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“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.”
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

Dear Friends,

Have you ever articulated a vision for your per-
sonal life? Like, actually taken pen to paper and
written down, “Here’s what I want my life to look
like in a year”—or five years? Ever done that?

I once had a colleague who told me his father
kept an index card in his top desk drawer that listed five goals for the
year, and beneath that he listed his five top priorities toward accom-
plishing those goals. The rationale, I gather, was that in those mo-
ments when he was waffling on what to do, or whether he might take
on some new project or activity, he would open that top drawer and
be reminded of his direction of travel.

Although I’ve not adopted that exact practice myself, it was a memo-
rable anecdote and a potentially powerful tool. I have, periodically,
actually gotten explicit about a vision for my life—describing things
I’d like to do, and ways I’d like to change in order to be more fully
the person I believe God is inviting me to be. In keeping with that,
at the end of every year (starting around my birthday at the end of
October), I try to reflect on how I feel I’ve grown—which I’ve dis-
covered I can usually assess by any adjustments in how I’ve spent
my time, engaged my talents, and used my financial treasure to ex-
press what I value.

Lucky for me, my birthday/reflection time just happens to coincide
with the church’s annual Stewardship Campaign—though it’s never
a bad time to think about how our management of the various re-
sources we have in life (time, ability, money) reflects what we be-
lieve is most important. And it’s never a bad time to start adjusting
if we don’t like what we see.

Dreaming is a God-given gift—it’s often a mysterious one, but I
never cease to be amazed about what dreams can tell us about our-
selves if we pay attention to them. Visioning is a sort of positive,
wide-awake dreaming. How would you like things to be, if you
could change things for the better? Then—once the vision is cast,
the view articulated with some degree of clarity—you can start doing
what needs to be done in order to make that vision a reality.

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From the Christian Education Office

Pre-Confirmation Calendar

Our 7th and 8th grade pre-confirmation students, taught by Pat Harris and Shirleen Duquette, are off to a great start! Their meeting place for the 2016-2017 year is in Emerson Chapel. **Here is their October schedule:**

- **October 2** – No pre-confirmation Sunday class. Pre-confirmation students are encouraged to attend the full Sunday church service and receive communion.
- **October 9** – Pre-confirmation Sunday class during 10:30 service. Lesson taught: “Prayer”
- **October 16** –Field trip to Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH (pre-registration required)
- **October 23** – Pre-confirmation Sunday class during 10:30 service. Lesson taught: “Church History”
- **October 30** – No pre-confirmation Sunday class. Pre-confirmation students are encouraged to attend the full Sunday church service which is the “Mission Trip” service. Through sharing, music and the awesome annual slide show presentation, this is a great opportunity to learn about the experiences of their high school peers that participated in the 2016 summer mission trip.



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 your Sunday School registration form, please call the CE office so we can add your child's name to the list. If your 3rd to 5th grader is a little nervous to “do-it-alone”, we encourage pairs to sign up! There are two robes, two lighters and two candles so “job-sharing” is definitely an option ☺! We **PROMISE** it's not nearly as scary as it seems and the children will be taught 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!

Welcome Back

Congratulations to us all for successfully evacuating the church in less than 2 ½ minutes for the practice fire drill (complete with real smoke from the grills cooking burgers and hotdogs for Rally Day picnic)! At the Rally Day picnic afterwards, everyone enjoyed good food and warm fellowship as we re-connected with each other and look forward to our new program year! Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up, as well as to the many who brought delicious food to share! We are fortunate to be a part of such a giving church family!

Bible Sunday

On September 18th our third graders received their very own Bible from the church. The children received the Spark Bible (NRSV). We encourage them to think about how to apply Biblical lessons to their own lives and to live a faith-centered life. Removable stickers at the back of the Spark Bible make it all fun and friendly.

Communion

The 5th and 6th graders will receive communion during the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 6th. Pre-confirmation members in the 7th & 8th grade are encouraged to attend 1st Sunday services to receive communion throughout the CE year.



Volunteers Needed for the Christmas Fair Angel Loft

Being held on Saturday, November 19th, the Angel Loft is the favorite part of the Christmas Fair for most kids. They can go shopping for small items for their family members, all priced at \$1. Sponsored by the CE Board, we are in search of volunteers to help set it up, run the cash box, wrap the purchases, and tear down. This is a great opportunity for those teens/tweens wanting/needing community service hours and it is genuinely fun to see the kids take such care and pride in their purchases! Please contact Michelle Etchells at metch0222@aol.com if you are interested in helping out!

Adult CE Classes

Living the Questions: Led by Reverend Tanya for 7 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 9:00pm starting September 21st. You do not have to be available to attend all seven weeks. You are welcome to come to those that you can!

