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*The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come, and the voice of the
turtledove is heard in our land.” (Song of Solomon 2:12)*

Dear Friends,

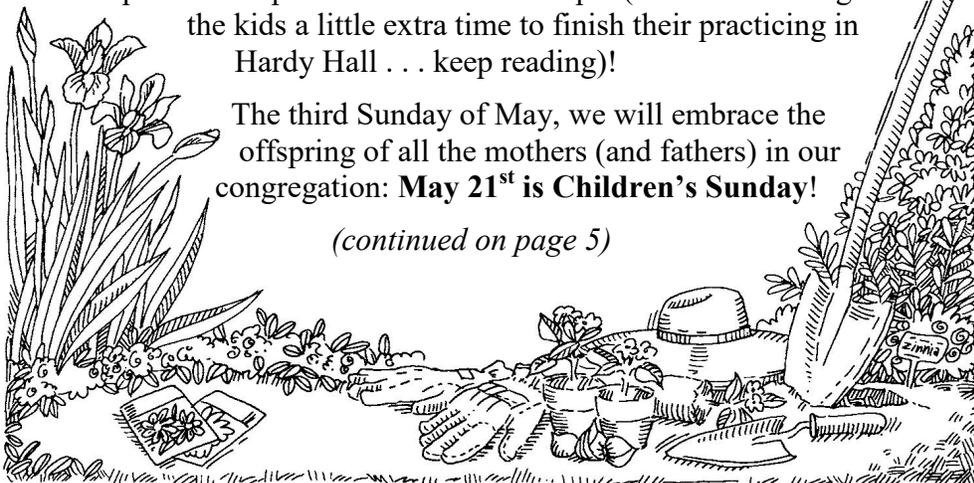
Our April Fool’s Day surprise has finally melted, daylight is sticking around until after 7 p.m., and each morning introduces new blossoms, colors, and vibrancy . . . the world around us is definitely showcasing its annual up-tick in visible activity level!

On the heels of Easter this year, May will be a month of celebration and welcome. On the first Sunday, we’ll celebrate communion as we usually do. At 3 pm in the afternoon, we will welcome Mr. Syed Jafri, the President of the Islamic Society of Greater Nashua. He’ll give a presentation entitled, “*An Introduction to Islam from your Muslim Neighbor*”. This event is open to the public, so I hope friends will be invited and we will make each other feel mutually welcome.

On **Mother’s Day, May 14th**, our choirs and musicians are planning a very special **Music Sunday** service, with special tributes to mothers, and honoring Jesus’ mother, Mary. The Protestant churches have tended not to give much time to Mary over the years, for a variety of reasons, but for Christians throughout the world, Jesus’ mother serves as an icon of the feminine personification of divine love. We’ll explore what it means to discover the image of God in our mothers and mother-figures that day! And, as a special treat, we’ll enjoy our post-worship Fellowship Time in Emerson Chapel (which will also give the kids a little extra time to finish their practicing in Hardy Hall . . . keep reading!)

The third Sunday of May, we will embrace the offspring of all the mothers (and fathers) in our congregation: **May 21st is Children’s Sunday!**

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From the Christian Education Office

Pre-Confirmation News

The 7th and 8th grade Pre-Confirmation Class ends its program year on a high note. Many thanks to those young people who led the Easter Sunrise Service: Emma Armstrong, Kiyra Bartis-Weaver, Henry Burns, Lucy Daigle, Jack Duquette, Josh Gilbert, Devon Kuchta, Sean Morrissey, Cam Newbold, Melinda Rolls, Amy Ryherd, and Andrew Watson. Teachers Shirleen Duquette and Pat Harris, with the generous help of Tanya Tenkarian, are planning two special end-of-the-year festivities:

Sunday, May 7: Gather for worship in the meeting house at 10:30, leaving after the Introduction to the Theme for Minute-To-Win-It games – outdoors, if weather permits!

