



# Haydenville Congregational Church

March 1, 2015

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 HAND SHAKE/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 come meet our pastors and a member of the Welcome Ministry. Join us for Coffee Hour, and stop by the **Welcome 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!

**2. Options for Children and Youth at Church** • *“We love children, and are not bothered by baby sounds!”* Have a child in worship with you today? For infants to age 3, we provide childcare upstairs in our nursery beginning at 10:00 am. If you would like to stay with your child in worship, and need a quiet option, our Narthex (foyer) has a safe and comfortable place to play, with the service piped in on a speaker. Children from preschool through 6th grade are invited upstairs to Children’s Church, and are led from worship just before the Offertory. Older youth are invited to be classroom assistants, or to remain in worship. All children, regardless of age, are welcome to remain in worship with their adults. For more information, contact Dawn Orluske or Joanne Morgan.

**3. Coffee Klatches a big success!** Here’s a big shout out/thank you to **Daily Bread** for doing a fantastic job in February. **Loaves and Dishes**, led by Norma Kellogg and Chip Roughton, will be hosting Coffee Hour for the month of March. Thank you all for making this new arrangement work out so well! Remember, all members have been assigned to a Coffee Klatch group for just one month per year. If you’re not sure which Klatch you’re in, or if you would like to join a Coffee Klatch, please see Jo Cannon or Jackie Cloonan.

**4. Reminder: Pastor Chris Out of Office** • Pastor Chris will be out of the office from Sunday, March 1st until Wednesday, March 4th.

**5. Prone to Mischief** • Our Church is now home to the Prone to Mischief brass band. They are rehearsing in our Church twice a month, and they will be playing in worship four times a year. PLUS they are marching with us in the Gay Pride Parade in May! So if you hear brass band music coming from the sanctuary, rejoice! Our Church has an in-house brass band!

**6. Sunday Worship Leadership: You can have a part!** Would you like to read scripture? See Chip Roughton. Would you like to be a Greeter? See Susan Sachs. Would you like to be an Usher? See Sharon Grace or Julie Saltzman. These folks would love to hear from you!

**7. Have something to share with the church?** Please note our publication deadlines: Cross Currents newsletter material is due to Richard Spencer by the 15th of the month. Weekly Sunday announcements are due to Pastor Chris by Tuesday at 5:00pm. Weekly e-newsletter announcements are due to our Office Administrator, Margie Serkin, by Tuesday at 5:00pm. Thank you!

## EVENTS

**1. All Men Are Invited • TODAY** There will be a short meeting after the worship service on today for all male-identified members of the congregation. The Men’s Fellowship is exploring new topics and activities to pursue and members want to hear from others in the church. We will host a meeting upstairs in Children’s Church starting 15 minutes after the service. Whether you are interested in ongoing participation or joining in for an occasional social gathering or service project, your opinions are needed and most welcome. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

**2. Thursday Cafe Office Hours with Pastor Andrea • WE HAVE MOVED PERMANENTLY!** Our regular Thursday Café Office hours (9:30-11:00 am) have been a huge success! We now meet at the Sunrise Over Florence Bakery down the hill from the Florence Congregational Church. Tons of free parking, delicious donuts, and we close with our “prayer huddle.” See you at Sunrise Over Florence from now on!

**3. Church Book Group** • You are welcome to join the ongoing Church Book Group. We meet next on **Wednesday, March 4th at 12:45 pm** at Forbes Library (Watson Room) in Northampton. Our book for the March and April gatherings is *“Convictions: How I learned What Matters Most,”* by Marcus Borg.

**4. Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity** • Please join us for the DVD and discussion series on **Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 -11:30 am** in the HCC Sanctuary. Our topic is, "A Kingdom Without Walls" and focuses on the premise that, "The gospel engenders a radical hospitality that requires boundaries be crossed, barriers be dismantled, and walls be torn down." Come to one meeting or monthly. For more information please contact Jennifer Miller-Antill at [jen@antill.org](mailto:jen@antill.org) or 268-3189.

