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Interim Pastor Search Committee Announcement

The Interim Search Committee, together with the Board of Trustees and the Church Council, announce that we have called the **Reverend Robert Macfarlane** to be our Interim Minister. After interviewing several qualified candidates, it was a unanimous decision to call Rev. Bob to join us.

Bob is a native of Massachusetts, having grown up in Waltham, Mass. He is a graduate of Boston University and Andover Newton Theological School. He retired as a settled pastor in 2009. He has served as an interim minister in Scottsdale AZ, Charleston SC, and most recently in Grafton MA.

Bob and his wife Diana will be joining us for his **first service on October 27**. Bob and Diana will be residing in the parsonage and are looking forward to becoming members of our community. Please join with all of us in welcoming Bob and Diana.



Your Interim Search Committee,

Susan Adams, chairperson David Lowrance

Dee Wagner Traci Weaver Thom Davies

*Look inside this issue for a letter to the congregation
from our new interim minister!*



The Chimes is published monthly September to May. One edition is published for the summer months. All submissions for the newsletter are due by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

From the Christian Education Office

Confirmation News

Confirmation is offered for all 8th grade students and any older students who may not have previously participated in our confirmation classes.

Our program this year is a student/mentor format where a student and an adult member of the church, have the opportunity to walk together on a year long journey of faith.

Regular class meetings have been put on hold until our interim pastor, Rev. Macfarlane, joins us at the end of October. The overnight retreat at the Barbara C Harris Conference Center has also been postponed until after his arrival.

Watch this space in the next *Chimes* for confirmation calendar updates.

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 the Sunday school registration form, please contact the CE office so we can add your child's name to the list. The Deacons will create the schedule and show 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. Please call 465-7797 or email amyce@hollischurch.org.



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 at (465-7797). Thank you for your support! We are so excited for the year ahead.

Bible Sunday

On September 15th our third graders were presented with their very own Bible. The children received the Spark Bible (NRSV) with a personalized dedication bookplate. This wonderful 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!

Youth Group Update

Calling all 8th – 12th graders to our first senior youth group gathering Sunday September 29 in Hardy Hall from 7 to 9 pm. Save room for the ice cream buffet and get ready to enjoy an evening of fellowship and event planning.

Coming November 1st (Hold this date!):

Senior Youth Overnight Retreat at Beaver Brook

Calling all 5th – 7th graders to our junior youth group kickoff. Gather in Hardy Hall on Sunday September 29 from 4 to 6 pm for a make-your-own pizza party. Please bring a drink, dessert or side dish along with a friend. After the pizza will be games and activities to celebrate the start of our youth group.

Coming November 3: Off site Junior Youth meeting at the Morrisseys



More about Youth Groups

Reminder to parents to please sign up your child for the youth group program via the bulletin board, email one of the leaders, or contact the church office. We are open to having more volunteer adult facilitators.

It's not too late to sign up for our first event: *The Big Day of Serving!* We will be heading down to Connecticut on Friday, October 18 in the afternoon to join the Group Work Camps on Saturday. Register through the church office as we are hoping to have more 6th to 12th graders and adults join this community project.

Our Church Records

Baptisms

September 1, 2013

Bryan Joseph Wright and Brooke Marie Wright, children of Joe and Wendy Wright

Deaths

September 10, 2013

Eva Myrell Hutchins

September 15, 2013

Ruth A. (Hills) Coleman

Happy Birthday, Paul Fimbel!

Long-time church member Paul Fimbel will turn **100 years old** on Sunday, October 6th. The family invites you to stop by his home at 45 Love Lane between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. on that day to wish him "Happy Birthday" in person, or send him a card of congratulations to P.O. Box 485, Hollis, NH 03049.



From the Church Office

Many Thanks go to Nancy Bell, Brenda Gibson, Marsha Joyce, Freddi Olson, Doris Rafferty, Lydia Schellenberg, and Debbe Shipman who prepared your September *Chimes* for mailing.

