



Haydenville Congregational Church

June 21, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Do you own a pop-up tent? Can we borrow it? We would like to put up some pop-up tents for the June 28th picnic (our back parking lot is not very shady!!). If you have a pop-up tent that we can borrow, please see Andrew Geery or Linda Ziegenbein, Picnic Co-chairs. Thank you!

2. Thank you to everyone who attended our Children and Family Ministries listening session last Sunday. Your feedback is essential. Please see the August edition of our monthly newsletter, CrossCurrents, for a summary of and reflection on the discussion. If you were unable to attend but have reflections to contribute, please contact Pastor Chris.

3. June/July CrossCurrents Newsletter now available!

The summer edition of our newsletter is in your inbox and available in hardcopy.

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. Free Guinea Pigs! • Two chubby, dark brown, male guinea pigs, complete with pet carrier, large cage, water bottle and food dish. They are very friendly and tame. Perfect for young children -- care isn't hard and they like to be picked up and petted. Please contact Lisa Hall.

8. 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!

9. 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), and thanks!

10. Green Angels Needed! As the lawn mowing season begins, we need your help to maintain the church yard. Please consider signing up to mow the lawn for one week this summer. Sign up sheets will be in the Dining Room, and you can contact Jackie Cloonan for more information. Thank you!

11. 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 Sylvia Fappiano. Would you like to be an Usher? See Sharon Grace or Julie Saltzman. These folks would love to hear from you!

12. 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!

13. Gift of a Bible for YOU! The Ladies Aid has restocked the gift Bible Basket. Please help yourself to a Bible, a gift from us to you, out of the Bible Basket which is sitting on the Deacon's Bench by the door that comes into the Sanctuary (behind Chris and Andrea on the "Hug Line").

14. The Ladies Aid Tag and Vintage Sale made well over \$1500. Hug one of those hard-working Tag and Vintage Sale folks, they worked endlessly hard and lifted, hauled, and lugged around a billion pounds of stuff. Amazing work and wow, wow, wow~that's a lot of money!

15. The big GALA we held at the R. Michelson Gallery in downtown Northampton on May 31 was a huge enormous success—and so much fun! GREAT singing, toasting, eating, hugging, connecting, dancing, it was fabulous!! And here are the final numbers: Gross income: \$10,226; GALA expenses: \$1,525; Net income: \$8,700. Congratulate yourselves folks, you worked hard, and it paid off, and it was a wonderful evening. Hooray for us!

16. Need Some Furniture or a Grill? • Pastor Chris has a few items of furniture he'd like to unload. Do you need a nice Ikea tv cabinet? A small filing cabinet? A wood and cloth book shelf? How about a Weber Q1000 gas grill? If any of these items interest you, please contact Pastor Chris. If you need them for free, then they are free. If you can pay, please make a donation to the church instead of paying Pastor Chris. Thank you!

17. Pastor Chris will be out of town from July 26th through August 1st for vacation, then August 8th through August 15th to serve as Chaplain at Silver Lake Conference Center. During this time, he will not be responding to emails or phone calls. Thank you!

EVENTS

1. Cathedral in the Night • TODAY • Cooking after worship • Serving at 5:00 pm • Please come to help us out in the kitchen following worship as we prepare the meal we will be serving at Cathedral in the Night. Then join us again at 5:00 pm in front of First Churches in downtown Northampton to serve the meal and celebrate worship. Please contact Linda Ziegenbein for more information. Thank you!

2. 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.

3. 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!

4. 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.

5. Male Camp Counselor Needed for Silver Lake! Our own Dana Gillette is "deaning" (leading) a week of camp at Silver Lake Conference Center, and is in need of one more male counselor, age 20+. This volunteer position runs from **July 4th through 11th**, and involves staying in a cabin with several high school aged males. Dana's conference is called "40 Hours in the Wilderness," and will include nature adventures and one night of tent camping. If you or someone you know would be interested in this fun and transformative experience, please contact Dana Gillette by phone (413-586-8625), or email (dana.gillette@gmail.com). Thank you!

6. Mark your calendars now! • Kathleen Kent will be baptized by immersion in the Mill River on **August 29th at 11:00 am**, the same place we have done three other baptisms by immersion (down the little hill at the corner of Washington Ave. and James Ave. in Northampton). Come sing "Shall We Gather At the River" and witness this important event! It is a Baptism and we need the family of God present—praying and singing!