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## From the Pastor...

Visitors to our church, attending a wedding or a memorial service or a spaghetti supper or some other event, will often come up to me and comment about how impressed they are with our facilities, especially the simple beauty and dignity of our meetinghouse. I like hearing what they have to say. I also like telling them about our people, who truly make the church what it is — a welcoming community of faith that gathers for worship and fellowship and service. We have a great church family and a great spirit among us, which was certainly evident last Sunday when we raised our voices in hymns of praise and were lifted by the musical offerings of our choir members, church school children, and other musicians, including the members of the Monument Square Brass. It will be no different when (as of this writing) we worship on Children’s Sunday. And I felt it very much in evident when members of our trustees and church council gathered last night (Tuesday, May 14) and made the decision to go full steam ahead with the asbestos ceiling tile abatement project — not a very glamorous undertaking, but further evidence of the dedication of our members to the physical as well as the spiritual well-being of our church. Since 1743, our church has been a prominent community of faith and service in the heart of the community, and I am sure it will continue so because of all of you, our creative and thoughtful and amazing members and friends.



On another note, I want to wish all of you a very pleasant summer that offers numerous opportunities for fun, rest, and renewal — including spiritual renewal. I know that many of us will be away hither and yon over the next three months and may not find it easy to attend church in Hollis or elsewhere, but I urge you not to neglect to nourish your spirits.

A hymn I have always appreciated is *This Is My Father’s World*. It was written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock (1858-1901). During his first pastorate in a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, he often went for a walk early in the morning to a nearby hill to enjoy the sweeping view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding countryside, saying as he left the house, “I am going out to see my Father’s world.”

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# From the Christian Education Office

## Confirmation News

**Confirmation Sunday** will be held on **June 2, at the 9:00am service.** Join us on Confirmation Sunday when we welcome the following members of the Confirmation class into full church membership:



Hunter Adams	Rachel Ericson
Aaron Etchells	Maddie Kuchta
Curtis Newton	Emily O'Brien.

Also, many thanks to Robbin Dunn and Rick and Valerie Guay, who for another year have served so faithfully and well throughout the year as class mentors, attending class sessions and participating in other activities. Rick picked up a new name from the class members this year – Mr. Happy. We also count on additional help from Carol Birch for those other activities and extend our thanks to her.

### Confirmation News for *next year's* class

All our students who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall (along with any students in high school who have not yet been confirmed) are eligible to be included in next year's Confirmation class. A letter written by Rev. Smith was recently sent out to all students (under the names of their parents) who appear on our church school roster and who we expect will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. If your son or daughter is going to be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader this fall and you did not receive the letter, please contact Amy Zapp or notify the church office and we shall be sure to mail you the information.

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## Teachers we appreciate YOU...

If we missed you on Children's Day, let us thank you! Thank you for responding to God's call to serve. Thank you for preparing lessons that enriched the lives of our children. Thank you for your commitment and steady presence. Thank you for your patience, laughter and kindness. Above all, thank you for showing our children God's love by leading by example. We know that you have made a difference in the lives of our children and we really appreciate YOU!!



## Sunday School Wrap Up

We have watched another spirit filled year of Sunday school come to a close. In the Worship Centers, we asked wondering questions about 24 different Bible stories from the Old Testament to the New. Third grade spent the year exploring their new Spark bibles. Fourth grade through seventh grade journeyed through the year with lessons full of messages about growing a relationship with God, and deepening an awareness of the ways God acts through us. In addition to our weekly lessons, we had a lot of fun during gathering time in Hardy Hall playing the chimes, practicing for our play, and learning about the k.i.s.s. malaria goodbye campaign.

Once again this year, our 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade made a number of pies for the Thanksgiving baskets, and ran the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our 5th grade organized a successful Lenten Service Project extending a joyous welcome to foster children. Their enthusiasm was absolutely contagious, and it showed in the outpouring of donations from the congregation. Check out their bulletin board at the entrance of Hardy Hall!

### A LOOK BACK at our SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR



Children's Day came all too fast, but the children arrived excitedly on May 19, ready to share the Fruit of the Spirit Play. We were especially blessed with Jessica Marchant's willingness to share her directing gifts. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a special one.

It has been an eventful year full of spiritual growth and joy. All along the way, we have welcomed new children and teachers to our Sunday school. God has surely been in our midst. We hope you all enjoy a restful summer and a reenergized return in the fall for a new program year. Continue to live Christ!

