



Haydenville Congregational Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Coming Soon: Our New Online Photo Directory!

Sometimes it's hard to put a name with a face. That's why we are launching our new Online Photo Directory. Here are the basics:

- It's safe and secure. Your personal info will be encrypted and no one will be able to access the directory without their own individual password.
- You will add/edit your own information and upload your own photos. So it's up to you how much personal info—including what photos, if any—you'd like to share.
- You'll have a chance to have your photo taken during Coffee Hour if you prefer.
- There's a free app for mobile devices.
- You can still receive a paper version of the directory on request.

More details will come in the following weeks from Chip Roughton, the directory administrator.

2. Thank you Sylvia Fappiano and Cheryl Whalen and the Miracle Whips Coffee Klatch for hosting our Coffee Hour in September. We are so grateful to you all!

3. Fabulous September Newsletter now available! If you receive the newsletter electronically, you should be seeing it on your screen now! If you receive it regularly in print, please pick up yours (find your copy, with label) in the Dining Room. If you are new to us and would like to take a copy of the newsletter home, we would love that. Ask Pastors Andrea and Chris on the "hug line" or find folks at the Welcome Table (in Dining Room)—they have some also.

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. Sunday Morning Prayer Offering with Yohah Ralph •

On Sundays when he is present, Yohah Ralph will be available in the back of the sanctuary after the worship service to offer prayers for healing, transformation of a circumstance, for a loved one or situation for whom you will be a vessel - to carry that prayer into the world, and to offer blessings for a new undertaking, or any other desire you may have. If Yohah is praying with someone, please wait in a pew nearby.

7. Garrett Garborcauskas is doing a charity bike ride

(126 miles in one day!) to raise money for HIV/AIDS research and treatment. The ride is called "Harbor to the Bay," and this is the 13th year it's been done. HIV/AIDS is a cause that's often overlooked; however it affects a significant amount of the LGBTQ and transgender population. Fenway Health is Garrett's benefactor, and is a clinic in Boston dedicated to the treatment and care of LGBTQ individuals. They make sure every patient receives the care and treatment they need regardless of ability to pay. If you'd like to donate to this amazing cause, you can go to Garrett's donation page: harbortothebay.org/profile/ggarbo. Thank you all in advance!

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. 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!

10. 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").

11. 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!

12. 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!

13. It is LOVELY to greet someone using their name!

Please wear a name tag so we can call you by your correct name. Please also add your pronoun (they, she, him). 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!

14. 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.

15. 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! Also Thank you to **Ron Story**, a friend of the Haydenville Church, for donating two wonderful books he has written to our Church library, The Other Jonathan Edwards, and Jonathan Edwards and the Gospel of Love.

EVENTS

1. Blue Moon Sunday • TODAY • While there is no Coffee Hour, please plan on staying after service today and help cook for the Cathedral in the Night, our Special Mission Project. Chop vegetables, make peanut butter sandwiches and quesadillas with your church family. We need to prepare dinner for over 100 people but with many hands it only takes about an hour. Tonight, join us to attend the service at **5 pm** and help serve the meal afterwards. The location is in front of First Churches on Main Street, downtown Northampton.

2. The Church Book Group will resume meeting on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 12:45 pm**. But note we have moved! We are leaving the Watson Room at Forbes Library and moving into our own Dining Room here at the Church. Feel free to bring a bag lunch and eat while we meet! In both our September and October meetings, we will be discussing Brian McClaren’s book, We Make the Road by Walking. Everyone is welcome to join us. Group facilitated by Pastor Peter Ives and Pastor Andrea.

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. Calling All Jews at HCC! • Let’s get together and talk about what its like to be Jews in a Christian church. Time for serious discussion, lots of laughs, the hora, and anything else that comes up! Be in touch with Barbara Dreyer at (413) 586-0608 or bdr46@comcast.net. **Friday September 11th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in the Dining Room.

5. A Celebration of the Life of Alice Pannoni will be held at the Church on **Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 am** with a luncheon to follow in the Dining Room. All are most welcome.

6. 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.

7. 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.