially to Rev. Smith or Amy in the CE office.

2013 Mission Trip Burlington, NJ

July 28 - Aug 3

Your \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will secure a place for you at this camp.

Contact Information:

Name

Address

Phone

Camper Email

Parent Email

You will be contacted throughout the year for fundraising events, monthly planning and preparation meetings.

Please complete a separate form for each attending camper.

Mission Trip 2013

Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 16th - 11:40 a.m.

If you are interested in finding out more about why our teens are so excited about workcamp, please come to the Parkhurst Room after church on September 16th. This trip is open to all teens who will be 14 years of age or entering the 9th grade September 2013. If your teen is interested in going on this trip, but is unable to attend the meeting, feel free to join us and pick up a hand-out to take home to share with them. We are also always looking for adult chaperones to travel with this group and be part of the workcamp experience. Adults get to be campers too!! **Please note** that if your teen is attending the Confirmation Meeting on the 16th, information will be available at their meeting as well.

September 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Mission Items of the Month: Sweaters, Coats, and Jackets (new or clean, gently-used) To support the annual <i>Sweater Weather Recycling Campaign</i> sponsored by Davis Funeral Home						1
9:00 am – Communion Worship Summer Worship schedule ends 2	Labor Day (holiday) 3	7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 4	5	7 pm – Teacher Training 7 pm – Choir 6	7	8
Rally Day Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship Sunday School begins 11:30 am – Youth Chimes 11:30 am – Rally Day All-Church Picnic 9	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting 10	9 am – Staff meeting 7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 11	5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 12	7 pm – Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting 13	Our church volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter 14	HOLLIS OLD HOME DAY 15
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Youth Chimes 11:40 am – Mission Trip 2013 info meeting 11:40 am – Confirmation class students and parents orientation in the meetinghouse 1:30 pm – Naomi Circle Potluck Luncheon 16	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting October <i>Chimes</i> deadline 17	7 pm – Church Council meeting 18	10 am - Knitting Group resumes 19	7 pm – Choir 20	21	22
3rd Grade Bible Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:00 am – Youth Chimes practice 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 23	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 24	25	5:00-6:15 pm – Confirmation Class 26	27	28	 10 am – 3 pm Hardy Hall 29
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 30						

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 for the DVD and handbook that we will be using in **our next adult study group** that will begin 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.

Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will have a *Welcome Back* potluck luncheon on Sunday, September 16. We will gather at 1:30 p.m. for the luncheon at the home of Dot Pitman. Bring a dish to share – salad, entrée, or dessert – and enjoy fellowship!

From the Church Office

My grateful thanks go to Lydia Schellenberg, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Nancy Bell and Joyce Toli for collating, labeling, and sorting the summer *Chimes* for delivery to your mailboxes.

Our Church Records

Baptisms

July 15, 2012

Linnea Margaret Natalie Bergeron and Aaron Christopher Bergeron, children of Christopher and Britta Bergeron

Hannah Marie Louise Burton, daughter of John and Kimberly Burton

New Members

June 3, 2012 ~ Confirmation Sunday

Emily Babcock	Tyler O'Brien
Sarah Cramton	Jordan Remar
Caroline Daigle	Nicholas Sengstaken
Robert Drouin	Matthew Spooner
Nathan Etchells	Andrew Stam
Matthew Guay	Phillip Stamp
Natalie Lewis	Cameron Tulley
Jack Kearns	Derek Wider
Harrison McClellan	

Deaths

May 24, 2012, 2012

Hilda Cornelia (Lull) Hildreth

May 28, 2012

Julie Ann (McCoy) Ferrazzani

Memorial Gifts

*In loving memory of Julie Ferrazzani and
In loving memory of Hilda Hildreth by
Ann Siglin*

Christmas Fair 2012

Saturday, November 17th

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND is our Christmas Fair, which will be held this year on Saturday, November 17th, from 11-4pm. Julie Kopsler has graciously volunteered to chair this event, but she needs YOUR HELP. Many activities are planned for the Fair, including the bake sale, popular 'cookie walk', used book sale, themed raffle baskets, crafts sale, angel loft (for children), greens sale, a luncheon, and more! Additional details will be forthcoming, but for now, please email Julie at Julie@kopsler.net, or call her at 325-5745 to get on a committee and offer to help (and mark your calendars with plans to attend)!



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.