Sunday, May 14: Gather in the Parkhurst Room after the Introduction to the Theme for Zentangle, led by William Bird's very talented Mom, Tanya Tenkarian.

Mark your calendars now. You don't want to miss either of these fun events!

Confirmation 2017-2018

All students entering grade 9 and above are invited to participate in the Confirmation program. If you are interested and were not able to attend the information session last month, be sure to contact Pat Harris at patharris.hollis@gmail.com, to sign up and learn about the program.



May 21st is our annual Children's Day celebration!

Our children's service is a wonderful opportunity for you to hear about all of the joy God blesses our children with. Come worship with us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 22nd and share their joy and enthusiasm.

After worship, *everyone* is invited to stay for our traditional spring BBQ. This annual event is not just for families with children; it's an *All-Church event!* Please bring a salad or dessert. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. We hope to see you there!!



Thank You!! to all who made it possible to have another wonderful Sunday School year. We truly appreciate the time and dedication you share with our church school and children. We are blessed with such wonderful volunteers!

Calling All Teachers

It's that time of year again...the time of year when we both celebrate the end of our Sunday School program year, and start planning for next year! The success of our program is due to the dedication and leadership of our teachers and volunteers. Contact Kelsey at kelseyce@hollischurch.org if you are interested in teaching/volunteering in our Sunday school program for 2017-2018!

Teacher Appreciation & Anticipation Party

Did you teach Sunday School this past year? Or, are you interested in potentially being a teacher next program year? If so, then please come (and bring your kids!) to a *Teacher Appreciation and Anticipation gathering* — there'll be food and drink, so let's go ahead and call it a *party!* — **on Sunday, June 4th, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Rasmussens' new home at 16 Depot Road in Hollis.** (cont. next page)

Our hope is to hear from past teachers about what they especially enjoyed in their experience this past year, as well as tips for next year. We'd also like to show our genuine appreciation for all you've given across the past year! And, we want to recruit NEW teachers—so there will be time to ask all the questions you can think of, to help you discern whether becoming a Sunday School teacher for a term might be right for you.

We'll have firm details about Teacher Training—there will be solid teacher training in the Fall for those who might be nervous—and some of our exciting new plans!

To add to the fun and forward planning, there will be **door prizes** and “**signing bonuses**” for anyone who signs up for next year's program. As any good educator will attest, teaching always assists one's own learning and growth—so teaching Sunday School is a wonderful, rewarding way to engage your own spiritual growth.

Please let us know if you'd like to attend, by emailing Kelsey at kelseyce@hollischurch.org

Vacation Bible School

July 17th -20th 9:00-11:30am

Living the Golden Rule is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Crafts, singing, worship and games are part of the fun planned for children.



Vacation Bible School will happen only if adults and teens volunteer to help with the activities.

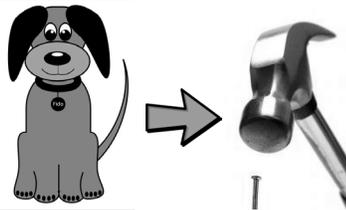
Please email Kelsey if you are interested at kelseyce@hollischurch.org. Let's come together and provide this great opportunity for our youth this summer!

Mission Trip News!

Please support our *three* fundraisers in May

“Nails and Trim for Nails and Trim”

Saturday, May 20th from 11am-2pm



Do you have a pet in need of a nail trim or a bit of a whisker/eyebrow trim? How about a wing trim?

The Mission Trip workcampers will be on hand to trim nails, wings and stray hairs (or hares!) for a donation of \$10 (or more) on Saturday, May 20th from 11am-2pm. Proceeds will help to offset travel costs for the workcampers trip to Newark, NY where they will be “driving Nails and painting Trim.”

Note: We recognize that not all pets will be cooperative. Regardless of how much grooming the pet will tolerate, all participants will receive a treat, bandana, or small surprise! Hope to see you and your extended family there! As always, safety comes first. **All pets must come on leash or in a carrier.** Thank you!

