



# Haydenville Congregational Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Tweet! Post! Check In! • Be radical! Let your social network know that you are in church!** • Please feel free to make use of your various electronics during worship in order to Tweet about the worship, check in on FaceBook, mark something on your calendar, or take a note. If you are posting photos, please be aware that we need to respect one another's privacy. Please do not post pics or tag names without consent. Looking for a hashtag? Try #haydenvilleucc or #ucc. And follow us on FaceBook and Twitter!

**2. Thank you to the Holy Rollers Coffee Klatch led by Linda Ziegenbein and Andrew Geery** for hosting our Coffee Hour in August! We appreciate you so much!

**3. Summer Playgroup Needs You!** • Now through September 13th, when Children's Church resumes, we need two adults each Sunday to sign up to play with the children, do crafts, and/or have fun on the playground outside. Please consider signing up for a Sunday this summer. You can add your name to the sign up sheet in the Dining Room, or tell Pastor Chris directly. If you have any questions email Pastor Chris ([revcjm@gmail.com](mailto:revcjm@gmail.com)), and thanks!

**4. Help Us Be Fragrance Free!** • We strive to be a safe and welcoming place for everyone. So friends we ask that you do not wear fragrances when you come to church. This allows those with chemical sensitivities to worship here with us safely and comfortably. Thank you!

**5. Prayers of the People/Joys and Concerns Basket •** If you are new to us, let us solve a mystery for you and invite you to join in. Should you want to share a joy or concern during the "Prayers of the People" part of our worship service, come to church 2 minutes early and write one up and stick it in the basket. The sheets (yellow for joys, blue for concerns) and pens and the basket to put these in are sitting on the chancel floor—which is the raised, stage-like part of the Sanctuary where the velvet chairs are. You are welcome to place your joys and concerns there...member, attender, newcomer, we welcome hearing from you.

**6. Open Pantry!** The shelves stocked with food near the coat rack/back door in the Church Dining Room is our OPEN PANTRY. There's lot of good food there FOR YOU...please get a bag and help yourself to whatever you may need at home for you to enjoy some nutritious food and snacks. The Open Pantry is part of our take-care-of-each-other ministry and we invite you to take home whatever you need.

**7. Don't Feed the Trolls!** In the world of the internet and social media, a "Troll" is someone who intentionally provokes, slanders, or otherwise bullies through the posting of comments on websites or social media profiles. The rule of the internet: Don't Feed the Trolls! On occasion we will receive inflammatory comments on our Facebook page, which is moderated by Pastor Chris and several church members. Please, if you see such a comment, do not engage in debate with the individual, but contact Pastor Chris and he will determine the next steps. Thank you!

**8. Coffee Klatches!** • Our after-worship Coffee Hour is hosted each month by a different group of people called a "Coffee Klatch." Each Coffee Klatch brings food for, sets up, and cleans up Coffee Hour for four Sundays in a row—each Coffee Klatch is assigned one full month to host our Coffee Hour. If you are a Church member or regular attender and you are NOT in a Coffee Klatch, please see Jo Cannon, Jackie Cloonan, or Pastor Andrea and we will assign to you a Coffee Klatch so you can be part of a small group that makes a big difference in the life of our Church! Thank you.

**9. 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!

**10. 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!

**11. Milestones and Celebrations** Have a significant birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, or event that you'd like to have celebrated in worship? Please let Pastor Andrea or Pastor Chris know, and we'll be sure to lift it in our time of Joys and Concerns.

**12. The pews are too hard!** Should you find the Church pews too hard (as many of you do), please know the rocking chairs in the back of the Sanctuary are not just for parents quieting fussy babies, the rockers are for anyone trying to get some relief from our very-Puritan, straight-backed pews. Please help yourself. Plus the pillows found in most pews are for making the pews more comfortable. Feel free to scout around and grab as many pillows as you need!