From Genesis to Revelation: Back by popular demand, this informative discussion and story series led by Pat Harris is an overview of the Bible in 3 lively sessions. If you have a Bible, bring it with you. Meet in the Pankhurst room. The fall class will be held on Thursday mornings, October 6, 13 and 20 from 9:30-11:00am. Evening sessions will be offered in January.

Congratulations!

Please join the CE Board in congratulating Megan and Jeff Moffit on the September birth of their twins, Ava and Hunter! Megan is a hard-working, valuable and much appreciated member of the CE board! We couldn't be happier for her!



Youth Group Update:

We had our first kickoff event for youth group on Sunday, September 18th! The cookout was awesome and was the perfect way to begin the year. We are excited to announce that on the 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings of the month, there will be **Open Mic Nights** for the **Senior Youth Group**! This month's are October 1st (our very first one!) and October 15th (with a pumpkin fall theme!). There will be various volunteer opportunities for our Senior Youth Group over the month helping to build our Nativity scene.

The **Junior Youth group** will hopefully be having a game night one weeknight of the month as well! Contact Kelsey if you would like to be involved, hear about upcoming events, or have ideas you'd like to see happen!

Kelsey would love to hear from you, and can be reached via email at kelseyce@hollischurch.org, or by phone at (603)321-2225).

Christmas Fair News



The Fair Date is **Saturday, November 19**
(the weekend before Thanksgiving)

People Needed for...

Ladies Fashion Boutique	SANTA
Publicity & Advertising	Decorating
Fair Day Setup	Raffle Baskets
Fair Day Workers	Children's craft helpers
Post-Fair Clean-up Crew	

Items Needed...

- * **Goods (new) & Services** for the **Silent Auction** (new this year!) - if interested in donating, please let us know.
- * **High End Clothing, Purses and Fashion Accessories** for the successful Ladies Fashion Boutique
- * **Craft Items** - Do you have any craft/handmade items that you would like to donate? We would like to hear from you.
- * **Angel Loft Items – Small trinkets, family games, jewelry, and things for Dad.** Items can be **new or gently used**. Think small tokens of appreciation. Please set aside for drop off later this fall
- * **Gently used books, puzzles, DVDs/CDs, and games** for the always popular book room.

Craft Workshops

Come and work on handcrafted items for our fair!

Workshops will be held from 10am-12 noon on:

Friday, October 14 and Friday, October 28

Do you have a craft you could lead a workshop on?

Contact Susan Adams at scadams@charter.net or 673-3212, and let us know!

Sign Up to Help!

Look for sign-up sheets outside the Church office to volunteer to help make this year's Christmas Fair another huge success.

Please contact Susan Adams at 673-3212 or scadams@charter.net or Dee Wagner at 465-8109 or billdee.wagner159@gmail.com.





October 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;">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>						Senior Youth Group (SYG) Open Mic Night 1
9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Enquirers' Class for prospective new members (class #2 of 3) 2-4 pm - Apple Festival on town common 2	7:15 am – Men's Breakfast at Denny's 8:00 am – Women's Breakfast at Joey's Diner 7 pm – CE Board meeting 3	7pm – Stewardship Board meeting 4	7-9 pm – <i>Living the Questions</i> adult study class (class 3 of 7) 5	9:30 am – <i>Genesis to Revelation</i> Bible class #1 of 3 11 am – Staff meeting 7 pm - Choir 6	7	8
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – Enquirers' Class for prospective new members (class #3 of 3) 9	7:15 am – Men's Breakfast at Denny's 8:00 am – Ladies' Breakfast at Joey's Diner 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting 10	Mission & Action Board meeting - Rescheduled to Wed, Oct. 12 11	5 pm – Facilities Committee mtg 7 pm – Mission & Action Board mtg 7-9 pm – <i>Living the Questions</i> adult study class (4/7) 12	9:30 am – <i>Genesis to Revelation</i> Bible class #2 of 3 7 pm - Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board 13	10am – Christmas Fair craft workshop Our volunteers provide dinner at Ash Street Shelter 14	November <i>Chimes</i> deadline SYG Open Mic Night 15
9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School Pre-Confirmation field trip to Shaker Village 2:00 pm – Women's Fellowship meeting 16	7:15 am – Men's Breakfast at Denny's 8:00 am – Women's Breakfast at Joey's Diner 7 pm – Trustees meeting 17	7 pm – Church Council meeting 18	7-9 pm – <i>Living the Questions</i> adult study class (5/7) 19	9:30 am – <i>Genesis to Revelation</i> Bible class #3 of 3 7 pm - Choir 20	 Blood Drive 10 am – 3 pm Hardy Hall 22	
Stewardship Sunday <i>Please turn in your Pledge Cards!</i> 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School New Members join our church family 11:30 am – Handbell practice 23	7:15 am – Men's Breakfast at Denny's 8:00 am – Women's Breakfast at Joey's Diner 24	25	7-9 pm – <i>Living the Questions</i> adult study class (6/7) 26	7 pm - Choir 27	10am – Christmas Fair craft workshop 28	29
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From the Pastor (cont. from p. 1)