**5. One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) special UCC offering will be collected during Lent, on **March 15th** during our worship service. The UCC says OGHS "gives hope, hope and life." OGHS supports partners in more than 70 countries with ministries that fund development projects, feed the victims of famine, provide services for displaced people, and respond to natural disasters. We will be happily accepting gifts of cash, or checks (made payable to the Haydenville Congregational Church). We thank you in advance for your generosity.

**6. Super Saturday!** *March 21st, 8:00 am-3:45 pm* • Register now for the Massachusetts Conference UCC spring Super Saturday event at Ludlow High School! Join us for a day of worship, fellowship, and workshops - - including special workshops for moderators and deacons. Rev. Ruben Duran of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will be the keynote speaker. For more information and to register, go to [macucc.org/supersaturday](http://macucc.org/supersaturday).

### Church Visioning Day~

**Where have we been? Where are we heading?**

*Saturday, March 7th, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
in the Church Dining Room.*

All welcome to a gathering to think through together how we continue to move from a pastoral to a program church. Breakfast goodies and coffee provided.

Our session will be facilitated by Rev. Kelly Gallagher, Associate Conference Minister of the Massachusetts Conference UCC.

**March Newsletter!** The March Newsletter is now available on-line and hard copy. Please, if you are someone who takes home a hard copy, find yours on table in Dining Room. And read on-line! Packed with important information and Church news!

**7. Attention Gardeners!** Grow Food Northampton's Community Garden in Florence is opening up almost 50 new plots. If you're interested in having your own plot, registration for new gardeners is on March 21st, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, at Smith Voc. Novice gardeners are most welcome and get plenty of support to gain new skills. For more information go to <http://www.growfoodnorthampton.com/florence-organic-community-garden/> or contact me at [pat@growfoodnorthampton.com](mailto:pat@growfoodnorthampton.com). Also, let me know if you'd be interested in forming a group from HCC to obtain a plot to grow food for a local soup kitchen. There are already several plots engaged in this important work, and an infrastructure in place to organize the deliveries. But we always need more gardeners to grow fresh produce. If you're interested in being part of a group, let me know. ~ Pat James

**8. "Any Body, Everybody, Christ's Body" • A Congregational Guide for Becoming Accessible to ALL.** The A2A Committee will be reading and discussing this manual in three parts, over the course of our next three monthly meetings. March 3 - "Any Body.." April 7 - "Everybody" and May 5 - "Christ's Body." Our meetings start at 5:30 pm in the Dining Room with prayer, food and general "how are you?" conversation. We end at about 7:00 p.m. The Guide was compiled by the UCC Disabilities Ministries and can be downloaded from its site, [www.uccdm.org](http://www.uccdm.org). For more information, please contact Velma Garcia at (413) 219-8018 or [vgarcia@smith.edu](mailto:vgarcia@smith.edu) or Susan Sachs at (413) 527-8358 or [ssachs611@gmail.com](mailto:ssachs611@gmail.com).

**9. Lenten Circle: "The Spirituality of Parenting"** *A non-time consuming opportunity to practice and share in the "Spirituality of parenting."* Facilitated by Rev. Matilda Rose Cantwell, for parents and close caregivers of young people from age 0-18. Grandparents, Godparents, and all manner of chosen family who take care of children are all welcome. Participants will receive a reflection and exercise each week over email and then gather towards the end of Lent to share their reflections and experiences. **We will meet once on March 26th, 5:30 pm. Potluck/Pizza Dinner served and childcare provided.** Desire for deep theological reflection; OR a sense of humor; OR a feeling of utter bewilderment on some or most days; or better yet, all of these things, most welcome to this practice circle! Please **register** with Rev. Matilda "Til" Cantwell, [mcantwel@smith.edu](mailto:mcantwel@smith.edu).