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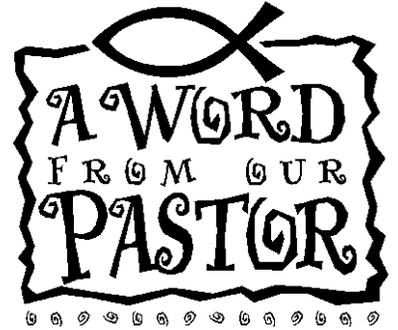
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## *Dear Members & Friends,*

Did you swing down the aisle on Mardi Gras Sunday to the Jazz Band from Hollis-Brookline High School? Did you eat pancakes flipped by our Youth, and served with REAL maple syrup donated by the kind people of Parker's Maple Barn? Have you taken advantage of the Adult Lenten Groups of Diana Butler Bass' "Spiritual Awakening" discussions (you can still drop in on Wed at either 10 am or 7 pm)?



Did you sing "This Little Light of Mine" to Amy Zapp on her final official Sunday as our fabulous CE Director? Did you enjoy a wonderful Ladies Princess Luncheon at the Barn, organized by Kimber Harmon and her Committee? Were you in worship as we received the Stewardship Committee's excellent booklet, "The Christian End of Life Planning Guide"?

If so, you know you were at the right place, at the right time! And if not, you have been missing out on some fine worship and fellowship!

The Congregational Church of Hollis welcomes each of you, each and every Sunday morning, with deeply committed musical talent, with enthusiastic teachers for our children, with energetic parents and mentors for our Youth and our Confirmation Class, and, I pray, with joyful and spiritually enriching worship.

Especially, we all want to add our best wishes and God speed to Amy, who has endeared herself to the hearts of a wide array of children and youth, teachers and parents, for whom she has been a fine leader and mentor, spiritual director and confidante. Where ever life's journey leads you, Amy, "May God hold you in the Palm of God's hand."

**Rev. Bob Macfarlane, Interim Minister**



# From the Christian Education Office

## Confirmation Class News

The next Class sessions are Wednesdays at 5 pm, on April 2 and April 23. Confirmands will each take a turn at reading Scripture at both worship services through Palm Sunday.

On Sunday, April 13, Confirmands and Mentors will meet at the Brookdale packing plant at 11:45 after **Palm Sunday** worship, to pack the **Easter food boxes**.

Confirmands are expected to **attend Maundy Thursday** Worship, Thurs, April 17, at 7:30 pm.

They will also **conduct the Easter Sunrise Service** at 6 am on Easter Sunday, April 20. The service takes place on the hill at the corner of Route 122 and North Pepperell Road, just south of Bud and Phyllis King's Triple Knoll Farm (in the meetinghouse if it's rainy). They will also **host the Easter Breakfast** in Hardy Hall following the Sunrise Service.



## Confirmation Calendar

Wed, April 5 – Class 5:00-6:15 pm

Sunday, April 13 – Pack Easter food boxes at Brookdale

Thursday, April 17, 7:30 pm – Attend Maundy Thursday worship

Sunday, April 20, at 6:00 am –Easter Sunrise Service

Wed, April 23 – Class 5:00-6:15 pm



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## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is right around the corner. Put a little *spring* in your step and hop on down to our annual Easter egg hunt hosted by the 6th and 7th grade classes.

This year's activity will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. Bags will be

provided for all the children who wish to participate, so there is no need to bring a special basket. Parents will need to gather their children from Sunday School and meet in the library parking lot (weather permitting) by 11:35 (or 5 to 10 minutes after church is over). Please make sure the kids are dressed appropriately for the weather/field conditions, and don't forget your camera to record those precious memories.

## Palm Sunday Procession

Palm Sunday is almost here!! Please join us at the 10:30 service on April 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual Palm Sunday Processional! Hosanna!



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lenten Project Update

Our 5th grade class selected **Church World Service Blankets+** as their Lenten mission project. The + “plus” is supporting the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter's Birthday Room which provides new toys and gifts for children staying in their shelters. Our Sunday school children are asked to donate by class:

- Pre-K / K: Stuffed animals, Fisher-Price toys
- 1st and 2nd grade: Coloring books and crayons
- 3rd grade: Books
- 4th grade: Chalk and jump ropes
- 5th grade: Sports balls
- 6th/7th grade: Activity gift cards

**Donations are due by April 13!**

## Communion Unit for 4th Graders

Beginning on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will be taking part in a 3 week communion unit during their Sunday School time. This unit is designed to prepare them to participate in Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We are excited to have our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class join us at Christ's Table!



