



Haydenville Congregational Church

November 2, 2014 • ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

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1. Welcome Visitors! If you are new to us, please fill out the colorful “strippy thing” tucked in your Bulletin to let us know you were here! These can be given to Pastors Andrea or Chris, or placed in the offering plate. Also, PLEASE CUT TO THE FRONT OF THE HANDSHAKE/HUG LINE after Church. We want to meet you, and our Hand Shake/Hug Line can be overwhelming. Please come right up, cut in line and tell us who you are. Truly. We want to meet you!

2. Coffee Hour Food When it is your week to bring food, please arrive early to help set up before Church and help with the cleanup at the end of Coffee Hour. We count on your participation! **Today’s volunteers:** S, T, U, V; **Next Week:** W, X, Y, Z, A, B, C (the Fellowship Calendar goes by last names). Your help is essential!

3. The November Newsletters are done! Please watch for your *CrossCurrents* which should have arrived by now on your computer screen if you get your copy via email. If you get a “hard copy,” please pick it up on the table by the back door. Yours is there waiting for you! If you do NOT receive our newsletter in any form, OR you are new to us please see Pastor Andrea on the “hug line” she has a copy to give to you! Happy reading!

4. Thanksgiving ~ if any member of our Church Family does not have a place to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner, please tell Pastor Andrea. And if any member of our Church Family feels they have an extra place or two at their Thanksgiving table and would welcome a guest or two from the Church, please tell Pastor Andrea. Come November, Pastor Andrea will pair up those who would like a place to have Thanksgiving Dinner with those who want to offer hospitality. Thank you!

6. Sunrise is collecting eyeglasses for a Lions Club Eye Brigade coming to Camoapa. Last year, a group of Lions members from Buffalo NY provided eye exams, gave out glasses, treated eye conditions, and even did cataract surgeries for several thousand people in Camoapa, Nicaragua where Sunrise works. But there were many more people than they were able to serve. They will be returning again this February. Please bring in prescription glasses, sunglasses, “cheaters” (reading glasses), and especially glasses cases - they want to give them a case to safely store their glasses. I’ll send out whatever we collect on December 1st, in time for them to reach

Camoapa in February. There will be a basket in the Dining Room to collect them.

7. Help Serve Dinner to the Guests at the Winter Shelter this Year! The Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals, Inc. operates a winter shelter from November 1 through April 30 every year. For these six months, up to twenty people have a safe and warm place to sleep every night. For every night during those months a different organization provides dinner for the guests, the staff, and themselves. We have served dinner on the last Sunday for alternating months for the past few years. This year, we will be serving those dinners as well as filling in during our “off” months for those nights where a meal team is still needed. This year, we will serve dinner on the following nights: November 30, December 12, January 30, February 22, March 15, and April 26. If you would like to serve and/or help prepare dinner on those nights, please see Linda Ziegenbein (lziegenbein@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

8. Volunteers Needed! The Winter Shelter is looking for people to serve as **overnight volunteers at their shelter**. The shift is from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m., and you will be given a room to sleep in. You do not need to stay awake for the shift! If you are available and interested, please contact Linda Ziegenbein (lziegenbein@yahoo.com). Thank you!

9. A reminder from Pastor Andrea - Mondays are my day off. If you reach out to me, I will not be in touch until Tuesday. I *will* respond immediately if you call and it is an emergency. Also we are NOT holding Thursday morning Café office hours at Sylvester’s on Thanksgiving Day or on Christmas Day (obvious I know but I thought I would say it!).

10. Come out to help build Angelique Baker’s Habitat for Humanity House. Orientation dates available: November 8 or December 13 at 8 pm Lowe’s Hadley. This will enable you to help build Angelique’s new home. She only needs 100 volunteer hours - help her get there! RSVP as soon as possible so we can reserve the space at Lowe’s. RSVP to: lovemykids312@gmail.com

11. Hooray to Ladies Aid! They pulled off yet another successful Church Fair! The Fair gross is now hovering over \$3700. Quite amazing! Thank you Ladies Aid.

EVENTS

1. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11am • Pastor Andrea has weekly Café Office Hours at Sylvester’s Restaurant. Come see her at 111 Pleasant Street in Northampton and she’ll buy you a cup of coffee.