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is: **Your Vision. Your Church.** Please take some time to reflect on it, to dream about it a little bit. What do you see? What do you hope for? And, how will you commit to helping to move it from a possibility to a reality? Please consider how your generosity—and making a *pledge*, which helps our budgeting immensely—can help change not just your own life, but also the life of our wider community.

We are grateful for every person who contributes in whatever way they're able: thank you! As we respond in faith to the challenge of meaningful stewardship, God always blesses what we offer—and will help us see how our offerings become gifts that visibly enrich our own lives, at least as much as they minister to others'!

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

Tanya



Mission Trip News!

Come to the **Mission Trip Service on Sunday, October 30th** to hear the message that 27 teenagers and adults have to share from their trip in Woonsocket, RI. Helping those truly in need, building faith, sharing laughter, working hard,

learning new skills, and experiencing the 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 27 folks are our missionaries; come listen to their stories.

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| Chase Adams | Jacqueline Hale | Chaz Marie Rodgers |
| Hunter Adams | Mandy Kabel | Claire Seddon |
| Blake Batson | Naomi Kopser | Anna Watson |
| Nick Bird | Caroline Kroeger | Chris Adams |
| Megan Cramton | Alexi Migneault | Michelle Etchells |
| Nathan Eisenhauer | Sierra Migneault | Julie Kopser |
| Rachel Ericson | Will Morrissey | Matt Kopser |
| Nathan Etchells | Tyler O'Brien | Jessica Marchant |
| Charlotte Gehan | Julia Pepin | Joyce Pepin |

Looking forward to Summer 2017!

We are planning to travel to **Newark Valley, NY**, for the week of **July 9th – July 15th** for next summer's week-long Mission Trip. We will again be working with Group Mission Trips to provide our youth and adult chaperones with a week of faith building, friendship forming and serving God by helping those in need. If you are going into 9th grade or above in the fall of 2017, you are welcome to attend.

Mission Trip Help Needed!

In order to make this year's trip a reality, we are seeking a **small group of adults willing to organize, coordinate, and hopefully, attend this amazing experience!** If you are interested, please reach out to Holly Babcock at hdeurloo@aol.com.

Planning to join us in Newark Valley?

Complete the form below and send in your \$75 non-refundable deposit. You can drop it off in the mission trip mailbox in the church office or mail it to the church office.

**2017 Mission Trip
Newark Valley, NY
July 9th – July 15th**

Your \$75.00 non-refundable deposit (payable to the Congregational Church of Hollis) will secure a place for you at this camp.

Contact Information:

Name

Address

Phone

Camper Cell 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.

Our Church Records

New Members

June 5, 2016

by Rite of Confirmation

Morgan Elizabeth Sattler

Sincere apologies to Morgan for omitting her name from the Confirmation list in the September *Chimes*. Welcome to our church family, Morgan!

Memorial Gifts

In loving memory of

Lydia Schellenberg by:

Debbe Shipman

Ann Siglin

Sibyl and Bob Cushman

Betty Gondola

Kelly and Bruce Stoller

Tom and Kathryn Hildreth

Lorin and Nancy Rydstrom

Women's Fellowship

Our Women's Fellowship will meet in Emerson Chapel on Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 p.m. Our speaker will talk about *Writing Your Memoirs*. All women of the church are invited!

NHUCC Women's Fall Gathering

The Fall Gathering of the New Hampshire UCC Women will be held at the First Congregational Church in Pelham on Wednesday, October 19. Programs will be *What's Happening to the American Dream* and *Let's Help Our Children*. For more information, contact Dot Pitman at 465-7672.

From the Church Office

Grateful thanks go to Nancy Bell, Brenda Gibson, Marsha Joyce, Freddi Olson, Thelma Pollard, and Doris Rafferty for collating, sorting and labelling your September *Chimes* for delivery to your mailbox.



Music Notes

Let's go big for Advent!

We are looking to do a full bell choir style piece to kick off the Christmas Season. This means that we need everyone who can read music and would like to ring. We can adjust practice dates and times to find the most convenient dates.

