

TODAY



Third Sunday of Advent- The Candle of Joy

The third Candle is the candle of Joy, pink in color it symbolizes our joy at the soon coming of Christ. The third candle reminds us that the only lasting joy to be found in life on earth is through Christ. All other joy is fleeting and does not last. **Reading:** Psalm 126:2-3, I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 11:40am

Please meet in the community Room at the fireplace. If you would like more information about this ministry please contact Daryl Suderley at: 508-829-7615 or meet her at the fireplace.

For Your Convenience

Offering Envelopes for the New Year 2017

Available at the Information Desk. *Please sign your name and the number of the booklet in the Purple Binder.* By using the envelopes we are able to send you a statement at the end of the year for your tax purposes. If, you are using the E-Giving system, Offering Envelopes are not necessary.

How to Begin E-Giving

Go to www.holdenchapel.org and click on the E-Giving tab for instructions and a tutorial.

Guest Card

If you are new to Holden Chapel we encourage you to fill out our guest card insert so we can welcome you personally and answer any questions you have.

Hearing Assistance

We provide listening aid devices for the hearing impaired. Please inquire at the Information Desk prior to Worship Service to obtain a receiver.

As a courtesy please mute all cellphones.

Feel free to follow the Twitter conversation using #HCPreach

JOIN US DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY:

9:30-10:30am **Prayer Keepers** **Prayer Office**
Sweet Hour of Prayer
Contact Elaine McKay: 978-928-3866.

7:30-9:00pm **Young Adult Bible Study** (Ages 18-30)
Contact Pastor Mike: 508-829-4441 ext. 225

TUESDAY:

6:00-7:00am **Men's Early Risers Bible Study** **Res. Room**
Contact Dan Fleurant: 774-239-3712.

9:30-11:30am **Men's Community Bible study** **Wel. Center**
Contact John Colby: 508-795-1704.

9:00-11:30am **Women's Community Bible Study** **Small Chap.**
Contact Charlotte Waite: 508-829-7711.

6:30-8:30pm **DivorceCare** **Wel. Center**
Contact Judy Groves: 508-829-4441 ext. 230

WEDNESDAY:

5:30-6:30pm **DINNER** **Community Rom**

6:30-8:00pm **TEAMKID** **Small Chapel**
Contact Eileen Cunsolo: 508-829-4441 ext. 224

6:30-8:00pm **ELEVATE** **Youth Center**
Contact Pastor Mike: 508-829-4441 ext. 225

6:30-8:30pm **Griefshare** **Music Room**
Learn practical stress-reducing ideas, be encouraged and begin healing from the intense pain of losing a loved one. Contact Deb McCarthy: 508-829-4441.

6:30-8:00pm **Ladies Midweek Bible Study** **Prayer Rm. Bal.**

6:30-8:00pm **Men's Midweek Bible Study** **Sanctuary**

6:30-8:00pm **Prayer Study and Prayer** **Prayer Office**
Contact Elaine McKay: 978-928-3866

**To access internet log onto: [sanctuary_guest](#).
Password is: **Welcome To The Chapel**
(there is a space between each word)**

Save the Dates

(Tear this page off for reminders to invite friends and family to the following events on both sides)



Married Life Ministries Christmas Party

December 17th, 6:30pm

Stop by the Information Desk and see Dan Fleurant to sign-up or contact him at 774-239-3712 and get more details.

Sunday, December 18th, Christmas Caroling Holden Nursing Home /Rehabilitation Center

Meet Bob Hetu and his family right after service, in the lobby. Everyone is invited to join us. The more the merrier!



Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm

Invite your family and friends for an interactive, hands-on, intergenerational, Christmas Eve Service.



Christmas Gathering December 25th, 10:00am Sanctuary

"Let's gather to remember that Jesus **IS** the reason for Christmas in the first place." With Scripture reading, prayer, and singing we will gather to acknowledge the greatest gift of all the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This gathering on Christmas morning will be an intimate time for those who can gather with us on Christmas morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

Community Prayer Breakfast

The date has been changed. The Prayer breakfast will be January 7th and January 28th, 2017. Happy New Year!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Joel and Karen Gray
 SIM Burkina Faso, West Africa Mission
 SIM 01 BP 1552 Ouagadougou BURKINA FASO

Our missionaries would love to hear from you!
 Please refer to the Address for sending letters/cards of encouragement.



Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Winter Retreat

Friday, Feb. 10th- Sunday, Feb. 12th, 2016

Location: Monadnock Bible Conference Center in
 Jaffrey, NH

\$125/student (If paid by Jan. 1st, 2017)
\$150/student (If paid by LAST deadline: Feb. 1st, 2017)

Highlights include:

- ◆ Indoor Heated Swimming Pool & Game Room
- ◆ XTREME Snow Tubing & “Do it Yourself” Tie-Dye
- ◆ Group Games, Activities & Tournaments
- ◆ Dynamic Biblical Teaching & Group Discussions
- ◆ Christian Band “Road to Damascus”
- ◆ Indoor Mini Golf, Camp Store, Speedball & Paintball
- ◆ Lots of time to just hang out & have fun with friends

We have reserved 15 slots for the gentleman, and 15 slots for the ladies. Registration is open until all slots are filled, or until the LAST deadline of Feb. 1st, whichever comes first. You can officially register by turning in your check to Pastor Mike made out to “Holden Chapel”.

Year End Giving:

Please consider a few Year End Reminders:

All financial gifts and contributions to Holden Chapel are considered charitable giving and are tax deductible. According to IRS rules, a contribution is recognized on the date of delivery – so, mail must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. Checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2016 will be deductible in 2016 even though they may not be received by Holden Chapel until 2017.

Don’t forget – we also have E-giving for your convenience: go to www.holdenchapel.org and click on the E-giving tab for instructions and a tutorial.

Financial Update:

	Budget	Giving	Variance
Fiscal Year to Date	211,174.00	191,310.00	-19,864.00



December 11, 2016

Our mission is to glorify Christ Jesus by our giving, growing and going.

Third Sunday of Advent

Prayer Keepers (prayer office)	9:00am
Pre-Service Prayer Sanctuary	9:30am
Songs of Worship	10:00am
Lighting of The Advent Candle	
Special Music	O Little Town of Bethlehem
Offering	
Sermon	Pastor Tom
Benediction	
Prayer Teams available in Prayer Room & Altar	11:30am

10:00 – 11:30 Children’s Programs available today

- Nursery Room (9 months—age 2)
- Preschool Room (PreK-Kindergarten)
- Grades 1-5 sit with their parents through worship songs and are dismissed with their teachers after prayer at the altar.

The Family Room is available during service for parents of young children. The nursing mothers’ room is available for mothers with babies to have a private space to listen and view the service.

Our Altar is a place for responding to the invitation of Jesus during Worship time. Our Elders are available to anoint you with oil and pray for you upon request according to Scripture James 5:14. Prayer teams are also available before and after service to pray with you. Please be considerate of those in need of prayer and leave the sanctuary to carry on conversations. Thank you.