2. First and Third Sundays in the Dining Room, 8:45am to 9:30am Join us for this new version of **Adult Sunday School** as we deepen our understanding of our faith. Pastor Chris is leading a discussion of Paul's letters to the Corinthian church (I and II Corinthians), reflecting on how this early Christian community struggled to understand this emerging faith and keep harmony amongst themselves. All are welcome!

3. November 3 & 10 • "The Field Beyond Right and Wrong: Exploring Forgiveness Through the Arts" is a four-Monday series drawing on a variety of creative expressions like writing "*I Am*" stories and Word Poems, creating personal altars, labyrinth walking, collage, etc. at the First Cong. Church in Montague. You do not have to be an artist or even creative to participate in this nurturing environment exploring the theme of forgiveness. Week 3: *The Shape of Forgiveness Exploring Possibility and Choice*; Week 4: *Healing/Letting Go*. Sliding fee scale. Questions or to sign up, contact Susannah Croluis, scroluis@gmail.com.

5. November 5 from 12:45 until 2 pm • Church Book Group ~ in the Watson Room of the Forbes Library in Northampton. Facilitated by Rev. Peter Ives and Pastor Andrea. Get your hands on *Flunking Sainthood* by Jana Riess and read pages 1 - 52 for the November meeting. We would love to welcome you to our circle!

6. November 7 • Fall Concert to Benefit The Sunrise Foundation The Haydenville Congregational Church is sponsoring a fall concert to benefit Sunrise on Friday, November 7th at 7:30PM. Peace in the Valley (our lively choir), The Wise Guys (Jeff O's men's a cappella group) and Susan Farrell (performing a set from Susan Sings the Sixties) are combining their efforts to create a wonderful program. Tickets are \$10 (purchase from performers or at the door). Refreshments will be served. Come for a wonderful night of music and support Sunrise!

7. November 8 • Please join us for the DVD and discussion series "**Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity**" on Saturday, November 8th at 10am in the HCC Dining Room. **Our topic is, "The Myth of Redemptive Violence."** Come to one meeting or monthly! For more information please contact Jennifer Miller-Antill at jen@antill.org or 268-3189

8. November 8 • Family Ministries is delighted to announce a **fundraiser to benefit Cathedral in the Night**. Jen Clarson will be offering her professional photography services for holiday/New Year photos. Photos will be taken in the Dining Room Sat., Nov. 8th from 12-5 pm. Sign up starting this week in the dining room to reserve a time, and fees will be on a sliding scale. The money raised will be used to purchase socks for Cathedral in the Night guests. The children will be giving the socks out at one of the December Cathedral in the Night services.

9. VALUES + SPIRITUALITY + MONEY = FAITHFUL LIVING... Join The Stewardship Committee for two Sundays in November as we explore through conversation how our values, spiritual beliefs and choices about money impact one another. Sunday, **November 9**: Sharing our stories: the messages that shaped our feelings and experiences around money. Sunday, **November 16**: Faith and money: exploring religious word and wisdom on the subject of money and giving. Held from 12-1 each session upstairs in Children's Church. Childcare will be available.

10. November 14 • Climbing Mt. McKinley, a slide show of the long trek up McKinley by Pastor Andrea, expedition member, to be held on Friday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in our Church Dining Room. Donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund will be gratefully accepted.

11. November 16 • Want to read scripture during worship? How about lead the Invitation to the Offering? Sunday, November 16 from 11:45 to 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Pastor Chris and Chip Roughton (our Scripture Reader coordinator) will be leading a workshop on how to be a liturgist (fancy word for reader) in our worship service. No experience necessary - just a willingness to give it a try! We want you to join our Worship Leader team! Questions? Contact Pastor Chris or Chip.

12. November 30 • "Exploring Membership Classes" a new series of four sessions following worship, will begin on November 30th upstairs in Children's Church. Are you interested in talking about your spiritual journey, learning about the United Church of Christ, and the history of this church? Would you like to discuss with others what it means to formalize your commitment to the Haydenville Congregational Church? Join us after our worship service on November 30th. We would love to have you with us! Questions? See Pastor Andrea.