Announcements

1. There's still time to get your 2016 Pledge Envelopes! • If you did not get a red pledge envelope, it is very important that you leave with one today. We have one for you. Please reflect deeply on the materials in the envelope and determine what you will pledge to the church for 2016. We will be receiving and blessing the pledges today! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

2. Church Directory Update: Help Desk 2.0 • Still need some "Directory Assistance" with the new online photo directory? Stop by the Help Desk during Coffee Hour and see Cate Shaw (who has graciously agreed to field questions and offer assistance). Whether you want your photo included or not, we'd love for everyone to be included in our new directory. Hard copies will be made available on an individual basis once everyone who would like to be included is in the directory.

3. Tweet! Post! Check In! • Be radical! Let your social network know that you are in church! • Go ahead and fiddle with your phones! Please also be aware that we need to respect one another's privacy. Looking for a hashtag? Try #haydenvilleucc or #ucc.

4. 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.

5. Winter is coming and the Interfaith Cot Shelter needs your help! • The Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals operates an emergency winter shelter. They are in need of more overnight volunteers who stay in their own room from 9:00 pm until 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).

6. Thank you to The Warm Rays of Sunshine Coffee Klatch led by Amy Andrew and Ellen Tobiassen for hosting Coffee Hour in November! Our December hosts are **What Chai is This?** led by Barbara Dreyer and Shirley Sicurello. We are so grateful to you all!

7. Children's Church needs you! • We are always looking new folks to join our Children's Church teacher roster. Teachers can work with our younger or older children as a Head Teacher or Support Teacher, committing to a couple of Sundays or an entire multi-week rotation. All volunteers are required to sign our Safe Church policy and have a satisfactory CORI check. Please contact Pastor Chris for more information! **We still need teachers for December!!!**

8. Internet Security: A Workshop for Families and Individuals • How much personal information about ourselves and our children should go on-line? How much presence should young people have on the internet? Kate Kelly and Marc Liberatore are organizing a workshop for our church family to discuss these and other questions. They want to hear from you so they can shape the workshop to meet your needs: what you would like to have addressed, what questions you may have, what worries you are wrestling with? Thank you.

9. Snow Angels Needed! • The flakes will soon be falling, so we need your help shoveling! Our Snow Angels sign up to cover one week of on-call shoveling throughout the winter, helping to clear the walkways and entries to the church building. Please consider signing up in the Dining Room or by contacting Jackie Cloonan (413-586-0315). Thank you!

10. Alternative Therapy Crowdfunding Request • Our Melissa Brown is looking for help to fund alternative therapy options for her son, Aidan. Many of these treatments are not covered by her insurance. If you are able to help with any donation, please visit https://www.gofundme.com/aidansfund. Thank you!

11. Children's Church Social Justice Rotation • During January and into February, we will take a break from our usual Godly Play and Holy Moly curricula to explore Social Justice topics. The lessons and exact topics have yet to be chosen, and we are currently looking for folks with specific passions and expertise that might want to pitch an idea, point us toward resources, and/or teach a class session on Social Justice. If this sounds like you, please contact Pastor Chris.

12. Crowdfunding Chest Reconstruction Surgery • After unsuccessfully seeking insurance coverage for chest reconstruction surgery, our Elexy Wise is asking anyone who is willing and able to donate some funds to help with their surgery and related medical expenses. Donations can be made online at https://www.gofundme.com/fb49pvh9. Thank you so much for considering contributing.

Events

1. Pastor Andrea will be away on a contemplative retreat beginning this afternoon through Wednesday. She will return to join our church family at the Thursday Thanksgiving Dinner here at the Church at 3:00 pm. Should you have urgent pastoral care needs while Pastor Andrea is away, please call Pastor Chris.

2. HCC Member Book Signing TODAY• Alice Barber will be reading from and signing her new book, Blue Butterfly Open: Moments From a Child Psychotherapy Practice, on **today at 4:00 pm at the Smith College Neilson Library**. Come support Alice and buy your copy of this great book!

3. Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church • You are welcome to join with your Church Family members for a big, festive dinner at the Church at **3:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th**. Bring friends and family and a dish to share. You do not have to bring something in order to attend! This gathering will be alcohol-free. Please RSVP with Julie Salzman.

4. Elbow Room Coffee Youth Fundraiser! Check out our new supplier!• Support the Youth Fellowship and a great local business while you drink your coffee! We are now getting coffee through the Williamsburg-based Elbow Room Café and Roasters. This woman-owned business is super local and uses fair trade and organic beans. You can order your coffee in 12oz foil bags for $12, with your choice of regular or decaf, medium or dark roast, ground or whole bean. We'll be taking orders on **November 29th and December 6th** during Coffee Hour, with orders arriving in time for you to give the gift of coffee for Christmas! Thank you!

5. Blue Moon Sunday: The Peace and Justice Steering Committee will be hosting a letter writing table in the Dining Room on next Sunday, **November 29th**, when there will be no Coffee Hour. The focus of the letters will be chosen close to the 29th. If you have an issue that you think needs support through letters, please get them to Doug or others on the P&JSC. Come join us!

6. Cathedral in the Night Meal Prep for Blue Moon Sunday• Following the worship service next **Sunday, November 29th**, all are invited to help prepare the dinner for that evening's **Cathedral in the Night**. Cathedral in the Night is an outdoor Christian community in downtown Northampton, MA which seeks to create a safe place for all people: the homeless, the housed, the church-less, the churched, the student and the resident to explore, question and live out their spiritual beliefs; to gather for a meal and to empower one another to engage in issues of social justice by working to fight the causes of inequality and homelessness. Please also join us for the service at **5:00 pm** in front of First Churches in Northampton.

7. Youth Fellowship at Cathedral in the Night • All youth in 6th through 12th grade are invited to join us at Cathedral in the Night on **November 29th at 5:00 pm** to help serve the meal. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

8. Mitten Trees! • Our two Mitten Trees will be going up in the Sanctuary next Sunday, **November 29th**. Please donate new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves (for children) to hang on our Mitten Trees. We will take all donated items to local school nurses to give to anyone who may be in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

9. Book Discussion Group• An ongoing discussion group is forming to read and discuss Peter Ives' new book, What Is Your Life: Discovering What Matters Before It Is Too Late. We will meet on **December 2nd, 12:45 – 2:00 pm in the Church Dining Room**. Join us even if you have not read the book. We will be reading parts aloud and discussing those sections. This will be an ongoing group, running through the winter and into the New Year. Everyone is most welcome!

10. Continuing the Vision • December 5th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm • Want to have a voice in the present direction and future vision of Haydenville Congregational Church? Please join us for these ongoing visioning sessions hosted by the Transition Committee. Our December 5th session will be co-facilitated by Pastor Andrea and Rev. Kelly Gallagher, Associate Conference Minister of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC. Childcare will be provided.

11. Marcia Gomes and Friends Fundraising Concert • December 5th at 7:00 pm • Come hear Marcia Gomes, Samirah Evans, and Evelyn Harris as they are joined by Susan Farrell, Jeff Olmsted, The Wise Guys, and Franz W. Robert II. This fantastic concert held in our Sanctuary is a fundraiser for our church! Tickets are $25-50, and can be purchased online at haydenville.brownpapertickets.com.

12. Jobs~Justice~Climate: Rally to Defend New England's Future! • December 12th, Boston Common, 1:00-3:00 pm • Go to 350.org, Mass Mobilization for Local Solutions to the Global Climate Crisis for more information.

13. Instant Christmas Pageant • Sunday, December 13th at 10:00 am • All people of all ages are invited to take on a role in our Christmas Pageant - - just by attending worship! Come dressed up as a shepherd, wise person, animal, angel, or a member of the Holy Family. Some extra costumes will be available. We will use the brilliant script written by Rev. Julie Olmsted, with our costumed actors and the whole congregation jumping into action throughout the pageant. Everyone can play a part in this rollicking retelling of the nativity story. Contact Pastor Chris if you'd like to help organize the Pageant.