**13. Four or Five** • We are back on a campaign of limiting the speakers following our sermon during “Community Response Time” to four or five people. Let’s see if we can make this work!

**14. 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”).

**15. Directory and Contact Info Updates!** • Do you have changes to your contact information? Please forward any updates for your address, email, phone, or household members to our office administrator, Margie Serkin ([office@haydenvillechurch.org](mailto:office@haydenvillechurch.org)). Thank you!

**16. Children’s Church and Youth Ministry: It’s not too early to think about volunteering!** • Our fantastic and innovative Children’s Church program only works because you make it happen. Each Sunday, we need at least four adults to work with our young ones. Lead Teachers prepare and deliver the lesson for the day, while other volunteers assist in engaging the children and supporting the Lead Teacher. You can volunteer for multiple weeks or months or even just one Sunday morning. High school aged youth are also encouraged to be leaders in the classroom.

Additionally, we need volunteers to work with our youth during service and fellowship activities, be it rock climbing, river clean ups, sledding, a weekend retreat, or volunteering.

All volunteers are required to complete a criminal background check in accordance with our Safe Church policy. Please contact Pastor Chris for more information or to volunteer, and thanks!

**17. It is LOVELY to greet someone using their name!**

Please wear a name tag so we can call you by your correct name. Nametag stuff found in the Dining Room against the back wall...take a minute to make one. And then take a minute to find YOURS each Sunday and wear it! Please!

**18. Did you know? Our Church has five special ministries**

to help and support Church members and friends, as well as care for our building and grounds. Let us know if you need these services or if you would like to assist with one of these ministries. The five ministries and the chairs of each are: ANGEL TAKE-OUT (delivers meals to your door): Jen Clarson. ANGEL WINGS (helps with transportation to Church and/or medical appointments): Nancy Winninger; ANGEL HANDS (helps with simple home repairs and clean-up): Vicki Hicks; GREEN ANGELS (mows Church lawn and does gardening): Jackie Cloonan; and SNOW ANGELS (shovels walks and stairs in winter): Jackie Cloonan.

**19. Thank you Amy Andrew** for the gift of a wonderful new book for our Church Library, [Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings](#) by Marcus Borg. What a lovely contribution!

## EVENTS

**1. CANCELLED: Ladies Aid Out to Lunch** • Please stay tuned for an event to be scheduled when more people are available.

**2. Blue Moon Sunday • August 30th** • No Coffee Hour, instead we will cook for the Cathedral in the Night (CiTN) outdoor worship and dinner service in Northampton. Cooking will be right after our morning worship service, and the CiTN service is at **5:00pm** in front of First Churches in Northampton. Join us to cook, and then to worship with our CiTN friends and neighbors.

**3. Pastor Andrea resumes Thursday Morning Café Office Hours** at the Sunrise Café in Florence on **September 3rd, 9:30 to 11:00 am**. All are welcome to join in this gathering of eating, sharing, devotional reading, and much joy!

**4. Rally Day!!!** Welcome back, welcome home, welcome children! **September 13th** is Rally Day—we start with a continental breakfast and registration for Children’s Church. Then we share in a Welcome Back/Begin a New Year Church Service. Children’s Church resumes on Rally Day and we are back in the swing of things for a “new” Church year! A great day to bring friends and introduce them to our Church.

**5. Exploring Membership Class Forming** • Interested in thinking about, maybe considering, discussing and reflecting on maybe JOINING the Haydenville Congregational Church? [Pastor Andrea is now organizing a new series of Exploring Membership classes to begin in September.](#) Please let her know if you would like to attend these classes (four classes, which run on Sundays after church). The classes are EXPLORING membership, we decide after class #4 if joining is right for you.

**6. Kathleen Kent’s Baptism** by Immersion in the Mill River on August 29th [has been postponed!](#) Do not wander down to the river looking for us that day! We will let you know, with plenty of warning, if and when the baptism is re-scheduled!