



# Haydenville Congregational Church

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## “God Provides” By Tamela Mann

God provides, so why do I worry about my life  
When you come to my rescue a thousand times  
Every other voice it is a lie  
God provides

God provides  
In ways I can't explain and can't deny  
The little that I have he multiplies  
Just when I feel he won't show up on time  
God provides

He'll come through  
When the clouds of doubt rain down on you  
And test everything you thought you knew  
Now you finally see what god can do, for you

So tonight,  
Close your eyes  
There's no more need to fight  
Watch god provide

God provides  
It's hard to say when there's no food to eat  
Or what you see feels all that life will be  
And will this be another year of misery, for me  
But my faith, can't survive on just things I see  
And my feelings can't control my destiny  
See god I only want what you believe, for me

*Refrain:*

So tonight,  
Close your eyes  
There's no more need to fight  
Watch god provide

God provides (yeah, he will provide)  
God provides (before your eyes)  
God provides (oh, he will, he will)...provides

God provides (yes, he'll step right in, in the nick of time,  
yes he will)

God provides (he'll open the windows of heaven)  
God provides (and pour you out a blessing, you won't  
have room to receive, yeah)

So tonight,  
Close your eyes  
There's no more need to fight  
Watch god provide

## Announcements

### 1. 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, shawls, and hand fans** 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 Summer Playgroup 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.

An **AED and First Aid Kit** are located in the **kitchen**. Several members are trained and/or work in the medical field.

**2. Summer Playgroup Needs You!** • From June 18th through September 3rd we offer the option of a supervised playgroup for our children in Pre-K through 5th grade. We need two adults each Sunday to play with the children, do crafts, and/or have fun on the playground. Sign-up in the Church Dining Room or contact Pastor Chris. Please make sure your child is wearing clothes for outdoor play, sunscreen, and bug spray. Thank you!

**3. Pledges Continue** • You might be on vacation, but our expenses are not! Please remember to send in your pledge during the summer months so we can keep on track with our financial obligations. Thank you!

**4. Pastor Chris’s Summer Schedule** • Pastor Chris will be on vacation from July 28th through August 2nd. He will also be serving as a chaplain at Silver Lake Conference Center from August 5th through 12th. When Pastor Chris is out of town, local faith leaders will be available in case of an urgent pastoral issue such as severe illness, hospitalizations, deaths, and other crises.

**July 28th - August 2nd:** Dawn Orluske, (413) 320-1278  
**August 5th - August 12th:** Rev. Vanessa Cardinale (South Amherst UCC), (215) 317-9438

**5. Summer (Non) Coffee Hour** • During June, July, and August we offer a modified Coffee Hour with lemonade and treats (no coffee). Various church committees, boards, and fellowships will be our hosts. Thanks to the **Deacons** for hosting today!

**6. Name Tags! Name Tags! Name Tags!** • Help us to be warmly welcoming by consistently wearing your name tag. You can make a reusable name tag or grab a name tag sticker in the Dining Room or narthex. Even if you think “Everybody knows me!” please still wear a name tag.

**7. Park Safely and Legally** • Note the new "No Parking" signs on the church side of High Street! If you park on the other side, be sure to park a few car lengths up High Street away from the intersection with Route 9. Cars parked too closely to the intersection create a hazard. A reminder that you can also park at the Post Office except for in the handicap space and in front of the loading dock.

**8. Refugee Circle of Care Update** • Our Circle of Care is happy to announce that we are close to the top of the list to receive the next refugee family assigned to Northampton. Although it is uncertain if or when they will actually arrive, we anticipate we might have a family as soon as July. During the time we are waiting, we are asking everyone to begin collecting items that would be useful to our family when they arrive. Please hold onto the items at your homes for now. We don't have storage space for them. And please see the flyer in the bulletin with a list of appropriate items. Our Circle of Care will keep you posted with news and updates about our family as soon as we know more. -- *Lisa Hall*

**9. 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 breakfast foods, pasta and sauce, and canned fruit. Thank you all for your generosity!

**10. Cross Currents Newsletter: Calling All Writers, Poets, Photographers And Artists!** • Our Cross Currents newsletter welcomes submissions for future issues! Do you have a spiritual journey to share? A good spiritual or social justice book that you recommend or would like to review? Would you like to be interviewed for our Spotlight section? Do you have a child who would like to write or draw for our new Kidz Corner? Do you have photos of our vibrant church community to share? If any of this speaks to you, please contact our new editor, Carla Imperial, at [carla@imperial-jewett.com](mailto:carla@imperial-jewett.com) for questions, comments, etc. All newsletter and announcement submissions should be sent to [hccnews@haydenvillechurch.org](mailto:hccnews@haydenvillechurch.org). Thanks!

**11. Green Angels Needed** • Green Angels are needed to keep the lawn mowed and help with the gardens. Please sign up in the Dining Room to mow the lawn during a week of your choice. If you are interested in helping with the gardens please contact Susan Farrell by email [farrellsings@comcast.net](mailto:farrellsings@comcast.net) or call (413) 268-9298.

## Events

**1. Cathedral in the Night Meal Prep and Serving** • **Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm** • When there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we call it "Blue Moon Sunday," offering opportunities for service and witness. On July 30th we will prepare the meal for Cathedral in the Night as a part of the 10:00 am worship, co-led by our members and folks from Cathedral. Then join us at 5:00 pm in front of First Churches Northampton to worship with the Cathedral community and serve the meal.

**2. Coming Out White (and Privileged) Discussion Group** • **Monday, August 14th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** • **Church Dining Room** • Join us for this continuing discussion about our own white privilege. We will share in eating potluck snacks and talking about how racism impacts our lives. All are welcome even if you have not been part of the group previously. Bring a snack if you can, but come anyway if you can't. Please RSVP to Johanna at (413) 586-9485 or [johannaruth@crocker.com](mailto:johannaruth@crocker.com).

## Save the Date

**Joint Worship and Bike Blessing at First Churches Northampton** • **Sunday, September 3rd at 10:00 am** • Bike to church in Northampton and come hear Rev. Laura Everett (author of "Holy Spokes" and Executive Director of the MA Council of Churches) preach. We will not hold worship at Haydenville.

**Rally Sunday** • **September 10th at 10:00 am** • The full choir returns and Children's Church begins its new program year.

**Exploring Membership Gatherings** • **October 1st, 8th, and 15th** • Watch for more details soon, or contact Pastor Chris for information.

**Blessing of the Animals** • **Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 am** • Get your pets blessed!

**Worship Leader Workshop** • **October 22nd after Worship** • Find out how you can be a part of "Widening Our Worship!"

### Join The Instant Choir!

- During the summer, there are no mid-week choir rehearsals. ALL are invited to come early (9:00 am) on Sunday to learn something to sing at the 10:00 am service. No experience necessary, so if you've ever thought, "Gee, I wonder what singing in the choir is like," now's your chance to find out!
- *Instant Choir runs from July 23rd through September 3rd.*