Mark your calendars for ...

## Rally Day and the All Church Picnic

September 08, 2013



Rally Day marks the beginning of the new Sunday school program year. Once again we will offer Sunday

school classes for Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30 worship service. Watch for the September Chimes issue for your registration form!

## Teacher Training

All 2012-2013 teachers and assistants are asked to attend one of the two teacher training sessions offered at the end of summer. Please join us on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** immediately following church at 10:00 am, or **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm. RSVP to Amy Zapp at amyce@hollischurch.org or call 465-7797. If you are unable to participate due to childcare issues, contact Amy for more information about how you can virtually attend one of the sessions.

## Summer Camp News

Children, youth and adults from all over the state have been busy registering for summer church camp. Don't miss out on your opportunity to register you or your child for Horton Center this summer. Information and registration can be found online at the camp website [www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org) or stop by the Christian Ed. office for a copy of the camp brochure.

# 2013 Mission Trip

## Mission Trip Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1  
9:00 am - 12:00

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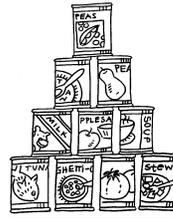
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- Set up ... of May 27 to May 31.
- Work a ... ay 5-7 or Sat 9-12.
- Help dis ... sold items - need trucks (3) to take items to Goodwill or Restore on Amherst St.

## Yard Sale Canceled due to Asbestos Removal and heating Upgrade Work

## Food Collection continues!

Our Mission Trip Campers will take canned goods to Spencer, NY in July to distribute to area food pantries. We will continue to accept canned (or non-perishable boxed) goods in the church until our trip in July. If you are interested in donating, please bring the items to the church...but please check the expiration dates. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

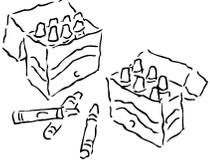


**Mission Trip Camper Commissioning** will occur during our **July 21<sup>st</sup>** Church Service. All campers are encouraged to attend...as this is one of the few opportunities that our church community gets a chance to gather in prayer for our week of service.



# June 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Mission Items of the Month ~ June, July &amp; August (thru Aug 9): School Supplies</b>            24-count boxes of Crayola crayons            Boxes of #2 pencils (12 or 24 count)            Handheld Pencil Sharpeners            Boxes of colored pencils (bright or bold)            New backpacks for boys &amp; girls</p> <p>To support the Nashua Soup Kitchen's <i>Backpacks for Back to School</i> Project</p>						9 am – 12 M Sa 
<p><b>Confirmation Sunday</b>            9:00 am – Communion Worship            10:30 am – Mission Trip meeting            1:00 pm – Naomi Circle Potluck Luncheon at the home of Sibyl Cushman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>7:15 am– Men’s Break- fast at Denny’s</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>7 pm – Steward- ship Board meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>7 pm – Senior Choir (final rehearsal)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p><b>Red Cross Blood Drive <u>at Hollis Brookline Middle School</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>
<p>9:00 am – Worship            3:00 pm – <i>Sunday Afternoon Concert</i>            Refreshments following</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>7:15 am– Men’s Break- fast at Denny’s            7:15 pm – Deacons meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>7 pm – Mission &amp; Action Board meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>7 pm – Facilities Committee meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Our church volun- teers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p>9:00 am – Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>7:15 am– Men’s Break- fast at Denny’s            7 pm – Trustees meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>7 pm – Church Council meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>
<p>9:00 am – Worship            2pm-4pm - Strawberry Festival            on the Town Common</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>7:15 am– Men’s Break- fast at Denny’s</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>
<p>9:00 am – Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p><b><u>HELP NEEDED!</u></b> Moving Days for Flagg Room, Parkhurst Room and the CE Office will be Saturday, June 1 (9am-3pm) and Sunday, June 2 (12pm-5pm). Come and help us clear these rooms in preparation for asbestos removal.</p>					

## Summer Worship Schedule

begins Sunday, May 26, when we change to a **single worship service at 9:00 a.m.** for the summer months.

Our two-service schedule resumes in September.



