



# Haydenville Congregational Church

April 19, 2015

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Filtergate!** • Some faithful kitchen users are not cleaning the filter in the dishwasher and it is getting clogged and yucky. We love that our church kitchen is heavily used, and we love that so many folks fill and run the dishwasher. But cleaning that filter is critical to keep everything running well. There are written instructions hanging in the kitchen, or please ask a kitchen regular to show you how to clean the dishwasher filter. This is actually really important. Thank you one and all for attending to this. This message was brought to you by your Board of Trustees.

**2. Adult Faith Formation with Pastor Chris** • First and Third Sundays in the Dining Room, 8:45 to 9:30 am. Join us for this new version of Adult Sunday School as we deepen our understanding of our faith. For more information, please contact Pastor Chris. Next meeting: April 19th.

**3. Learning how to be a Trans\* Ally** • We are engaged in learning more about how we can be strong allies to those in the Trans community. These new resources in our Church Library may be helpful to you. [Trans\\* Ally Workbook: Getting Pronouns Right & What It Teaches Us About Gender](#) by Davey Shalsko; [What If I Say the Wrong Thing? 25 Habits for Culturally Effective People](#) by Verna Myers; [Transgendering Faith: Identity, Sexuality & Spirituality](#), Leanne McCall Tigert and Maren Tirabassi, Editors.

**4. Open/Free Pantry** • The pantry (open to all) in our Dining Room is in need of tuna fish, cereal, soups, peanut butter, pasta, and coffee - - proteins especially. Please make sure all items donated to the pantry are unopened and not expired. Thank you!

**5. Nev's Neurotherapy Treatments** • Nev is receiving neurotherapy treatments and is making good progress! She will receive a total of 140 treatments, and has learned that each treatment requires a \$15 copay, which is an amount she cannot afford. Nev has created a Facebook event called Nev's Neurotherapy Treatments, which has raised some money, but she is behind in payments. If you would like to help Nev, she welcomes your support! It would be best for if checks were mailed to The BAND Center, LLC. They do not have an online payment system. Their address is: The Brain Analysis & Neurodevelopment Center, 195 Russell St., Suite B-13, Hadley MA 01035. Thank you for any help!

**6. The Body Outlines** on our Sanctuary walls are from a Children's Church project. Our children were asked to write or draw the things that make them grow and what they love about church. Take a look!

**7. Planning your summer vacation?** Making elaborate plans? Note that our church will be closed during the first three Sundays in July. We are **closed** July 5th, 12th, and 19th. We re-open July 26th for worship at 10:00 am like usual. Also keep an eye out for a possible July 12th special outdoor worship!

**8. Thanks to The Grateful Bread** for hosting Coffee Hour in April - - great job! We are looking forward to our hosts in May, Bread and Blessings. Great work, everyone!

## EVENTS

**1. Exploring Membership!** New class series beginning **TODAY**. Considering making a more formal commitment to the Haydenville Congregational Church? Want to talk about our spiritual journeys, and about the United Church of Christ? Join our circle in Pastor Andrea's office after worship TODAY.

**2. 100 Years: Gathering to Remember the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide** • Stand with us on Martyrs' Day **Friday, April 24th at 5:00 pm** in front of Memorial Hall in Downtown Northampton. Vigiling, witnessing, and reception.

**3. The Cookie Walk** is coming **April 25th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm!** Please lend your support to our major fundraiser by being a baker, helper, or ingredient donor. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Dining Room. And most of all - - please come to the Cookie Walk!

**4. "Tar2f: A Musical Comedy About Religious Delusion"** will have a staged reading at the UU Church in Northampton on Saturday, **April 25th at 7:30 pm**. Book, music and lyrics by Jeff Olmsted! Please come and support this project! Requested donation \$10 - - no one turned away!

