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Celebrating our Past as We Look to the Future

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Dear Members & Friends,

One of the best ways for a Church to move into its future is to understand its past, and to celebrate its achievements. Such exercises help us to make good decisions as to where we wish to go in the next phase of the life of the Hollis Church, as your Settled Pastor Search Committee is now getting into full swing. They have reported to us that they are burning the midnight oil reading lots of Pastoral Profiles!

Over these past months, we have learned a great deal about Hollis' earliest settlers like Peter & Anna Powers, and the congregation's first Minister, Rev. Daniel & Anna Emerson, and we have become more fully aware of the depth of faith of those early pioneers, and the hopes and dreams they had for later generations of faithful people — just like yourselves!

Diana & I had the opportunity recently to spend an afternoon in Orleans on Cape Cod, visiting at the home of one of your former Pastors, Rev. Phil Mitchell. At age 83, Phil is in fine health, enjoys the delightful view of the marshes and estuary from out his living room window, and volunteers numerous hours each week to the UCC Church he belongs to in Orleans. Also taking part in the visit was another of your former Pastors, Rev. John Terry, who continues to be the Minister of the Federated Church of Hyannis. He has led his congregation into a depth of Christian Mission in that largest of Cape Cod cities.

We thank Phil and John and the host of other Pastors of the Hollis Church, who, over close to 300 years of faithful witness and leadership, have served the Hollis community well. Both of your former Pastors wish to convey their best wishes to each of you, and to express appreciation for your kind remembrances of them over the years. It was a pleasure for Diana and me to share the afternoon with them, and to be the conduit between you all.

Blessings, Rev. Bob

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 Calendar

Wed, May 7 – Class 5:00-6:15 pm
Wed, May 14 – Class 5:00-6:15 pm
Confirmation Day is Sunday, June 1 ~
Worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you, Teachers!

Our congregation is very blessed to have so many dedicated teachers! Thank you so much for all of the time, lessons and love you've shared with our Sunday School children throughout the year. Our program could not function without you!



Many thanks to:

Nursery: Traci Weaver, Lisa Spooner, Sarah Cramton, Liz Gilbert, Amy Kellner, Kathryn Hildreth, Olivia Black, Shirleen Duquette, Emma Newton

Pre-K/ Kindergarten: Amy Kucera, Emily Sattler, George Laberis, Tanya Tenkarian, Emily Babcock

1st and 2nd grade: Martha Daigle, Mandy Kabel, Megan Cramton, Britta Bergeron, Susan Whittemore, Caroline Daigle, Maddie Kuchta

3rd grade: Stephanie Morrissey and Bobbie Drouin

4th grade: Kristen Berry

5th grade: Shirleen Duquette, Emily Spooner, Peter Spooner, Wendy Wright

6th and 7th grade: Holly Babcock, Michelle Etchells, Andrea Seddon

A Special Thank You

A special Thank You to Evie Lutz for all of her behind-the-scenes assistance with our Sunday School program this year! Evie has tirelessly prepared crafts and activities for the children and has done it all with a smile. Thanks Evie — we couldn't have done it without you!

Children's Day

Our annual Children's Day celebration will be on **Sunday, May 18th**. Our focus this year is on the goodness of God's creation. We hope that you will be able to join us at the 10:30 service for a morning of worship and celebration prepared by our Sunday School children!



Children's Day

We will be preparing for Children's Day in the Sunday School classrooms on May 4th and May 11th.

After the service, the celebration will continue with an all-church picnic! The grill masters will be busy cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for all. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Field Trip!

On May 18th, the Sunday School children and their families are invited to visit **Live and Let Live Farm** in Chichester, NH. We will be departing from the church at 1:30PM to arrive at the farm for a 2:30 tour.

Live and Let Live is a rehabilitative farm that was chosen by our 6th and 7th grade class to receive the Children's Offering this year. This is a great opportunity to spend some time outside and to show the children where their offerings will be making a difference!



Calling All Teachers!

Whether you've taught in the past or just think it would be fun to spend time downstairs and see what the children are up to, we welcome you to consider teaching Sunday School during the 2014-2015 school year! The success of our program depends on volunteers. If you are interested in playing a part, please contact Michelle Gehan in the CE office at 465-7797 or MichelleCE@hollischurch.org.

Fifth Grade Lenten Service Project *Thank You*

The 5th grade class would like to send a huge thank you to the congregation for contributing to their **Blankets+ and Birthday Room** Lenten service project. With your generous donations, the Church World Service will be purchasing **75 blankets** for orphans and families in need of shelter. In addition to collecting funds, the 5th grade collected gifts to be used by the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter in their birthday room. The classrooms generously donated **274 gifts** to be donated to the Birthday Room at NSKS. These gifts will help make many children feel cherished on their special day. **The Fifth graders appreciate your support of their Service Project to help children in need – thank you!**

Youth Group News!

