



# Haydenville Congregational Church

May 7, 2017

## Today's Worship Service Leaders

**Deacons of the Month:** Mariel Addis and Susan Farrell

**Communion Servers:** Carolyn du Bois, Laine Wilder, Mariel Addis, and Susan Farrell

**Trustee of the Month:** Carol Shaw

**Ushers:** Tatum Hathaway and Karla Hathaway

**Greeters:** Carol Shaw, Cate Shaw, and Anne Harrison

**Children's Church Teachers:** Carol Rinehart, Jen Miller-Antill, Sonia Bouvier, and Pastor Lindsey

**Children's Church Communion:** Rev. Carol Rinehart

**Baby & Toddler Church:** Ileana Fournier

## Announcements

**1. Welcome Visitors!** • We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor slip found in your bulletin. These can be placed in the Offering plate or handed to Pastor Chris on our Hug and Handshake Line at the close of worship. We love to know who is in worship, and we'd love to connect.

**2. FYI: Some Things For You to Know About Our Church**  
Our **all-gender restrooms** are located through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. Our accessible bathroom with a diaper changing station is located in the Dining Room. The door by the piano is the closest, and leads to a ramp. Feel free to go in-and-out of the worship service as needed.

For your comfort, **blankets and shawls** are available in baskets at the front and rear of the Sanctuary.

**Children and babies** are always welcome to remain in worship. If needed, there is a play space in the Narthex (Route 9 entrance). Nursery care and Children's Church are also available.

In our effort to be more welcoming to folks with allergies, we are a **"Fragrance-Reduced"** community. We thank you for refraining from wearing perfumes and colognes.

**3. Many thanks to the "Holy Rollers"** led by Linda Ziegenbein and Andrew Geery for hosting Coffee Hour in May. Thank you, everyone!

**4. Open Food Pantry** • Help yourself to items from our Open Pantry shelves in the Dining Room. There are bags available in the kitchen. Take home what you need! We are also in need of food donations, especially proteins (canned fish and meats, peanut butter) and hearty soups. Thank you all for your generosity!

**5. Haydenville UCC on Social Media** • Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @haydenvilleucc and check out Lenten devotional posts and pics from our Beloved Community. Tag #haydenvilleucc in your posts.

**6. Need a Bible? Take a Bible!** • You are invited to take a Bible from our Bible Basket on the bench by the Hug and Handshake Line. Our free gift to you!

**7. Penny Collection for Haiti Relief** • The Maple Elementary School in Easthampton is collecting pennies for the Depestre Foundation. Their work focuses on getting clean drinking water to villages in Haiti, using water purification tablets. Each tablet only costs 2 cents! Jesse A-B is taking part in this collection, and invites you to donate. Look for the jar in the Dining Room and drop in some change. Every bit helps!

**8. CrossCurrents Newsletter: Update and Help Wanted** • Due to a recent change in volunteers, we did not publish an April or May newsletter. We will publish an issue covering June, July, and August. In the meantime, please refer to the printed Sunday announcements and our website for information.

We are also seeking volunteers to craft the newsletter. Experience with graphic design or desktop publishing is preferred, and reliable access to Apple's Pages program is required. Please contact Pastor Chris for more information.

**9. Are You Our Next Librarian?** • We have many great books in our library corner, and we need someone to organize and keep track of them! Contact Pastor Chris if you might be the next Librarian to be a steward of this important resource. Many thanks to Laura Paul for her service as our Librarian over the past couple of years.

## Events

**1. All Church Meeting TODAY** • The first of two all-church meetings by the The Profile Writing Team, led by Rev. Peter Wells, will be today following services and a brief coffee hour. Child care will be available. We will focus on the questions of who are we and who is our neighbor? We will explore how our history has shaped us and discover the core values that make us who we are. We will also reflect on demographic information and its implications for our congregational life and ministry. Please plan on attending – we need *your* participation!

**2. "Coming Out White" Group Soup and Salad Event** • **Monday, May 8th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** • What does it mean to "Come Out White?" Everyone interested is invited. Participants in the Coming Out White and Privileged group will reflect on their experiences: what they learned, what was challenging and how embarking on this journey has changed their understanding of themselves and of how racism impacts everyone. We will also be thinking about what to do to support each other in the coming months/years in racism-related work, as individuals and as a church.

**3. Accomplices for Justice: How we can work together to challenge systems of oppression • Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm • Presented by Toby Davis •**

Join us for a fun and interactive workshop in which we will learn about the many forms of systemic oppression in our society and how we can be active and effective agents of change. We will focus on how we can be "accomplices" who don't strive to be perfect but strive to be consistent, to make a difference, to commit to this work for the long haul, to have clarity and courage, and to effect lasting change.

**4. Church Council Meeting • May 14th •** All church officers and board, committee, and fellowship representatives are strongly encouraged to attend Council meetings following worship on the second Sunday of the month. Our next Council meeting is **May 14th following worship**. These meetings are open to all members and friends of the church. Council meetings are the best way to keep informed about church business. On the agenda: Coffee Klatch updates, discussion/vote on involvement with Immigrant Sanctuary movement. Contact Moderator Sam Icklan or Vice Moderator Toby Davis for more information or to request an item for the agenda.

**5. Pastor Chris Out-of-Town • May 15th to 19th •** Pastor Chris will be attending the Festival of Homiletics (big preaching conference) in San Antonio, Texas from Monday, May 15th through Friday, May 19th, and will not be reachable by phone or email during this time. Pastor Lindsey will be available for urgent pastoral care (such as hospitalizations), and can be reached at (978) 430-7531.

**6. Journey:** A social and support group for people of all ages who identify as queer, gender queer, trans, two spirit, non-binary, and gender non-conforming will meet on the **third Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm** at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence (USNF) 220 Main St., Northampton (downstairs conference room). The next gathering is **May 18th**. Allies, significant others, family, and friends are welcome too. Use the side entrance, and doorbell if needed to be let in. This is an outreach ministry of HCC. For more info email Yohah at: [journeynorthampton@gmail.com](mailto:journeynorthampton@gmail.com).

**7. Memorial Service for Eva Bond • Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 am •** A celebration of the life of Eva Bond will be held in our Sanctuary on May 23rd. Eva was a church member some time ago, and might be remembered by some of our longtime members.

**8. Calling All Fun Raisers! • Planning Meeting May 28th after Worship •** Thanks to all of you who expressed interest in joining our "Fun(d) Raising Team!" Let's meet in Pastor Chris's office after worship on Sunday, May 28th to sketch out our ideas and get the fun going!

**9. Upcoming Guest Preachers •** It's always wonderful to hear a variety of voices from the pulpit! Our own **Dawn Orluske** will preach on **Sunday, May 21st**. Dawn is a Master of Divinity Candidate at Andover Newton Theological School, and served previously as our Director of Children's and Family Ministries. On Sunday, **June 4th** (Pentecost), we will welcome **Toyan "TJ" Harper**. TJ serves as the Associate for Racial Justice Ministries for the Massachusetts Conference UCC. That service will have a racial justice focus in collaboration with the Peace & Justice Steering Committee.

### **In the Works**

**Curious about any of these things? Want to know how you can help? Contact Pastor Chris!**

- "Love My Church" Clean Up Day
- Angel Hearts (Caring Ministries) Re-Launch
- Church Picnic
- Summer Playgroup
- July Worship Schedule
- Outdoor Worship
- Calling a settled Director of Children's Church
- Pastor Chris goes to UCC General Synod

### **Worship Reflection Space**