Spring Yardwork & Clean-up

Our Yardwork Crews are fully booked for the May 6 and May 13 yardwork fundraisers.

YOU can help by volunteering to work along with the campers to fulfill our yardwork requests. On both **May 6th and May 13th**, we will be working in 3 hour shifts **from 9:00 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:30**. Please pick **one 3 hour shift** you would be able to work to help support The

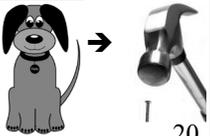


2017 Mission Trip. If interested in helping please contact: Matt Kopser - matt@kopser.net, (603) 325-5746 or Chris Adams (617) 820-2453

Quilt Raffle A beautiful handmade quilt has been graciously donated to be raffled in support of our 2017 Newark Valley, NY Mission Trip. Don't miss out on your chance to own this red, white and black contemporary Log Cabin beauty! Use the form on page 7 to order your tickets. The drawing for the quilt will take place at our annual Children's Day picnic on Sunday, May 21.

May 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mission Items of the Month: Non-Perishable Healthy Food Items (peanut butter, oatmeal, canned tuna...) for our Mission Trip crew to take to Newark Valley, NY food pantry 	7:15 am – Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8:00 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner 7pm – CE Board meeting	7 pm – Stewardship Board meeting		7 pm –Choir		Mission Trip Yardwork Day
9:00 am – Communion Worship 10:30 am – Communion Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – VBS planning meeting 3:00 pm – <i>An Introduction to Islam from your Muslim Neighbor</i> with speaker Syed Jafri, president of the Islamic Society of Greater Nashua	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner 7:15 pm – Deacons meeting	7 pm – Mission & Action Board meeting	11 am – Staff meeting 5 pm – Facilities Committee 6 pm – Pastoral Care Ministry Team info and training session	7 pm – Choir 8:15 pm – Music Board meeting	Our church volunteers provide Ash St. Shelter dinner	Mission Trip Yardwork Day Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Bike Ride & Walk
Music Sunday 9:00 am – Worship 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner 7 pm – Trustees meeting Summer Chimes deadline	7 pm – Church Council meeting		7 pm –Choir		11 am – 2 pm <i>Nails & Trim</i> for <i>Nails & Trim</i> Mission Trip fundraiser 
Children’s Day & All-Church Picnic 9:00 am – Worship – 10:30 am – Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am – All-Church Picnic Mission Trip Quilt raffle drawing	7:15 am– Men’s Breakfast at Denny’s 8 am – Ladies’ Breakfast at Joey’s Diner		10:30 am - church volunteer team at Nashua Soup Kitchen			
Summer Worship schedule begins 9:30 am –Worship			5:30 pm -HBHS Tri-M Music Honor Society Concert	All-Church Picnic ~ Sunday, May 21st 		

From the Pastor (cont. from p. 1)

Kelsey Berry, Amy Zapp, our teachers, and all the children of the Sunday School have been preparing a special service for 10:30 a.m. You won't want to miss it! (The 9 a.m. service will not feature children, but will be a more "traditional" service.)

Finally, on the last Sunday of May (28th), Memorial Day Weekend, we will shift to our "summer schedule" with one Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

Also, there will be opportunities available across the month to help support our Mission Trip "campers" in a variety of ways as they work to raise money for their life-changing week-long project in July; watch the weekly church bulletins for more information, or call the church office to find out how you can help!

May will offer many opportunities to encounter and share the love and extravagant welcome of God in our community, as the flowers appear all around us, and we embrace the time of singing and birdsong and the delights of springtime that bless us!