Thank you to all the hosts who opened their homes to the youth groups for the progressive dinners. Sharing a meal together was a fun way for the youth to get to know more of the congregation and vice versa.

The Youth Lock-in was a great success with nineteen 5th, 6th and 7th graders, plus five Senior Youth Group teen hosts. The games of Sardines and Live Clue were definitely big hits with the kids! Imagine 28 people in a closet and watch out for Mrs. Kiwi with the chain in Emerson Chapel!



On **Sunday, May 18th** from **4 to 5:30 pm**, the **Senior Youth Group** will be hiking around Parker Pond in the Town Forest--rain or shine! Meet and pick-up at back right (SE) corner of Silver Lake State Park parking area.

On **Friday, May 9th** the **Junior Youth Group** will have both service and fellowship activities. Starting at **3:45 pm**, they will be preparing a meal for the Ash Street Shelter in Hardy Hall kitchen. Afterward (**6 - 7:30 pm**), fellowship will be an evening of outdoor games and ice cream. Come for one or both events!

2014 Shamokin, PA Mission Trip News...

Canned Goods Collection:

We continue to collect canned goods to bring with us to Shamokin, PA. Please leave any donations on the counter in the church office. Remember to check those expiration dates as we travel to Shamokin in late July. Thank you for your continued support.



Canned-Food Collection
for the 2014 Mission Trip

Yard Clean-Ups...Fully Booked!

Thanks to all who called early to schedule our Mission Trip Workcampers to come and help with spring clean-up projects on May 10th and 17th. We are booked solid! No fee is charged, but donations to our trip to Shamokin, PA this July are gratefully accepted. We, again, thank you for your continued support.

UNO'S Dough Raiser event on May 19th:

Help us prepare for this year's week long mission trip to Shamokin, PA by eating at UNO's Dough Raiser fund raiser. Uno's on Amherst St. (101A) in Nashua will donate 20% of sales for people who eat in or take out on Monday, May 19. The more people we can get to go, the more the Mission Trip will benefit. The only catch ~ a Dough Raiser ticket* needs to be presented to the server, bartender, or host in order to get credit for the meal. If you forget your ticket, your server can get one, just ask. All dine-in and take-out sales will help the mission trip. You can even order on-line at www.unos.com.

*ticket is printed on page 8 of this *Chimes*

New Member Conversation
Sunday afternoon, May 4, 4:00-5:30 pm at the parsonage (6 Broad St). If you are looking in upon the church and would like to learn more about ministries and missions, leading to membership, speak to Rev. Bob or phone the church office (465-7797) to let us know of your interest.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Mission Items of the Month: New and used summer clothing for children ages of 11 – 19 Girls ages 11-18: sizes Juniors to X-large Boys ages 12-19: sizes 14to X-large To support the residents of the Nashua Children’s Home				Kids' Clothing Drive 		10 am – Knitting Group 7 pm – Senior Choir 1	9:30 am – Church Women United meeting in Hardy Hall 2	3
9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Christmas Fair planning meeting 4-5:30 pm – New Member meeting at the parsonage (6 Broad St, Hollis) 4	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:00 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner 7 pm – CE Board meeting 5	6:30 pm – Search Committee meeting 7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting 6	5:00-6:15 pm - Confirmation class 7	7 pm – Senior Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting 8	Our Junior Youth Group provides dinner at Ash St. Shelter 6-7:30 pm – Junior Youth Group Fun 9	Mission Trip Yardwork Day Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Bike Ride & Walk 10		
Music Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:00 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting 12	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting 13	9 am – Staff meeting 5 pm – Facilities Committee meeting 5:00-6:15 pm - Confirmation class 14	10 am – Knitting Group Summer <i>Chimes</i> deadline 15	16	Mission Trip Yardwork Fundraiser 17		
9:00 am –Worship Children’s Day 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – All-Church Picnic 4-5:30 pm – Sr Youth Group Hike (meet at Silver Lake State Park) 18	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:00 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s 7 pm – Trustees meeting Eat at Uno’s Mission Trip fundraiser 19	7 pm – Church Council meeting 20	21	22	23	24		
Summer Worship schedule begins 9:00 am – Worship 25	 26	27	28	7 pm – Senior Choir 29	30	31		

Our Church Records

Deaths ~ March 27, 2014

Alex Andrew Gondola

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Alex Gondola by:

Judy and Don McCoy

Addie and Roger Saunders

Nancy and Dick Birch

From the Church Office

Bouquets of Thanks go to Nancy Bell, Brenda Gibson, Marsha Joyce, Freddi Olson, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Lydia Schellenberg, and Joyce Toli for collating, folding, and labeling the April edition of *The Chimes* for mailing.

