

## December



This December we will be going through a series titled, “Advent Conspiracy.” This series will encourage us to worship fully, spend less, give more and love all.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holden Chapel Turkey Bowl 2:00-4:00pm

The Sports Ministry will be hosting our annual “Turkey Bowl” Flag Football game, pitting the “Young Turkeys” against the “Old Gobblers”, on the Chapel Field. Anyone over 14 is welcome to play. See Dan Marinone for details. Spectators are welcome to watch and “gasp” - dress warmly for the weather.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Decorating 3:00-6:30pm

The Flora Design Team would like you to help put up our Christmas decorations. Fluffing trees, hanging wreaths and filling exterior planters & pots with evergreen clippings are just a few of the many tasks that need to be done. All ages are welcome. Come for an hour or the entire time!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Holden Christian Academy Open House 7:00pm

Come tour the school, learn about our unique programs and meet the staff. Visit us online at [www.hcanet.org](http://www.hcanet.org)

### Christmas Special Event December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Teens and Adults. join us for refreshments followed by a simulcast of Hope and Joy at 8:00pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring: Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh, Rick Warren, Lisa Harper and Musical guest Francesca Battistelli. Please invite your friends, neighbors and the person sitting beside you, as we begin this Christmas Season together.

If you would like to provide Christmas cookies or finger desserts for this special event please sign up in the lobby after service (*please no nuts in desserts*).

## Please Join us During the Week

### MONDAY:

- 9:00-11:00am **Community Play Group** Nursery  
Contact Eileen Cunsolo 508-829-4441
- 9:00-11:00am **Prayer Keepers** Prayer Office  
Contact Elaine McKay 978-928-3866
- 7:30-9:30pm **Young Adult Bible Study** Ages 18-30  
Meet in Youth Center
- 6:30-8:30pm **Financial Peace Univ. (FPU)** Wel. Ctr.

### TUESDAY:

- Women’s Bible Study**  
No meeting this week resume Dec. 3rd
- 9:45-11:45am **Men’s Community Bible Study**  
**Welcome Center**  
Contact John Colby 508-795-1704
- 6:30-8:30pm **Divorce Care** **Welcome Center**  
Contact Judy Groves at 508-829-4441

### WEDNESDAY:

- 6:00-7:00am **Men’s Bible Study** **Small Chapel**  
“Praying God's Way” Contact Pastor Tom
- 7:00pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service** **Sanctuary**

### THURSDAY:



Office closed

### FRIDAY: Office Closed

## A Thanksgiving invitation and prayer from our Pastors

Please come for our Thanksgiving Service November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm as we share Communion and give Thanks together.



### *David’s Thanksgiving to God 2 Samuel 7:18-22*

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: “Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant’s house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord God? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord God, know Your servant. For Your word’s sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them. Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Our lives are always changing, but our God never changes! God is always taking care of us. In this passage, David is not only surprised by God’s bringing him thus far... David is in awe of the fact that God is doing so much more! God knows us perfectly and He knows not only what we want, but what we need. As you celebrate thanksgiving this week, don’t forget about the love you have from God the Father. God has big plans for this world and you are a part of that plan! God is doing so...much...more. Be encouraged! Our lives are always changing, but our God never changes.

In Christ,

Pastors Tom and Mike

## Mission Report

### **Eric & Julie Swanson**

#### **Wycliffe Bible Translators - Papua New Guinea**

Today we focus on the Swanson family. Eric provides audio-visual services for the many missionaries and Wycliffe translation programs in Papua New Guinea. As the man behind the camera we tend to forget this service, but it is just as important to the Lord. Julie is teaching in their mission school. Their children are now teens and continue to grow in the Lord. Let us keep them lifted in prayer:

- For the funding to sustain their mission
- For family unity, health, and increasing love of the Lord
- For ongoing safety as sometime tribal conflicts bring concerns

We look forward to their return on furlough next summer. In the meantime please encourage them with a brief E-mail: [eric\\_swanson@wycliffe.net](mailto:eric_swanson@wycliffe.net), [julie\\_swanson@wycliffe.org](mailto:julie_swanson@wycliffe.org)

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## Ministry Opportunities Get Connected Serving God!

Please note: serving on most of the ministries at Holden Chapel happens on a rotating schedule. Thank you for seeking God first regarding the ministry He would have you serve to bless others. *Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

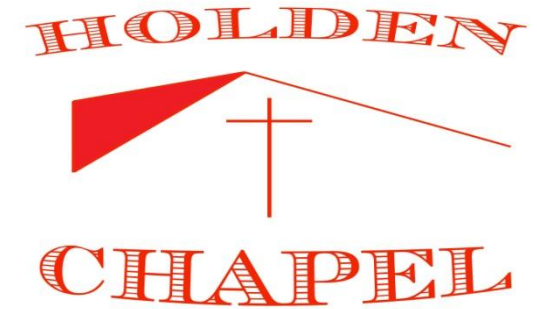
**Mercy Meals Ministry** This ministry reaches out to people who are grieving, ill, had surgery, a new baby or just going through a difficult time.

God's people are continuing to trust that our Loving, Heavenly Father will meet their needs by letting us know they need help. So, I ask you my brothers and sisters in Christ for your help to meet these needs. Our ministry is looking for a coordinator and additional meal preparers. As a meal preparer you are only called to prepare meals a few times a year. If you would like more information being a coordinator or meal preparer please contact Carolyn at 774-239-2299 or [rossiwheels@gmail.com](mailto:rossiwheels@gmail.com). Thank you to all of our faithful meal preparers who make up this great ministry. If your information needs to be updated please contact me at the above email or phone number.

**Usher's Ministry** is seeking three people to join their ministry to welcome God's people with compassion as they enter the sanctuary. Please contact Gary at [774-317-8834](tel:774-317-8834) if God is calling you to this ministry.

### **Membership Class**

Is Holden Chapel your home church where you feel God has called you to worship and serve? We invite you to join us December 8<sup>th</sup> immediately after service in the Welcome Center to learn more information about membership. Contact the church office with any questions or to sign up.



## November 24, 2013

*Our mission is to glorify God by growing in love for Jesus Christ, one another, and all people.*

<b>Prayer Room</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Pre-Service Prayer</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Songs of Worship</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Message</b>	<b>Pastor Tom</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Disciple Time</b>	<b>11:30-12:15 pm</b>

### **Children's Programs available for all ages:**

- 10:00 – 12:15 During Service and Disciple Time  
Toddler Rm (1-2 yr old), PreK Rm (3 – 5 yr old) K/grade 1
- 10:00 – 10:30 Grades 2-5 sit with their parents for worship songs and will be dismissed at 10:30 with teachers to their classrooms.
- Students grade 2-5 need to be picked up from their classrooms by 11:30am unless staying for DT
- Youth grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> are in Worship Service
- 11:30 Youth grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> meet in Community Room for DT

**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. Prayer teams are available before and after service to pray with you.