



# Haydenville Congregational Church

June 7, 2015

## I Samuel 8:4-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers.

He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

~ New Revised Standard Version

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Pastor Andrea will be out of town** through June 8th, and will not be reachable by phone or email. Please contact Pastor Chris (860-966-8055) for all pastoral issues.

**2. June/July CrossCurrents Newsletter now available!**  
The summer edition of our newsletter is in your inbox and available in hardcopy.

**3. Haydenville UCC to be honored at the Massachusetts UCC Annual Meeting!** • Our congregation will be receiving an award for "Bold, Faithful, and Vital Ministry" at the June annual meeting of the Conference. Come join us as we are honored for the great work and witness of our faith community! Registration details can be found under the "Events" section on the reverse of this page.

**4. 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.

**5. Thank you to Moveable Feasts**, led by Jen Miller-Antill and Barbara Estes, for hosting Coffee Hour during June. Thank you all!

**6. July at Haydenville UCC** • A reminder that we do not hold worship in our sanctuary for the first three Sundays in July (July 5th, 12th, 19th). We return to our regular worship schedule on July 26th. Also, Pastor Andrea will be away until July 25th. Pastor Chris will be available during this time.

**7. Rainbow/Strippy Things** • Even if you have been coming to worship in this Church for a while, please feel free to fill out the rainbow/strippy thing found in your Bulletin and give it to one of our pastors if you would like to: receive our newsletter in hard copy or on-line; receive Sunday sermons every week via email; receive the Wednesday email blast that goes out to the whole church; be in a Coffee Hour Klatch! All these wonderful things CAN BE YOURS if you just fill out a strippy thing and turn it in to a pastor! Then POOF these things will happen!

**8. Summer Playgroup Needs You!** • Children's Church ends for the school year, and we now begin our Summer Playgroup through the months of June and August (the church is closed for most of July). We need two adults each Sunday to sign up to play with the children, do crafts, and/or have fun on the playground outside. The sign-up will be in the Church Dining Room. Please consider signing up for a Sunday this summer. If you have any questions email Pastor Chris ([revcjm@gmail.com](mailto:revcjm@gmail.com)), and thanks!

## EVENTS

**1. Hampshire Association Jamboree! • TODAY at 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Dow Pavilion, Look Park** • Join our fellow Hampshire Association UCC congregations for a potluck picnic, pie, games, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and enjoy music by our own Jeff and Julie Olmsted.

**2. 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](#). Visitors will have the option to attend only the keynote address on Saturday. Join with our sibling MACUCC congregations in this time of worship, work, and fellowship. Registration is now open. For more information and to register, go to [www.macucc.org](http://www.macucc.org) and click on "events."

**3. Ladies Aid Tag/Vintage Sale • June 13th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** • Spring Cleaning? De-cluttering? We can help! Donations may be brought to Church any Sunday, pick ups are also possible. Please be sure all items are clean and in good condition. No clothing please! This year we're adding an indoor "Vintage" table for collectibles and quality "attic treasures." Please mark things "vintage" if you'd like them to be considered for the Vintage Table. Questions? Please contact Cindy Drake for Tag Sale info; Laine Wilder or Paula Spencer for the Vintage Table. Thank you!

**4. Dean's Beans Coffee Sale • June 14th** in Coffee Hour, the Youth Group will be selling Dean's Beans Coffee by the pound. Regular and decaf, dark and medium roast. All proceeds go to benefit the Youth Group. Our next coffee sale will be in September. Please stop by our table to support the Youth Group!

**5. Children and Youth Ministries Listening Session • Sunday, June 14th following Worship** • Pastor Chris and the Children and Family Ministry Committee would like to hear your feedback and ideas for our ministry with young people! 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, are encouraged to join us.

**6. Youth Ambassadors Benefit Concert Thursday • June 18th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary** • Crossing the Waters Institute for Cultural Exchange presents Entrelazando Raices/Intertwining Roots: A benefit concert for the Youth Ambassadors Program. Featuring pianist Dr. Ruth Bass Green and the Youth Ambassadors Ensemble. Admission \$25, sliding scale. Haydenville UCC is a proud sponsor of this event.

**7. Celebrating the Life of Kim Waddell • June 27th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary** • Join us as we remember our kindhearted friend, Kim Waddell. Reception to follow in the Dining Room.

**8. Come to the Church Picnic! Carnival theme! Great fun! Sunday, June 28th after worship** in our very own parking lot and garden/play area! Pot-luck picnic, please bring some dish to share. Church will provide meats to grill and buns, condiments, all paper products, and sodas. Please bring anything else to add to picnic. Festivities begin immediately after church on June 28th, we'll pour out into the parking lot and the fun begins. (Everyone: [please park elsewhere on June 28th not in our parking lot](#). Elders and those with mobility challenges, please pull right into the parking lot, someone will help you to the back door and then will go park your car.) Come one, come all to our great-fun picnic! Friends welcome!

**9. Outdoor Worship at Childs Park • July 12th at 10:00am** • Join Pastor Chris for an informal worship service at Childs Park in Northampton. Singing, praying, light snacking, and the beauty of nature. This event is moderately accessible to those with mobility needs, with parking close to our spot. Bring a chair or blanket and a snack to share. If you're interested in worship leadership for this service, please contact Pastor Chris.

**10. Men's Breakfast Postponed Men's Breakfast Postponed** • The breakfast planned by the HCC Men's Fellowship for Saturday, June 13, has been postponed until the fall. Please watch for an announcement.