### Summer Calendar Dates

#### July 2013

July 7 – Communion Worship at 9 am – Loose Offering to Deacons Fund

July 14 – Worship at 9 am

July 21 – Worship at 9 am – Workcamp Commissioning Service

July 28 – Worship at 9 am

July 28-August 3 - Mission Trip Workcamp in Spencer, NY

#### August 2013

August 4 – Communion Worship at 9 am

August 11 – Worship at 9 am

August 15 – September *Chimes* deadline

August 18 – Worship at 9 am

August 25 – Worship at 9 am

Teacher Training at 10 am

Mon, Aug 26 – CE Board meeting at 7 pm

Tues, Aug 27 – Ice Cream Social at 2 pm

#### September 2013

Church Boards resume meeting schedule

Sept 1 – Communion Worship at 9 am only

Thurs, Sept 5 – Teacher Training at 7 pm

Sept. 8 – **Rally Day & Picnic**

Worship at 9 am

Worship and Church School at 10:30 am

Sept. 15 – 9 am Worship

10:30 Worship/Sunday School

Sept. 22 – 9 am Worship

10:30 Worship/Sunday School

Sept. 29 – 9 am Worship

10:30 Worship/Sunday School

**Lost & Found:** All items are on display on the bench outside the Christian Ed office. *Items not claimed by May 30 will be donated.*

2 pr fleece gloves                      black knit hat  
glasses      water bottle      navy child's jacket  
piano book      *Jamie to the Rescue* book  
black sweater      2 canvas tote bags

## Pastor's Message - continued

With a heart wide open he was able to commune with his God, as many of us relish such moments when we experience God's greatness and goodness through all the marvels of nature that "declare their Maker's praise." May we have many such encounters during the golden days of summer that offer us another dimension of spiritual experience to complement (not replace) the spirit that instructs and moves us when we are gathered with a congregation of people to worship God with glad and thankful hearts and voices. I'm sure Maltbie Babcock would have agreed. He was the pastor of three congregations over the course of his ministry.

Blest be the tie that binds!

*Larry W. Smith*

## Contacting Rev. Smith when out-of-

**town...** Summer affords Laurie and me the opportunity to spend a little more time on days off at our cottage in Chesterfield, NH. Also, I will be taking vacation time during the month of August. In the event of an emergency or should there be a death in the church family and you are unable to reach me at the church or parsonage, please feel free to try contacting me at our cottage number – (603) 363-8966 or at (603) 721-6402.

*Rev. Smith*

## Pastoral Search

On May 21, the Board of Deacons met with our NH conference minister, the Rev. Gary Schulte, to review the pastoral search process. The Deacons are charged with the task of preparing a slate of nominations for both the interim pastor search committee and the settled pastor search committee, and will present these nominations to the Church Council for approval. Watch the church web site [www.hollischurch.org](http://www.hollischurch.org) throughout the summer for updates on the work of these committees.

**On June 7, Ruth Coleman**, a long-time member of our church family, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her address is 40 Crosby Street, Milford, NH 03055. *Let's shower her with cards!*



**100th Birthday  
CARD  
SHOWER**

## Sunday Afternoon Concert

The Music Board invites you to our Sunday Afternoon Concert on **Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m.** There will be several groups performing including the Monument Senior Choir, the men and lady some surprises.

For the first time we will present music with the Alpine Horn. The Alpine Horn or Alphorn was used by mountain dwellers in Switzerland. Similar horns were used for communication in the mountainous regions of Europe. Carved from solid softwood, generally spruce, the horn can be up to 8 feet long with a relatively small diameter of the bore running the full length of the instrument- hence its unique sound.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. The public is invited as well as your neighbors and friends.



## Update on Asbestos Abatement and Heating Upgrade

submitted by David Gilmour

On May 14, the Trustees appropriated funds to remove asbestos from the ceiling in the affected areas, the Parkhurst room, C. E. office, the Flagg Room, the West entrance and the upstairs hall. During this work, which will take about 10 days, these areas will be inaccessible. Specifically, there will be a dumpster for the asbestos in the handicapped drop-off spot in the driveway. The West entrance will be blocked off. The hall just beyond the pastor's office and the downstairs hall just beyond the Flagg room will be blocked off. The rest of the church will be available, including the downstairs restrooms and the upstairs restroom with the change table. Access to the church will be through the handicap entrance and the meeting hall. The logistics will be complicated and constantly changing. It will require patience from all of us and some work from many of us.