UCC Women's Spring Forum

With a theme of *Lifting Our Spirits*, the UCC Women's Spring Forum will be held at the Meredith Congregational Church on Wednesday, May 7. The **Rev. Nancy Talbott** (our former Director of Christian Education) will be the morning speaker, and Rebecca Rule will be the afternoon speaker. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. For more information, call Dot Pitman at 465-7672.

Summer Worship

Schedule begins Sunday, May 25, when we change to a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. for



the summer months. Our two-service schedule resumes in September.



Calling All Musicians!

The Music Board is looking for any musicians, vocalists or instrumentalists, who would be interested in participating in the summer music program. As you probably know, the choir takes the summer months off, and without volunteers, we will have no music to enhance our worship services during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone, youth, adult, or groups to enjoy giving of their talent to our church.

If interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the pastor's office. Directions to follow will be posted. Once you have signed up, be sure to get the information to our church administrator, Eileen Widner, by Wednesday prior to the Sunday you have chosen to volunteer.

If you have any questions, contact Dee Wagner at 465-2562 or via e-mail at Billdee.wagner159@gmail.com.



The Path to Our Future...

Settled Pastor Search Fundraising

At the annual meeting in February, the congregation expressed a wish to raise money to cover the expenses of the Settled Pastor Search Committee, which is busily searching for a new pastor for our church. It falls to us then, to build a pathway to our church for our new pastor to tread. There are many ways we can fulfill this task; as Darrell memorably suggested, one person could write a check for the \$32,000 we agreed to raise, or four people can write checks for \$8,000 apiece. However we do this, we can join together as a church family and come up with the funds. Susan Adams, for example, launched a very successful small fundraiser by selling butter braid breads just in time for Easter and raised just over \$500.

A simple way to raise the money would be for each of us to write a check for whatever amount you think appropriate. We'll be distributing paper bricks with which to build our path. You can tuck one of these bricks into an envelope along with a note dedicating the brick to a particular loved one, or to a good wish for the new pastor. Include a check made out to the Congregational Church of Hollis with "Settled Pastor Search Fund" written on the memo line, and reflect on how your contribution makes our church seem hospitable and eager to welcome our new settled pastor.

Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration of our goal: how you can participate in the search for a new pastor, and participate in the life of the church, which is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mission and Action News

May Items of the Month:

Youth and Teens' Summer Clothing

We will be collecting new **and used summer clothing** to support the Nashua Children's Home. The Home provides food, shelter and educational programs for 42 area children from the ages of 11 - 19. Your donations of summer clothing for this age group are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

The sizes needed are:

Girls (age 11 through 18): sizes Juniors - through X-Large

Boys (age 12 through 19): sizes 14 to X-Large



Also appreciated are:

- Beach Towels
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottles

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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.

A new program has begun with funding from the Mission and Action Board to provide sandwiches to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Some of the NSK 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 NSK by 10:00 am on the last Monday of the month. If anyone is interested in learning more about this outreach and perhaps helping, please call Joyce Toli, 882-7028

March Item of the Month Update

We donated 7 boxes of powdered laundry detergent, 2 bottles liquid detergent, 10 bottles dishwashing soap and 8 containers of juice to **Corpus Christi Food Pantry**, which serves the community with assorted food items and provides toiletries and other personal care items. Thank you for your support!

Global Ministries Mia Tia (Costa Rica)

The church has made a donation to the mission at Mia Tia, Costa Rica where Traci Weaver's son, Alex, is working. Alex is affiliated with The Fundacion De Misiones Mi Tia – Betel, and they have different efforts to help those in need. Alex works at Bethesda House, a home for 12 children ranging in age from 2 years to 19 that have no other place to live. In addition, when not working with the kids, he is assisting with refurbishing the building next door. He spends one day a week working at the San Jose Food Bank and once a month, works at Casa Betel (an addiction recovery center for 50 men) where he helps with facilities. He and the Foundation are most appreciative and blessed of the support the church has provided. Alex loves having a purpose and making a difference!

Christmas in May? Come join us at a meeting on Sunday, May 4, and help in organizing the 2014 Christmas Fair. Join Susan Adams and Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt in the meetinghouse **after the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 4**. The Fair will take place on Saturday, November 22, **only if volunteers step forward!** We need people willing to act as **sub-committee chairs** and coordinate areas — Crafts, Books, Greens, Luncheon, Baked Goods, etc.