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

Tanya



**PASTORAL CARE
MINISTRY TEAM**

Do you like to brighten another's day? Then maybe you'd like to join our **Pastoral Care Ministry Team!** We're forming a

group of individuals who've discovered the joy of visiting and sharing the gift of caring and presence. If you're someone who has a couple hours a month to share with someone(s) who would appreciate a friendly visit from a fellow church-member, then you should join us on **Wednesday evening, May 10th, from 6-9 p.m.** for an informational and training session as we form a new Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

A light supper (soup and sandwich or similar, and beverage) will be provided, so you can even come straight from work if you'd like! **If you think you may be interested, please contact Rev. Tanya** (pastor@hollischurch.org), **or speak to a member of the Deacons Board by May 8th.**

2017 Christmas Fair ... Canceled????

At this time no one has come forward to chair/co-chair the 2017 Christmas Fair. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office if you are interested in signing up. We would like to have teams of people manage each area, leaving the chair/co-chair positions to manage the overall running of the fair. There are already many areas of the fair that are run this way and work very well. In addition to the chair/co-chair(s), there is a need for a team of people in the following areas:

Communication/Advertising, Arts/Crafts, Book Room, Basket Raffle, Baked Goods, Fashion Boutique, Decorating, Entertainment, Set up/Clean up
Please sign-up by May 31st. The decision to go forward with or cancel the 2017 Christmas Fair will be made in early June.



Music Notes

Music Sunday is May 14th! Join us at 9:00 and 10:30 worship as we *Make a Joyful Noise.*

Last Ring of the Season!

We are practicing for May 28, when we go to one service at 9:30 am for the summer.

All are welcome – If you ever wanted to try bells – this time is now! Please contact Janet at janetsterritt@gmail.com for the rehearsal schedule.



May & Summer Music

Sign up to provide music for 9:00 May worship services or for 9:30 summer worship. Plenty of opportunities are available! Sign up on the sheets posted on the church bulletin board. Contact Kirsten Szczeszynski with questions: 465-2324 or kirsten@electriceng.com.



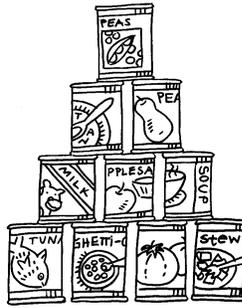
Mission & Action News

May Items of the Month:

Food Items for Mission Trip

This year, the Mission Trip workcampers traveling to Newark Valley, NY, have been asked to bring **non-perishable, healthy food donations** for the “community gift.” Suggestions include:

- peanut butter
- oatmeal
- brown rice
- canned fruits and vegetables
- canned salmon and tuna
- baked beans
- granola bars



No glass containers, and please **check the expiration dates!** Workcampers travel to Newark Valley in mid-July. Please place items in the shopping cart by the CE office. Thank you for supporting our Mission Trip campers!

Bridges 40th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Cocktail Event

Bridges is a nonprofit organization that provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. This event is an opportunity to hear from some of the survivors of violence and sexual assault and how Bridges helped them end their cycle of abuse and get their lives back on track.

Thursday, May 11, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Crowne Plaza Hotel

2 Somerset Pkwy, Nashua NH, 03063

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Pamela 603-889-0858 ext. 214 or development@bridgesnh.org

Church Team Volunteer Opportunity with Nashua Soup Kitchen!

Looking for a great way to help a local organization that helps so many others? Participate as part of our **church volunteer team at NSK on Wednesday, May 24th from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm** as a Food Pantry Attendant. **No lifting required!** We will help with food pantry distribution by assisting clients one-on-one with selecting items from the NSK Food Pantry. NSK is located at 2 Quincy St. in Nashua. Contact Cindy Ryherd at cindy@ryherd.com or 603-966-7559 if you are interested so she can let NSK know how many will be participating (hoping for at least 4 but more are welcome).



Meals on Wheels Walkathon

Step Up – Stop Hunger

2017 Meals on Wheels Walkathon will take place on Saturday, May 20th. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and walk begins at 10:00 a.m. at Southern NH University. To make a donation go to **MealsOnWheelsWalkathon.com**, look for The Congregational Church of Hollis and make your pledge.