Tentative Practice Dates:

Sundays: October 23, 30 and November 6, 13, 20

Play: November 27 - both services

Please e-mail me at janetsterritt@gmail.com to let me know if you are interested. It really helps to know the size of the group before the first rehearsal.



Emergency Pianist

The Music Board is looking for people who could play the piano or organ in the event that an emergency arises on a Sunday morning. If you can play the piano or organ and are willing to help, please email Nancy Bell at nancybell68@gmail.com or call 603-465-7822. Thank you for your help.

9:00 Musicians Needed!

September is fast approaching and we will resume our schedule of two Sunday services. The Music Board is looking for people to **sign up for "Special Music" for our 9:00 service** and grace the service with your musical talent. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the pastor's office, or you can contact Kirsten Szczeszynski at 465-2324 or Kirsten@electriceng.com.

Singers Wanted!

On Saturday, December 10, our Women's Fellowship

and the Hollis Town Band will present a holiday concert, collecting non-perishable food for our church's holiday baskets as "admission." A community chorus performs with the band. **Come join the Community Chorus!** *No auditions – if you can climb the stairs at the Town Hall, you're in!* All voices needed!

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm upstairs in the Town Hall. **First rehearsal is Wednesday, October 19**, but you can still join even if you can't make it on the 19th— just come when you can!



Mission and 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, tea bags and single serving packages of hot chocolate. snack foods such as granola bars, Other fun goodies such as playing cards, 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!



Is there a college student in your family?

Please provide us with freshmen names and addresses for newsletters and our freshman care package project.

Update college addresses of upperclassmen so we can send them our monthly newsletters, too.

Contact the church office with the information: churchoffice@hollischurch.org or 465-7797.

Heating Assistance

We have had a stretch of beautiful weather recently, but winter is on its way! Do you know of anyone needing assistance in paying for heat or hot water? If so, please ask them to contact Coleen Brady at 603-598-8049 or cbrady27@comcast.net. Oil is generously donated by our partnering oil supplier, and we offer additional assistance utilizing funds from our Christmas Eve offering.



Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 22
10 am - 3 pm

Hardy Hall

Your blood donation can help save 3 lives! Most people are eligible to give blood. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org. **Volunteers are needed to help with the drive!** No medical training is necessary! If you can volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift, please contact Addie Saunders at roger-saunders@hotmail.com, 465-2613 or Barbara Amos at bamos_99@yahoo.com, 603-864-9728.

Ash St. Shelter Dinners

The Ash St. Shelter Dinner sign-up sheet is filled through the end of this year! Thank you for cooking! The sign-up sheet for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Certificates are available to cover the cost of the meal. For details please contact Janet Griffin at 465-3284 or hollis-janet@gmail.com

Harbor Homes invites all to a community educational forum...

Substance Misuse, a Journey

5:30 - 7:00 PM on Thursday, Oct. 6
45 High St. Nashua

Substance disorder professionals at Keystone Hall will discuss addiction, its hijacking of the mind, how professionals and all of us can help bring recovery and a return to productive living. For more information call David Gilmour at 465-2336

Nashua Area CROP

Hunger Walk

Sunday, Oct. 30

For details about this year's CROP Walk, visit their blog www.nashuacropwalk.blogspot.com. To walk and raise money, you can register on line and send sponsor requests to friends and family from your contacts. Click on the stop sign on the right side of our blog opening page and you'll be directed to the website (new and improved this year!) to register. After the 4.2 mile walk, join our BBQ meal and celebration with music from the Raymond St Klezmer band and local choirs from several faith communities! Any questions? Contact Becky Green at nashuacropwalk@gmail.com.





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**Your Vision.
 Your Church.**

**Stewardship Sunday
 is October 23**

When you consider your financial pledge for the year ahead, please keep in mind that **your gifts are helping to make your vision a reality, helping to build our story and our church.**

Thank you for returning your stewardship cards at your earliest opportunity.

Stewardship Thoughts

Stewardship Campaign Season is a time to reflect upon what the church means to us and to consider what time, treasure and talents we can bring to support our church and its broader mission. This is a difficult task for many, especially when it comes to financial commitments. The Stewardship Board thought it would be helpful to present some information to the congregation as you are making your personal giving decisions.

Below is a chart to help you understand the current state of giving in our Church. In order to meet the proposed budget the church needs to see an increase in pledges of at least 3.3%.

2016 Weekly Pledges

Per Week Giving	Up to \$10	\$10 - \$20	\$20 - \$30	\$30 - \$40	\$40 - \$60	\$60 - \$100	\$100 - \$200	Over \$200
% of Members	17%	23%	20%	12%	16%	3.5%	7%	1.5%