## Come to the God Times Drive-In

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be feasting on popcorn and juice as we enjoy the fabulous adventures of the **3-2-1 Penguins!** Pull up a car and join us as we watch this group of wacky penguins battle green-eyed monsters, save the citizens of Gutt from their sugar addiction and teach a planet full of garden gnomes and pink flamingoes how to live in harmony! (From the creators of Veggie Tales)



## Overnight Lock-in

Who's invited: All 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Where: Hardy Hall

When: April 11-12, 7pm to 8am

Mark your calendars! Kids in grades 5 thru 7 are invited to participate in the overnight lock-in at the church starting Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm through Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Come join the fun with games, activities, snacks and even a pancake breakfast!

## Field Trip to Live and Let Live Farm

**Save the date!** This year, the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade class chose to donate the Children's Offering to Live and Let Live Farm. Live and Let Live is a rehabilitative farm that offers second chances to many types of animals who are suffering from abuse or neglect. The farm is located in Chichester, NH. **On May 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tour of the farm at 2:30pm. All families are invited to attend!**

## Youth Group News!

Though fairly quiet, as was appropriate for the reflective period of Lent, the Youth Groups' "Silent Night" fellowship events in March were great fun. All had to use creative communication for teaching and playing new games, making homemade pretzels, saying grace and learning about the impact of God's Love.

The next **Senior Youth Group** fellowship event will be a progressive supper on **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. Some have mentioned it'd be nice for the teens to get to know more of the congregation and vice versa. Perhaps sharing a meal together is a great way for that to happen! If anyone is interested in hosting the Senior Youth Group for an appetizer, soup/salad/bread, entree or dessert course (with financial assistance as needed), please contact a YG leader: Carol Birch, Peter Spooner or Darrell Stam. Teens must **RSVP by 4/1** to YG leader(s).

The **Junior Youth Group** will have a pot luck progressive dinner on **Sunday, 4/6, 4 - 5:30 pm** at the church. **Sign-ups by 4/4** are required via contacting YG leader or sign-up on the Youth Group bulletin board.

The Senior Youth Group will be preparing a meal for the Ash Street Shelter on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at Hardy Hall followed by hosting of the overnight Lock-In for the younger kids thru Saturday, 8 am.

## THANK YOU from Amy Zapp!

Goodbyes do not come easily for me. I am thankful that I am not saying goodbye, instead "see you soon in the pews".

The "farewell" service on Sunday was beautiful. I so appreciate all the kind words and memories that you included in the scrapbook. I will always be grateful for my time with you as your Christian Education Director.

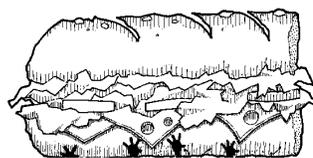
I offer many thanks to all of you for your care and kindness over the years. How truly blessed am I!!

Peace in Christ,  
Amy



## *Mardi Gras Thanks*

Thank you to everyone who made Mardi Gras Sunday a special day including the HBHS Jazz Band. A very sincere thank you to the kids/teens of the Youth Groups, their families and friends, for their time and efforts with the preparations, hosting and clean-up of the wonderful Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch. What a spectacular fellowship event! Based on feedback, it seems that all are hoping that it's the "1<sup>st</sup> Annual" pancake brunch.

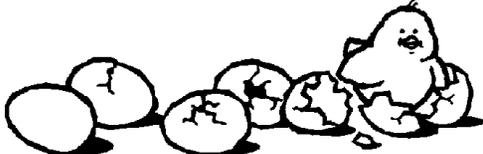


## **Sandwiches, Anyone?**

The Stewardship Board is sponsoring a new program with funding by the Mission & Action Board ~ providing sandwiches to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter! It has been discovered that some of the NSKS clients are not always able to be present at mealtimes. Under these circumstances, they will be offered sandwiches. Volunteers are needed to provide sandwiches to the NSKS by 10:00 am on the last Monday of each month. If anyone is interested in learning more about this and perhaps helping, please call Joyce Toli 882-7028.