The Farewell Party Committee would like to extend our special thanks to everyone who contributed to making the send-off for Larry and Laurie so perfect. We could not have done it without the support from our family members, the musicians and speakers, the Smith family, the congregation (for contributions of food, gift donations, pictures and musical recordings, soup recipes and clean-up), the Hollis



Town Band (for tent, tables and chairs with special thanks to Clark Lambert), Tom Army for trailer towing, the set-up crew, Randy Forgaard for AV conversions, Wendy for the beautiful flowers, and Eileen and Amy for their support. It surely was a very special evening to remember! Note: If interested in viewing the video, please contact Carol Birch (birchcw@yahoo.com) or the Church office.

All women of the church are welcome to come to any (or all!) of the groups below. There is no 'membership' required ~ just come! (The knitters would welcome any *men* who knit, too!)

Ladies Society

The Ladies Society will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 to consider the future of the Society. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet in Emerson Chapel on Sunday afternoon, October 20, at 2:00 p.m. Perhaps we'll keep hands busy with a few Christmas crafts!?!)

Come join the Knitting Group!

Members of our church's Knitting Group work on a variety of projects including Prayer Shawls and hats for cancer patients. Anyone is welcome to join the group. The Knitters meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parkhurst Room. **Their next meeting is Thursday, October 3.**



UCC Women's Retreat

There's still time to sign up for the UCC Women's Retreat at Woodbound Inn in Rindge on October 18 & 19. Call Dot Pitman with questions or to register.

October 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <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>		10:30 am – Ladies Society 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 1	2	10:00 am – Knitting Group 7 pm – Senior Choir 3	4	5
9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 2pm-4 pm – Apple Festival on the Town Common **Happy 100 th Birthday, Paul Fimbel!** 6	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7pm – CE Board meeting 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting (moved from Oct 14) 7	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 8	7 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 9	7 pm – Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting 10	Our church volunteers provide dinner at Ash St. Shelter 11	12
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 13	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 14	November Chimes deadline 15	16	10:00 am – Knitting Group 7 pm – Choir 17	18	Youth Group <i>Big Day of Serving</i> event in Hartford, CT 19
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Rainbow Ringers 2:00 pm – Naomi Circle meeting 20	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting 21	7 pm – Church Council meeting 22	23	24	Confirmation Retreat <i>post-poned until November</i> 25	26
<i>Welcome, Rev. Bob Macfarlane!</i> Mission Trip Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Rainbow Ringers CROP Walk in Nashua Eat at Bertucci’s – Mission Trip fundraiser 27	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 28	29	30	7 pm – Choir 31	Senior Youth Group Overnight Retreat at Beaver Brook November 1	 CROP Hunger Walk Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker! October 27

Mission Trip News

Memories of Spencer, NY....

Come to the **Mission Trip service on Sunday, October 27th** to hear the message that 40 teenagers and adults have to share from their trip to Spencer, 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 work-camp. We have much to be proud of in this group's service to those in need. These 40 folks are our missionaries; come listen to their stories.

Emily Babcock
Holly Babcock
Kelsey Berry
Olivia Black
Sarah Cramton
Caroline Daigle
Thom Davies
Lizzy Davis
Rachel Dunn
Rachel Ericson
Sarah Ericson
Scott Goldberg
Ben Groves
Eli Groves
Vanessa Hale
Becca Harmon
Mandy Kabel
Nicole Kabel
Shelby Kuchta
Gabe Lewis

Natalie Lewis
Jessica Marchant
Alexi Migneault
Sierra Migneault
Emma Newton
Tyler O'Brien
Aaron Pepin
Joyce Pepin
Michaela Pillion
Dannie Putur
Nellie Putur
Phillip Stamp
Cameron Tulley
Kelsey Tulley
Nick Ullrich
Rick Ullrich
Kenzie Woodrow
Amy Zapp
Fred Zapp
James Zapp

**Also on Mission Trip Sunday, October 27...
Join us at Bertucci's for our first 2014
Mission Trip fundraiser!
See page 8 for details**

Interested in joining the Mission Trip crew for 2014? Complete this form and return it with a \$50 check to reserve your place!