Christmas Fair

Join us to talk it over for half an hour on Sunday, May 4th. If you are unable to attend but want to help, please email your interest to:

churchoffice@hollischurch.org.
Thanks!

Directory Planning

It's time to start preparing for a new church directory in anticipation of a new settled pastor. If you're interested in being on the Directory Committee, please contact Carol or Nancy Birch (465-7622) or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will not meet in May. Our End-of-the-Year Potluck Luncheon will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, June 1, at the home of Ginny Brooks, 12 Mendelssohn Drive, Hollis.

Lost & Found



Please check our Lost & Found items on the shelves near the office and the coat racks outside Hardy Hall. **Any items not claimed by June 1 will be donated.**

Glasses - blue frames Elf hat
Sunglasses Cardigan Sweater – red, woman's M
Scarf – gray fleece 2 wool caps – navy, gray
Harry Potter book Chappell Tractor baseball cap
Gloves – striped knit Fleece jacket – orange, size 7
Disney Read to Me book Brown vinyl zippered case

In Our Community...

7th Annual Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Scholarship Fund Bike Ride & Walk

What: a fundraiser bike ride and walk that winds through the beautiful back roads of Hollis — cycle routes of 10, 25, and 50 miles or a 3-mile walking route

When: Saturday, May 10
Registration 8-10 a.m.

Where: Lawrence Barn, Hollis
More info at www.jonathangilmourfund.org

The **Hollis Woman's Club** is once again sponsoring a **day trip to New York City** on Saturday, June 7th via luxury coach bus.

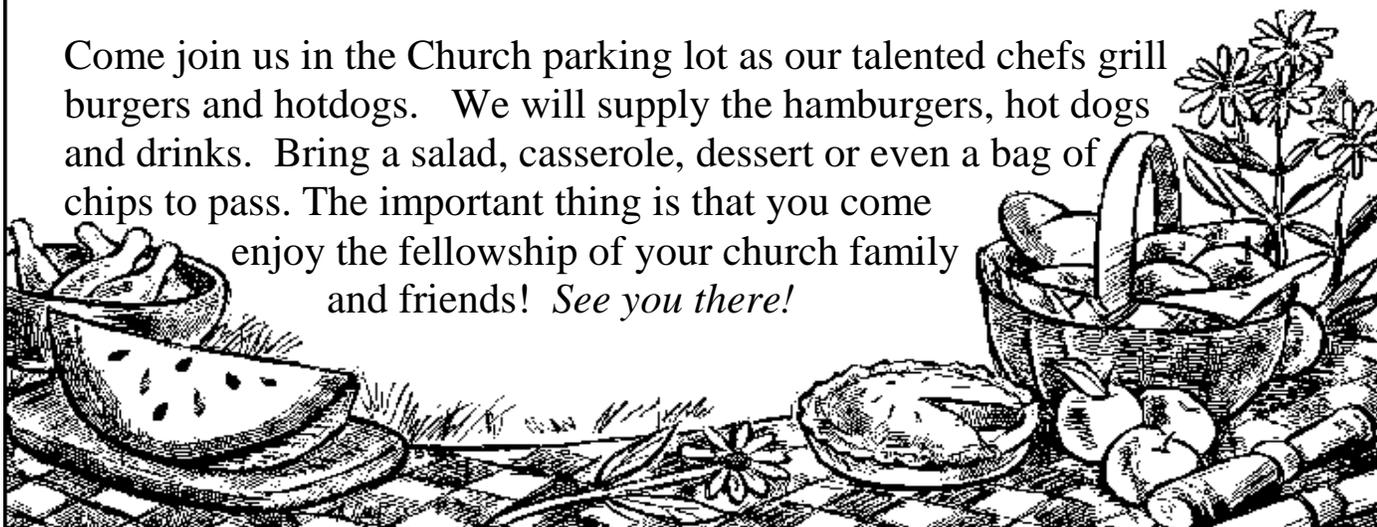
This trip is open to the public and leaves the Tyngsboro Park and Ride at 6am, and departs New York City at 7pm. The itinerary is on your own, but maps, a guidebook, and driver gratuity are included in the \$70 per person price. Everyone is invited - kids, spouses, friends and neighbors! For more information, contact Susan.Benz@gmail.com or call 603-465-3607.

Everyone's invited to the...

Children's Day All Church Picnic

Sunday, May 18th at 11:30

Come join us in the Church parking lot as our talented chefs grill burgers and hotdogs. We will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Bring a salad, casserole, dessert or even a bag of chips to pass. The important thing is that you come enjoy the fellowship of your church family and friends! *See you there!*



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