



Haydenville Congregational Church

November 16, 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:** D, E, F; **Next Week:** G, H, I, J, K (the Fellowship Calendar goes by last names). Your help is essential!

3. RED ENVELOPES! Last Sunday was Stewardship Sunday and we distributed the RED ENVELOPES with your Stewardship materials inside, including your pledge form and return envelope. Please bring your completed form in the envelope provided back to Church on November 30th so the pledges can be collected and blessed during our service. OR if you prefer, mail them to the Church and Pastor Andrea will keep them and place them in the basket on November 30th. If you did NOT get a red envelope and would like to make a pledge to our Church or a one-time contribution, please see Pastor Andrea—she has a red envelope for you! Thank you one and all!

4. November Newsletter is ready and has been mailed out. You should have received YOUR copy by now either on your computer screen OR hard copy mailed to your home. If you did not receive a November Newsletter and you would like to, please see Pastor Andrea on the Hug Line, she has a copy for you! Be sure Margie, our office manager, office@haydenvillechurch.org, has your email address if you would like to receive future issues of *CrossCurrents* electronically and are not currently on our email list.

5. 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. During those months a different organization provides dinner for the guests, the staff, and themselves. This year, we will serve dinner on the

following nights: November 30, December 12, January 30, February 22, March 15, and April 26 as filling in during our “off” months for those nights where a meal team is still needed.. 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!

6. Volunteers Needed! The Winter Shelter is looking for people to serve as **overnight volunteers at their shelter**. The shift is from 9 pm until 7 am, 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!

7. Welcome Ministry Our new Welcome Ministry is up and running and looking forward to greeting all newcomers after our worship service. Find a member of the Welcome Ministry on the HUG LINE after church, AND another member in the newly created Welcome Ministry HELLO CORNER which is the first table on the right in the Dining Room. Someone from the Welcome Ministry Team will be at that table eager to welcome you to our church and “orient” you to our wonderful community. Please stop by and say hello.

8. “The Giving Tree” Sponsored by The Men’s Fellowship Are you in need of cold weather outerwear? Maybe you or your child needs a jacket, gloves, mittens, a hat, scarf, or boots. Or, maybe you know someone who needs winter wear, but can’t afford it? Maybe you’d prefer to do the shopping yourself and would like a gift card? **Let us help!** We invite you to complete a “Winter Wear Needs” request tag, which you can find as an insert in your bulletin or in the Dining Room. You may complete as many request tags as necessary. All requests are confidential, with names seen only by the pastors. Fill out the request tag and put it into the box labeled “Giving Tree Requests” in the Dining Room, or hand them to Pastor Chris, by **November 30, 2014**.

9. MITTEN TREE ~ The Mitten Tree will be up soon in the Sanctuary! Please bring hats, scarves, mittens, gloves (new or very very gently used) to “decorate” the Mitten Tree. Then early in 2015, we will give everything collected to local schoolchildren in the Hilltowns. Thank you for your generosity!

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 9:30 am 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. VALUES + SPIRITUALITY + MONEY = FAITHFUL LIVING... Join The Stewardship Committee as we explore through conversation how our values, spiritual beliefs and choices about money impact one another. **TODAY:** Faith and money: exploring religious word and wisdom on the subject of money and giving. Held from 12-1 after the worship service upstairs in Children's Church. Childcare is available.

4. TODAY • Want to read scripture during worship? How about lead the Invitation to the Offering? *Today 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.

5. 1-2-3 Offering The Interfaith Cot Shelter in Northampton opened its doors on November 1st and we will serve six dinners there this season. We will also serve two dinners at Cathedral in the Night (in November and March). To support these ministries, we will be collecting a 1-2-3 Offering NEXT WEEK, Nov. 23. For this offering, we are asking that you donate any small amount you may have in your pockets. \$1, \$2, or \$3 given by enough of us will help pay for these important community meals. Thank you!

6. 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.

7. December 3 • Church Book Group~ever onward! If you would like to join our lively and wonderful book group discussions (and we would LOVE to have you) read *Flunking Sainthood* by Jana Riess. We will meet again on Wed, Dec. 3 at 12:45 pm in the Watson Room of Forbes Library in Northampton. Great book! Join us!

8. Sunday, December 21 • Christmas Pageant 2014! This year we will tell the Christmas story using seven 'groups' of people to act out parts of the birth narrative. Every group needs at least one child, but groups can contain family members, friends – anyone! Groups will be headed up by members of the Family Ministries Committee and clergy, and should be ten people or fewer. We will have ONE REHEARSAL- Saturday, December 20th at 10 am. We have costumes that can be 'checked out' so see Dawn Orluske if you need help in creating your character. Let's make this the most joyful pageant ever! Sign up to be a part of this lively, intergenerational reenactment of the Christmas Story with one of the leaders...you will find clipboards on a front table in the Dining Room, so add YOUR NAME to one of the teams!