Item of the Month update: End 68 Hours of Hunger - Nashua

Your many food donations to this relatively new outreach helped feed children who otherwise would have had little to eat over the weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

April Donations by M & A

- Funding for books for class of 7 women at Valley Street Jail, Hillsborough County
- Donation toward funding for stained glass window in Interfaith Chapel at new women’s prison

From the Church Office

A BIG Thank You goes to Nancy Bell, Marsha Joyce, Brenda Gibson, Thelma Pollard, Doris Rafferty, Debbe Shipman and Joyce Toli for preparing your April *Chimes* for mailing.

Our Church Records

Deaths

March 31, 2017

Janice Edna Mathews

November 5, 2016 ~ Celebration of Life held on April 2, 2017

Richard William Lowrance

Church Directory

UPDATE



● Thank you to all those who submitted their photo for the new church directory. Special thanks to the Directory Team members for all their time and efforts in creating the

2017 Church Directory: Carol Birch, Chris Adams, Joyce Toli, Ginny Brooks, Bob & Sybil Cushman, Carole Kopser, Dee Wagner, Doris Rafferty, Nancy Birch, Nora Lewis, Janice Boutotte and Janis Louzek, as well as Eileen and Sue for their assistance.

Those who pre-ordered directories may pick them up in the church office during regular office hours (M-F 8am-12 noon).

Questions and requests for a directory should be sent to directory@hollischurch.org or contact the church office.

10th Annual and *Final* Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Bike Ride and Walk

The 10th Annual and **Final** Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Bike Ride and Walk will be held 8 AM - 1 PM on Saturday, May 13th at the Lawrence Barn in Hollis. Register online at jonathangilmourfund.org.

This Community Event has provided scholarships to help 73 Zoo New England staff work on conservation and wildlife protection projects as varied as reintroducing puffins to the New England coast to maintaining zebras in parts of Africa.

Like us on Facebook, Jonathan Gilmour Memorial Scholarship Fund

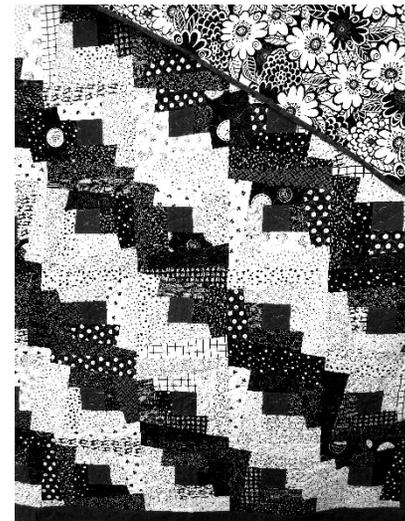


Mission Trip Quilt

This beautiful handmade quilt will be offered for raffle to support the 2017 Newark Valley, NY Mission Trip. The red, white and black quilt is a contemporary Log Cabin pattern of fun fabric prints such as flowers, hearts, and musical notes with a floral print backing. The 5' x 6' size is perfect as either a wall hanging or lap quilt.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can purchase tickets using the order form below. When we receive your order, your name and phone number will be written on each of your tickets and dropped in the raffle bucket.

The drawing for the quilt will be at our Children's Day all-church picnic on Sunday, May 21st. *Don't miss your chance to take this lovely quilt home with you!*



Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Total _____ # of tickets Total \$ _____ enclosed

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to the *Congregational Church of Hollis* with **Mission Trip Quilt** on the memo line.

Send order form and payment to:
Congregational Church of Hollis
3 Monument Square, Hollis, NH 03049



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3 Monument Square
Hollis NH 03049

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Everyone's invited to the...

Children's Day All Church Picnic

Sunday, May 21st 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 and enjoy the fellowship of your church family and friends! *See you there!*