# April 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Mission Items of the Month:</b>  <b>Canned Goods</b>                      for our Mission Trip crew to take to Shamokin, PA food pantry</p>	 <b>Canned-Food Drive</b>	Butter Braid Pastry orders due 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 1	10 am – Lenten Study class #5 5:00-6:15 pm - Confirmation class 7 pm – Lenten Study class #5 (final) 2	10 am – Knitting Group 7 pm – Senior Choir 3	4	11 am – Devotion Chimes 5
9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 4-5:30 pm – Junior Youth Group Progressive Dinner 6 pm – Senior Youth Group Progressive Dinner <i>Easter flower orders due today</i> 6	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:30 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner 7 pm – CE Board meeting 7	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 8	9 am – Staff meeting 5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 9	7 pm – Senior Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting 10	Our Senior Youth Group provides dinner at Ash St. Shelter 4-6 pm - Butter Braid Pastry & Cookie Dough pick-up 7pm – Overnight Youth Lock-In 11	8am – Youth Lock-In ends 11 am – Devotion Chimes 12
<p><i>Palm Sunday</i>                      9:00 am – Worship                      10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School                      After worship - Butter Braid Pastry &amp; Cookie Dough pick-up                      11:35 – Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt                      11:45 am – Mission Trip meeting                      11:45 am – Confirmands pack food boxes at Brookdale 13</p>	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:30 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting 14	May Chimes deadline 15	16	10 am – Knitting Group <p><i>Maundy Thursday</i>                      7:30 pm – Communion service (Confirmands attend)                      17</p>	18	11 am – Devotion Chimes Easter Sunrise Breakfast prep in Hardy Hall 19
<p><i>Easter Sunday</i>                      6:00 am – Sunrise Worship — Breakfast in Hardy Hall following the service                      9:00 am – Family Worship                      10:30 am – Family Worship (No Sunday School)                      20</p>	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:30 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting 21	7 pm – Church Council meeting 22	5:00-6:15 pm - Confirmation class 23	24	25	11 am – Devotion Chimes 26
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship / NO Sunday School 2 pm – Naomi Circle 3 pm – Hillsborough Association Annual meeting 27	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:30 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s 28	29	30			

## Employment Opportunity: Director of Christian Education

A wonderful opportunity is available in our church! The primary focus of this position is to provide leadership for the ministry of children and adults of our congregation. Our current programs are thriving and we are searching for someone who will help our Christian education programs continue to grow. For addition information and direction on how to apply for this position, check out the church website [www.hollischurch.org](http://www.hollischurch.org)

## Workcamp News

**Workcampers:** We have an **extremely important meeting scheduled for April 13th** at 11:45. We will be reviewing forms and safety at this meeting. Prior to that meeting, you will be receiving instructions for the online registration format.



### Let Us Help!

The Mission Trip workcampers are once again **offering to do yard work this May**. We have limited time

slots available but hope that if you need help in your yard this year, you'll give us a call. We will be available on **May 10 and 17 from 9 – 11**. Please contact Amy Zapp at 465-2939 or [zapp.nh@gmail.com](mailto:zapp.nh@gmail.com) to book a spot. Mulching, raking, stacking wood, and weeding are all suggested projects for the 2 hour block. No fee is charged, but if you would like to make a donation to our trip to Shamokin, PA this July, we would be grateful. We thank you for your continued support.

### From the Church Office

Grateful Thanks go to Nancy Bell and her great-niece Addison Marchant, Brenda Gibson, Freddi Olson, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Lydia Schellenberg, and Joyce Toli for preparing the March edition of The Chimes for mailing.

## Come on and ring in Spring!

*(The snow needs some encouragement to melt.)*

### Devotion Chimes (adults)

We have to align schedules.

**Tentative practice dates** are:

Saturdays ~ April 5, 12, 19, 26 at  
11 AM

**Play:** Sunday April 27



## Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will meet at 2:00 in Emerson Chapel on Sunday, April 27. We will assemble Hygiene Kits for Church World Service ~ Bring your items!

### Church World Service Hygiene Kit

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, CWS Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

**To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please **do not add toothpaste** to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

**Value: \$10 Processing cost: \$2 per Kit**

### Attention Online Shoppers!

#### *New Ways to Donate to our church!*

The church website has been updated with information on how to make a donation to the church while online shopping **at no additional cost to the shopper**. Follow the instructions under the "Donations" link to visit the sites which donate a portion of each purchase to the charity of your choice.