**5. Serve at the Interfaith Cot Shelter** • We will be serving our final dinner for the season at the Interfaith Cot Shelter in Northampton next Sunday, **April 26th**. People are needed to help cook dinner (you can drop it off at Church that morning) as well as to serve that evening. If you are interested, please contact Linda Ziegenbein (lziegenbein@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**6. P & J Committee --- Peanut Butter and Jelly Committee?** YES, we do eat that sometimes, AND we offer education to the community about issues of Peace and Justice AND we plan and participate in actions about these issues. AND we would like you to join us. As a Committee we work together to see what we can do on our scale. Come and talk with one of us if you would like more information about what WE do and what YOU can do. We are: Doug Renick, Jen Matias, Pat James, Karen Browne-Courage and Raquel Manzanares. You can also email Karen at [joyfulreunion@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulreunion@gmail.com). AND you are welcome to come to our next meeting on **April 27th from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the Dining Room.

**7. Continuing the Conversation on Death and Dying • Tuesday, April 28th, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Church Dining Room** • Pastor Chris will be holding another conversation on death and dying to follow up on the Lenten workshop that he led. This gathering will be simply guided and free-form conversation. All are welcome regardless of previous workshop attendance.

**8. Book Group News! Upcoming book!** • You are welcome to read it and join us. We meet in the Watson Room of the Forbes Library in Northampton from 12:45 to 2:00 pm. **May 6th** and also **June 3rd: We Make the Road by Walking** by Brian McLaren. All are welcome!

**9. "Any Body, Everybody, Christ's Body." A Congregational Guide for Becoming Accessible to ALL.** The A2A Committee will be reading and discussing this manual over the course of our next two monthly meetings. **May 5th** - "Everybody" and **June 2nd** - "Christ's Body." All are welcome even if you have not done the reading. Come strive with us to make Accessibility part of our Church's future vision. Our meetings run from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Dining Room. The Guide was compiled by the UCC Disabilities Ministries and can be downloaded from its site, [www.uccdm.org](http://www.uccdm.org).

**10. Northampton Pride March Spectacular 2015 • Saturday, May 2nd** • Mark your calendars now to march with us! Our Church always has a big contingent of 100+ marchers and this year will be no different! But what makes this year "spectacular?" We're marching with a band! Your in-house band Prone to Mischief, expands for this event and turns into The Brass Republic, a larger enhanced group for parades. With a New Orleans "Second Line" feel, we'll need banner carriers, parasol twirlers (we need 6!), flag wavers (B.Y.O.F.). Wear your I AM THE CHURCH t-shirts and meet in the parking lot across from the Brewery at **11:30 am**. Look for the purple balloons - - that's an easy way to find our group!

**11. Want to read scripture during worship? How about lead the Invitation to the Offering? • Sunday, May 3rd from 11:45am to 12:30pm in the Sanctuary** • Pastor Chris and Chip Roughton (our Scripture Reader coordinator) will be leading a brief introductory workshop on how to be a liturgist (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!

**12. Children and Youth Ministries Listening Session • Sunday, June 14th following Worship** • On June 1st, Pastor Chris will begin working with the Children and Family Ministry Committee, teachers, and (especially) our children and youth to provide faith formation for the youngest members of our congregation. Transitions are an excellent opportunity to explore and evaluate programs and practices, and so we would like to hear your feedback and ideas for our ministry with young people! Bring your Coffee Hour goodies and join us upstairs in Children's Church for this 90-minute listening session hosted by the Committee and Pastor Chris. Children are invited and encouraged to attend along with their adults. Parents of children or youth who are not currently active in the program, and those who have volunteered with either the children's or youth programs, you are encourage to join us. For more information, please contact Pastor Chris.

**13. Massachusetts Conference UCC Annual Meeting with Nadia Bolz-Weber!** • The MACUCC Annual Meeting will be held this year **June 12th-13th at UMass Amherst**, and will feature keynote speaker Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, author of Pastrix. For the first time, visitors will have the option to attend only the keynote address on Saturday, instead of having to register for the entire event. Join with our sibling MACUCC congregations in this time of worship, work, and fellowship. Registration is now open, and is expected to fill quickly. For more information and to register, go to [www.macucc.org](http://www.macucc.org) and click on "events."

**14. "Love Your Church" Spring Work Day • June 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** • Every summer, a small group of dedicated volunteers assembles to clean, paint, clean some some more, and tackle odd jobs around the church. It's a lot of work for just a few people! This year, we are looking to cut down on that workload with a congregation-wide call for volunteers. You can come for any portion of the day or the whole day. Jobs are both inside and outside, with materials (and food!) provided by the church. Come join the fun and show how much you "Love Your Church!"