



Haydenville Congregational Church

October 18, 2015

Support for Pregnancy & Infant Loss

We recognize that today's sermon topic and the Time of Remembrance might surface challenging emotions and memories for some among us. **We will have a few people available to offer prayer and pastoral care following worship.**

Additionally, if you feel that you need continued support, we recommend the facilitated peer support available through **Share** and **Empty Arms Bereavement Support**.

From their websites:

"Share's mission is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth or in the first few months of life. We strive to set a standard of personalized perinatal bereavement care through a lifetime of support, hope and healing - one family at a time."

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Information about meeting locations and times can be found through the Share website (nationalshare.org) and the Empty Arms Bereavement Support website. (emptyarmsbereavement.org)

Announcements

1. Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. Please fill out a "strippy thing" and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Andrea or Pastor Chris on the Hug & Handshake Line - - cut right in front, we want to meet you! A member of our Welcome Ministry will be happy to give you more information about our unique and vibrant community.

2. 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!

3. We need a Co-Head Greeter! This person would work with Jen Miller-Antill to line up three people to be Greeters every Sunday. With Jen, this person would make sure that Pastors Chris and Andrea have those names on Wednesday for the Sunday Bulletin and that the folks are confirmed and ready to go. If this is a job YOU would like to fill in our church, we would love to hear from you. See Pastor Andrea, and THANK YOU!

4. Our New Online Photo Directory is up and running! Find Jen Clarson during Coffee Hour today to have your picture taken or upload it yourself. Details in the newsletter. Contact Chip Roughton or Jen for help.

5. Thank you Hilltown Hosts Coffee Klatch led by Bob and Jan Varnon for hosting Coffee Hour in October! Our November hosts are "**The Warm Rays of Sunshine.**" We are so grateful to you all!

6. Prayers with Yohah Ralph • Pastor Yohah will be available in the back of the Sanctuary today following the worship service for those who would like individual prayers.

7. Winter is coming and the Interfaith Cot Shelter needs your help! • The Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals operates an emergency winter shelter that is open from November 1st through April 30th. They are in need of more overnight volunteers who arrive at 9:00 pm, sleep (in their own room) at the shelter, and then set-up breakfast in the morning. Everyone is out by 7:00 am. If you are interested, you can volunteer for one night to see if you want to continue. To sign up, contact Colleen Currie (currie@crocker.com) or Linda Ziegenbein (lziegenbein@yahoo.com).

8. Church Fridge Science Experiments: We are getting serious! • There is too much old, abandoned, cruddy food in the church refrigerator! Here is a warning! Food left in the fridge **MUST** be marked with whose it is and the date it was placed in there and the date it will be removed or the fridge-cleaning elves will toss it out. We are on a campaign to unburden our too-full fridge. So be warned!

9. Nev's Neurotherapy Treatment • Nev is still getting her neurotherapy treatments and she is making good progress! Nev is responsible for \$15.00 co-pays twice weekly. While this is at a greatly reduced rate, Nev does not have the money to pay for her treatments. She has received close to 90 treatments but the whole process may require up to 140 sessions in total. If you would like to help Nev, she welcomes your support! If you are willing and able to help, please give your donation to Nev directly, or to Pastor Andrea or Pastor Chris. Thank you for any help!

10. Nursery to Narthex? • The Children's and Family Ministry Committee is exploring the feasibility of converting the current Nursery upstairs into a classroom for our older groups. The idea is that the "baby cry" area in the Narthex (Sanctuary foyer) would be improved and become the nursery, staffed by our paid nursery attendant. We are soliciting feedback and opinions from anyone who currently utilizes our nursery and/or the Narthex (foyer) area. Please be in touch with Pastor Chris to share your comments, concerns, and/or support.

11. Bless You! Protect yourself, protect your loved ones, protect your community! Get a flu shot! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, everyone over 6 months old should get a flu shot. Shots are available from your doctor and at many of the chain store pharmacies at low-to-no cost. **Flu season has begun.** Let's keep Haydenville healthy!

Events

1. Exploring Membership Classes for today have been postponed. Updates will be posted in the announcements. If you are interested in joining our Exploring Membership classes, please contact Pastor Andrea.

2. Youth Group Fellowship Meetings! Come check out Fellowship at Haydenville Congregational Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (starting with October 18th) from 6:00-7:30pm: TODAY October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, and November 29th: Cathedral in the Night (5:00pm in front of First Churches in Northampton). Our Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

3. TODAY: CROP Hunger Walk • Sunday, October 18th • Williamsburg • More than 800 million people around the world – including many in our community – are hungry. The proceeds from CROP Hunger Walks helps to provide food, water and other resources that empower people to meet their own needs. Since fighting hunger and malnutrition is so very important, our congregation will be participating in the **Hilltowns MA CROP Hunger Walk** again this year. We will be collecting an offering on Sunday, October 18th. If you would like to participate in the CROP Walk the registration is at 1:00 pm and the start is at 2:00 p.m. at Williamsburg Congregational Church, 4 North Main Street, Williamsburg, MA. The most convenient way to give is to donate online at our Haydenville Church CROP Hunger Walk center: http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/HCC_CROP
Please contact Bob Varnon for more information at nonrav@gmail.com or 413-244-4538.

4. Women's Art and Nature Retreat • October 24th, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm • Yurt in the Woods Studio, Haydenville • In this retreat, we will gently turn inward to face whatever aspect of our shadow self that is ready to be seen, and discover the protective qualities it offers, and how it can become our deepest ally. Through art making we will bring a "face" to this shadow. You will leave with a paper mache mask or body sculpture to contemplate or celebrate during this darkening time of year. We will also: meditate, hike in the forest, and eat a homemade soup, made from local ingredients. Cost for the day including art supplies, and soup to complement your lunch: \$70. To register contact Beth Fairservis: bethbirth@crocker.com or 413-387-9330.

5. Church Fundraising Supper: Save the Date and Call for Volunteers! We will be holding a big Church Supper fundraiser on Saturday, November 14th. Mark your calendars and consider volunteering to help out. More information will be coming soon.

Save The Date!

1. Bridging the Divide: Cross Cultural Communication and Micro-aggressions • Nov 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Church Dining Room • Facilitators: Jen Matias and Pat James.

2. Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church! You are welcome to join with your Church Family members for a big, festive Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church at **3:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day**. Bring friends and family and a dish to share. The Church will pay for and provide all the turkey you can eat. YOU bring something to add to the table that is Thanksgiving-ish. Last time we did this (three years ago) 68 people came and we had a fabulous time together. If you plan on coming, check in with Julie Salzman, who is coordinating the dinner and let her know how many of you are coming and what you might bring! This will be GREAT!

3. Peace in the Valley (our Church Choir plus Pastor Andrea) is performing again on **First Night!** Buy an admission button, come and support us, and enjoy great music! First Churches of Northampton at **3:00 pm on December 31st**.