# Mission and Action News

## **April Item of the Month: Canned goods & nonperishables for the July 2014 Mission trip**

Please show your ongoing support of the Mission Trip and our workcampers by donating canned goods and nonperishables (no glass containers). All food items may be placed in the shopping cart in front of the office. These items will be distributed to the food pantries in the Shamokin, PA area.



**Canned-Food Collection  
for the 2014 Mission Trip**

## ***Runners, Walkers, Adults, Children...***

**Mark your calendar for the**

## **21st Annual NSKS Run for Food and Shelter**

10 K Run, 5K Run, 3K Walk & Kid's Sprint

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**

Muldoon Fitness Center, Rivier University, Nashua

This event raises funds to help **Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter** provide food and other support to those in need in the Nashua Community. For more information please visit [www.nsk.org](http://www.nsk.org)

## **Ash Street Shelter**

The Ash Street Shelter is a support center offering basic needs to men, women and children in the greater Nashua area. Once month the church provides a dinner meal for those staying in the shelter.

**Volunteers are needed** for the months of **July and September**.

The Mission and Action Committee will provide you with \$75 in grocery gift cards to buy the fixings for a meal. Cook in your own home or at the church, and deliver the meal to the shelter in disposable containers. No staying to serve the meal and no clean up needed. Those interested in volunteering should contact Janet at 603-465-3284 or [hollisjanet@gmail.com](mailto:hollisjanet@gmail.com).

## **Items of the Month Update:**

During March, the shopping cart has been filled multiple times with donations of dishwashing liquid, powdered laundry detergent and bottles of juice. Corpus Christi Food Pantry gratefully receives these items and distributes them to approx. 50 needy families in the Nashua area. Thank you for your ongoing support!

In February, the church donated 70 cans of tuna and 26 jars of peanut butter to the St. John Neumann Food Pantry. The Food Pantry directly helps families right here in Hollis and in other communities such as Nashua, Merrimack and Amherst. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Our Church Records**

Baptism ~ March 23, 2014

Rose Elizabeth Morin, daughter of  
Laura Lynn (Poirier) Morin and  
Joseph Paul Morin

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

### **Hollis Brookline High School Band and Chorus Concerts**

April 22 at 7:00 pm- Spring Concert

May 22 at 7:00 pm- Jazz Night

**Girl Scout Troop 12034** is having a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 12, 2014 in Hardy Hall. The troop is raising money to visit Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in Savannah. Dinners seatings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.00 - adults, \$5.00 - seniors / children 6-12, children under 6 free. Please see Natalie Lewis or send an email for tickets to:

[girlscouts12034@gmail.com](mailto:girlscouts12034@gmail.com). Any questions please call 930-3377, thank you!

The **Hollis Woman's Club** is once again sponsoring a **day trip to New York City** on Saturday, June 7th via luxury coach bus. This trip is open to the public and leaves the Tyngsboro Park and Ride at 6am, and departs New York City at 7pm. The itinerary is on your own, but maps, a guidebook, and driver gratuity are included in the \$70 per person price. Everyone is invited - kids, spouses, friends and neighbors! For more information, contact [Susan.Benz@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.Benz@gmail.com) or call 603-465-3607.



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## Holy Week Worship Schedule



### **Palm Sunday Services ~ April 13**

**9:00 and 10:30 services** in the meetinghouse. *Procession of Palms* at 10:30 service

### **Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 17 at 7:30 p.m.**

At this beautiful and moving service we remember that last night Jesus shared with his disciples and partake of the sacrament of our Lord's Supper. Following communion we observe the service of Tenebrae – the gradual extinguishing of the light – recalling the events of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and looking ahead in hope to the dawning of Easter day.

### **Easter Services ~ April 20**

**6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service**— on the hill at junction Rt. 122 and North Pepperell Road, just south of Bud and Phyllis King's Triple Knoll Farm. (If it is rainy, the service will be held in the meetinghouse)

**Easter Breakfast** in Hardy Hall follows the sunrise service hosted by the Confirmation Class.

**9:00 and 10:30 services** in the meetinghouse with the Senior Choir singing at both services