2014 Mission Trip

Shamokin, PA July 19th-July 26th

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

Contact Information:

Camper Name

Address

Phone

Camper Cell Phone

Camper Email

Parent Cell Phone

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.

The 28th Annual Greater Nashua Area

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 27

Who are we? We are your neighbors, your friends, a gathering of individuals and families from 26 different faith communities (*including 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 27, 2013
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

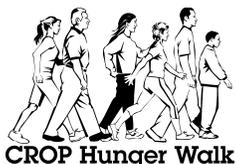
To Walk or Sponsor a Walker, contact our church recruiter:
Gail Harrison 465-9451 or gharrison@tellink.net

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!***



Saturday, December 7, 2013

Greetings! You may not be thinking about Christmas yet, but Susan Adams and Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt are thinking about the Christmas Fair! You have gifts and talents, and we need your help.

We need **craft items**. We want to build upon our craft offerings from last year. Therry even requested craft items from her social networking friends. People are very interested in scarves, hats, and blankets, for example. Handmade jewelry is a very popular craft item, too.

We've already asked for your **books**. We're tucking them onto the shelves and in the corners of the pastor's office. Drop off your bags and boxes outside the pastor's door.

The themed baskets sold well last year, and we'd like to expand our offerings. We will be asking groups of Sunday School children to make up baskets. If you or a group of families from your neighborhood would like to **contribute a basket for the raffle**, please call Susan (673-3121) or Therry (673-1784) to talk about possible themes for baskets.

As with anything big at Hollis Church, many hands make labor light. We could use whatever help you'd like to give us, a little or a lot. There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you put your name on it, it does NOT mean that you're going to have to do it all by yourself! Or you can talk to Susan Adams or Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt about getting involved. We'd love to have your help and many thanks for all you do

Mission & Action News



October Item of the Month: Freshman Care Package Items!

Please join us this month in donating items for our college freshmen! Appropriate items include microwaveable packages of popcorn, mac and cheese, and other snack foods such as granola bars. Other fun goodies such as playing cards, slinkies, fun sticky notes or paper clips are most welcome. This is a great annual tradition and so appreciated by the students.

Thank you as always for your generous support!

Are you the parent of a college freshman? 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.

Ash Street Shelter Dinners

Volunteers are needed to prepare a dinner for Ash Street Shelter in October and November. Certificates are available to cover the cost of the meal. For details please contact Janet Griffin at 465-3248 or griftowich@charter.net

Item of the Month Updates:

September sweaters, coats, and jackets

Your donations of warm clothing overflow the IOM shopping cart each week! Several carloads of sweaters, coats, and jackets have been delivered to Davis Funeral Home for distribution to individuals and families in need who will be warmer this winter as a result of your generosity. Thank you!

Recent Donations

Our church made a donation for scholarship aid to Andover Newton Theological School. We also made a donation to the Nashua Interfaith Council which sponsors the Annual Greater Nashua Area CROP Walk (see page 6 for details about CROP).

New Members Needed for Mission & Action Board

Mission & Action decides how to distribute the M&A budget to local missions, church related needs, and international and national agencies. We lost two members of our board recently because of illness and a job change. Two more members will end their terms in February. Please consider joining in the rewarding work of this board. If you are interested, please contact Kenric Nelson (chair) at 603-508-9827, kenric.nelson@gmail.com or Janet Griffin at 465-3248, griftowich@charter.net



Ring Those Bells!

Youth Chimes will be practicing during Sunday School in October, and will have a special piece for us on Sunday October 27. On October 27, meet at 10:15 BEFORE Sunday School in the church.

Rainbow Ringers:

Practice: in the Parkhurst Room at 11:30 am
Sundays - October 20, 27,
November 3, 10

Play: at the 10:30 Service
on November 17; meet at
10 AM



CROP Walk Book Sale

The proceeds from the books sold at the left hand entrance of **Hannaford's** on Coliseum Ave. in Nashua **between Sunday, October 6th and Saturday, October 12th** will go to this year's Crop Walk. At only \$1 for adult books and two for \$1 for children's books, this is a great bargain for a great cause. Support CROP ~ Buy a book!

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Come! Mangia!