**We need your help!** On Saturday, June 1 (9am-3pm) and Sunday, June 2 (12-5pm), we will remove all items from the asbestos-containing rooms into other rooms and a storage pod. **Come and lend a hand!**

The CE office, and the administrative office will be moved to new temporary locations. Following the asbestos abatement, full access will be restored, but there will be other work in these areas, including insulation and heating upgrades, and possibly painting. The overall project may spread over several months. After the work is completed, we must put things back in place. In order to keep down the overall costs, we will be asking many of you to help with these tasks.

## Singers and Instrumentalists — We Need you!

Share your musical talent at our 9 am summer worship services – June 9 through September 1. There are plenty of opportunities available on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Contact Marilyn Wehrle at 465-7151.

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## Our Church Records

### Baptisms

April 28, 2013

Collin Richard Jean, son of Nathan and Kasie Jean and grandson of Ron and Kathy Jean

May 12, 2013

Gavin Frederick Smith, son of Grant and Krystal Smith and grandson of Rev. Larry and Laurie Smith

### New Members

May 5, 2013

Erika and Ben Damon  
Amy and Alex Kutschke  
Megan and George Laberis

### Memorial Gifts

*In loving memory of Jan Squires by:*  
Carolyn and Louis Gargasz

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### Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will have our end-of-the-year Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sibyl Cushman. Come with your ideas for planning our programs for next year!

### From the Church Office

Many Thanks go to Nancy Bell, Brenda Gibson, Marsha Joyce, Freddi Olson, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Lydia Schellenberg, Laurie Smith, and Joyce Toli who prepared your May *Chimes* for mailing. These ladies are able to breeze through the increasingly complicated job in no time at all!

# Mission and Action News

## June - August Item of the Month: Support for “Backpacks for Back-to-School”

During the summer months, please show your support for the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter’s Backpack program – specifically, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- boxes of 24 count **Crayola crayons**
- boxes of **colored pencils** (bright or bold)
- **#2 pencils** in the 12 or 24 count
- small handheld **pencil sharpeners**



And, certainly, **new backpacks** for boys and girls of all ages, K - grade 12, are also most welcome.



There are other items you can donate too -- for example, filler paper, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, pencil boxes or pouches. We thank you for your generous donations in support of this annual effort!

**Important Note:** Donations will need to be dropped off at the church *no later than Friday, August 9th*, so that the NSKS staff and volunteers can properly fill and distribute the backpacks in time for the start of the school year. Thank you!

## Red Cross Blood Drive

***moved to the Hollis Brookline Middle School***

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Blood donations have been fewer than usual in recent drives. Please mark your calendar for this opportunity to save lives. Most people are eligible to give blood. For more information visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



## Ash Street Shelter Dinners

Ash Street Shelter needs volunteers to prepare a dinner for about 16 people on June 14. Certificates are available to cover the cost of the meal. Thinking ahead to fall, volunteers are also needed for September and October. For details please contact Janet Griffin at 465-3248 or [griftowich@charter.net](mailto:griftowich@charter.net)

## Can you help with the mission work of our church?

We still have an opening in the Mission and Action Committee. If you are interested please contact Kenric Nelson (chair) at [kenric.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:kenric.nelson@gmail.com) or Janet Griffin (Council Rep.) at [griftowich@charter.net](mailto:griftowich@charter.net).

## M&A Donation Updates

Thanks to the Sunday School \$679 has been raised to combat the international scourge of malaria! Mission and Action has matched that amount to further this critical effort.

**Our church has made a donation to Heifer Project International.** Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families farm animals and training to care for them Heifer international empowers them to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. By bringing communities together and linking them with markets in their area, they bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty.

## Items of the Month Update

**April** - A generous supply of canned goods has been collected for the Mission Trip workcampers to distribute to food pantries in the Spencer NY area.

**May** - Many bags of summer clothing have been collected for the Nashua Children's home. The Home provides food, shelter and clothing for children ages 12 - 18. Thank you so much for your support of these efforts!

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## Watering Volunteers Needed!

Our foundation plantings require regular watering throughout the summer. If you can help with this task during the coming months, please contact Doris and Dick Rafferty at 465-3781.



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As summer days wane and  
September approaches, we say...

## ***WELCOME BACK!***

Let's kick off the new school year with an

## ***ICE CREAM SOCIAL***

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 sundae.