HANDBELLS

Let's get back into the RING of things

Youth Chimes

Practice: Sept 9, 16, 23 near Hardy Hall

Play: Sunday, Sept 30 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

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

May we pray for you?

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and I will give you rest." Prayer is one way we enter into God's presence. The Prayer Chain at church is willing to share your burden and to celebrate your joy by praying for you. No prayer request is too small or too big for God. All requests are held in confidence. Please contact Rev. Larry Smith at 465-7797 or Lydia Schellenberg at 465-2495.

Thinking about ...



The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden "to till and keep it."

In the fourth commandment we are told to "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy." Then we read: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work" (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV).

Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the "fruits" of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents. Since we have the privilege of being "workers together with God" it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.

Mission and Action News

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, Sept 29th
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
in Hardy Hall



Why Donate? Here are 5 good reasons...

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious Keebler® cookies.
- It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

Appointments are accepted. Please schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or valid ID required to donate.

September Items of the Month: Sweaters, Coats, and Jackets (new or clean, gently-used)

Time to Clean Out Those Closets!

The Davis Funeral Home in Nashua is conducting its annual “Sweater Weather” Recycling Campaign, and your donations of new or gently used clean sweaters, coats and jackets of all sizes are greatly needed in support of their program. The items are collected and donated during the fall months to various agencies in the Nashua area, and will be distributed to individuals and families in need.



Sweater & Coat Drive
Keep Someone Warm this Winter

Please show your support of this terrific program! Even though it's still warm outside...it's not too soon to look through those closets for a few cold-weather items. **The donation deadline is Sunday, September 30th.** Please place your donated sweaters and coats in the cart outside the church office. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!

Dinners for the Ash Street Shelter

The M&A Board seeks volunteers to prepare dinner for the Ash Street shelter the second Friday of every month. The M&A Board supplies gift cards for the purchase of the food and disposable containers. We ask you to prepare dinner including a main course, salad or vegetable, drinks and dessert, and deliver these items to the shelter on Ash St. in Nashua at about 6 PM.



Make a Meal!

Currently we need volunteers for the months of October, November and December. If you can volunteer, please contact Janet Griffin at 465-3284 or griftowich@charter.net. Thank you!

Summer Item of the Month: Support for Backpacks for Back to School

By now all the school supplies you generously donated during the summer are on the way to filling backpacks for children, helping them to be ready for the coming school year. Thank you so much!

Everyone's invited to the...

Rally Day All Church Picnic

Save your appetites for the All Church Rally Day Picnic.

Right after church, the grills will be filled with hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone! To make our picnic a fabulous smorgasbord, please bring your favorite summer dish to pass. Salads, casseroles, and desserts are appreciated. The church provides the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring your favorite dish, your appetite and if the weather is nice, a lawn chair and your baseball mitt or Frisbee so we can enjoy our picnic outside! We are usually done by 1:30 if you need to get to other Sunday activities.

See you at the picnic!

Sunday, September 9



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**PK-7th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 9th at 10:30**

Sunday, September 9th is Rally Day!

Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to register. You may fill out the registration form and bring it with you; or we will have additional forms available to fill out in person. We will begin in the Meetinghouse where we will announce and dedicate our teaching staff. After the dedication, we will go to our classes to start our PK-7th grade year of learning, worship, singing and fun.

**Come join us for the picnic following the 10:30 service.
Bring a side dish to pass or your favorite dessert to share.**

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2012-13
 Please fill out and bring with you on September 9th

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Children (first and last names)

	Date of birth	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Special issues or concerns (allergies/learning/behavior) _____

- YES NO It is OK to photograph my child for use within our church family (slideshowes, bulletin boards, etc.) **
- YES NO It is OK to use unidentified pictures of my child on the church website, church facebook page or in print media such as local newspapers **
- YES NO It is OK for my child to participate in church services that are recorded and may be broadcast over the Internet to benefit the homebound
- YES NO My 3rd, 4th or 5th grader would like to be an Acolyte

**Please note that names will not be associated with individual pictures.

Parents, please check the ways in which you are willing help:

- ___ Classroom teacher ___ Substitute teacher
 ___ Classroom helper ___ Nursery attendant
 ___ Sunday school floater (fill in wherever needed on scheduled Sundays)
 ___ Special event helper (Pageant, Children’s Day, Drive-In Movie Theater)
 ___ Sharing a special talent (art, crafts, music, other) List talent _____

Thank you for the helpful information, and welcome!