



Haydenville Congregational Church

October 25, 2015

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. The November edition of our Cross Currents Newsletter is here! Tons of newsy tidbits, articles, and important information for you to read! Please check your weekly email for the link, go to our website, or pick up a hardcopy in the Dining Room. All visitors are invited to grab a copy and/or sign up to receive future newsletters via email.

9. Pick up a copy of Peter’s new book! • We will have copies of Rev. Dr. Peter Ives’s new book, What Is Your Life: Discovering What Matters Before It Is Too Late, available for sale today during Coffee Hour. See Nancy Winninger to buy your copy!

10. CROP Walk: Thank You! • Many thanks to Bob Varnon for representing Haydenville at the CROP Hunger Walk last week, and thank you to all who donated to support CROP.

11. Nev’s Neurotherapy Treatment • Nev is making good progress with her neurotherapy treatments! Nev is responsible for \$15.00 co-pays twice weekly, and needs your help as she 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. Nev 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.

12. The Gift That Fits: We’re Not Rich, But We ARE Generous! • Our Stewardship Campaign has launched, and we and our goal has been set: \$175,000! Your opportunity to pledge for 2016 will be coming soon, so take this time to consider for yourself what it means to give “The Gift That Fits!”

13. Did you see the new flags? • Our new Pride Flag and our new Trans Flag are UP in the Sanctuary (thank you Jim Foudy and Richard Spencer)! We are delighted to have both “flying” in our beautiful Sanctuary! Also a Trans Flag is going up outside next to the Pride Flag on our Church sign. Let’s let folks know we extend an extravagant welcome!

14. Keepers of the Covenant • In recognition that conflict is a normal part of all communities, Keepers of the Covenant has been formed. We are available to all those who feel that our Church Covenant has been broken and would like to seek resolution. Members of the committee (Pat James, Peter Ives, Jen Matias, and Raquel Manzanaras) are available to work with church members toward mutual understanding, reconciliation, and forgiveness with all those who feel the Covenant has been broken, whether that conflict be between members or between members and church leaders. If you feel the Covenant has been broken and you would like to seek resolution, please contact any one of the four members of the committee to ask for a meeting. We promise you our trust, care, and confidentiality.

15. Is that your red folding lawn chair? Is that your walker? • We have found a red folding lawn chair (left from PARKing Day?) and a walker left between the coat rack and the food pantry shelves in the Dining Room. If either of these things are yours, please claim them ASAP. Thank you!

16. 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.

Events

1. TODAY: Exploring Membership Classes • Class 2 will be held today in Andrea's office immediately following worship. We will discuss what it means to be a member congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you are interested in joining our Exploring Membership classes this round, this is the final opportunity!

2. All Saints Day Worship • November 1st • We will be observing All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st during our worship service. We will be building an ALTAR to remember those who have guided and supported us, were like "saints" in our lives, who have been gathered to God. You are invited to bring photographs of loved ones who have died to place on the Altar we build together during our worship service. Should you want to bring something else (smallish) for the Altar along with, or instead of, a photograph of a loved one, please feel free (rocks, shells, feathers, prayer cards, small candles, etc.). We will be creating this Altar during our Sermon time. You are invited to participate as much or as little as you choose. Many blessings, Pastor Andrea

3. Children's Church Correction • Children will not be remaining in the Sanctuary throughout the worship on **November 1st** as was announced. All children will be invited to Children's Church where we'll talk about All Saints Day and will share communion.

4. 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: November 1st, November 15th, and November 29th being held at 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.

5. Love scones? Love coffee? Love God? Join us...every Thursday morning (9:30 to 11:00 am) for CAFÉ OFFICE HOURS at the Sunrise Café in Florence. Pastor Andrea and a hearty crew of good listeners and talkers gather weekly. Devotional reading, praying, and occasionally we burst into song. Everyone welcome...we'll buy you coffee and a scone!

6. A Gathering to Remember Gloria Ayvazian • To mark her passing, Gloria's family will host an Open House at her home (3 James Avenue, Northampton), on **November 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm**. All who knew and loved her are welcome to come talk, eat, cry, laugh, reminisce, and raise a toast to this remarkable woman. Memorial gifts in memory of Gloria may be sent to the Haydenville Congregational Church.

7. Rev. Dr. Peter Ives at Broadside Books • Peter will be doing a reading of his new book, What Is Your Life: Discovering What Matters Before It Is Too Late, at Broadside Books on Main Street in Northampton on **Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm**. This will be a good chance for those who missed his reading at Haydenville Church last Monday evening to hear the reading and purchase a book. Hope to see you there.

8. 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. More information will be coming soon.

9. 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, November 26th**. 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!

Save The Date!

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

2. Ham Dinner Fundraiser: Call for Volunteers! the Ladies Aid and Men's Fellowship will be hosting a big Ham Dinner fundraiser in January. Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering to help out.