

Today



First Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Hope
The first candle is the candle of expectation or hope. This draws attention to our long anticipation of the coming of the Messiah that weaves its way like a golden thread through Old Testament History.

Reading: Isaiah 64:8; I Cor. 1:3-9.

The Godly Gourmet Food Pantry If you can use a little assistance please stop by the Food Pantry after service (located near offices).

A member of the ministry will greet you and be happy to assist you or call the church office Monday thru Thursday between 8:00-4:00pm to set up a more convenient time. If you would like to donate items, a list of needs is available at the information desk. For more information e-mail Everett and Cathy Smith at: GodlyGourmet@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to helping several families have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal through your generous giving and time.

Thank you to everyone who supported Operation Christmas Child. Over 600 boxes were collected at Holden Chapel. Over 9000 boxes were collected in Central MA and shipped to Samaritan's Purse.

For Your Convenience

How to Begin E-Giving Go to www.holdenchapel.org and click on the E-Giving tab for complete 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 communication devices

Please Join us During the Week

MONDAY:

- 9:00-11:00am** **Community Play Group** **Preschool Rm.**
 Contact Eileen Cunsolo: 508-829-4441 ext. 224
- 9:30-10:30am** **Sweet Hour of Prayer** **Prayer Office**
 Contact Elaine McKay: 978-928-3866.
- 7:30-9:30pm** **Young Adult Bible Study** (Ages 18-30)
 Contact Pastor Mike: 508-829-4441 ext. 225

TUESDAY:

- 6:00-7:00am** **Men's Bible Study** **Resource Room**
 Contact Dan Fleurant: 774-239-3712
- 9:00-11:30am** **Women's Bible Study** **Small Chapel**
 Contact Charlotte Waite: 508-829-7711
- 9:00-11:30am** **Men's Comm. Bible Study** **Wel. Center**
 Contact John Colby: 508-795-1704
- 6:30-8:30pm** **DivorceCare** **Wel. Center**
 Contact Judy Groves: 508-829-4441 ext. 230

WEDNESDAY:

- 5:30-6:30pm** **Dinner** **Community Room**
- 6:30-8:00pm** **Awana** **Small Chapel**
 Contact Eileen Cunsolo: 508-829-4441 ext. 224
- 6:30-8:00pm** **Elevate Youth Group** **Youth Center**
 Contact Pastor Mike: 508-829-4441 ext. 225
- 6:30-8:30pm** **Financial Peace University** **Prayer Rm.**
 Contact Jim or Mary Bollivar at: 508-882-3740
- 6:30-8:30pm** **Griefshare** **Music Rm.**
 Contact Sue Streeter: 508-210-0164
- 6:00-8:00pm** **Fireproof Movie** **Wel. Center**
 Contact Dan Fleurant: 774-239-3712
- 7:00-8:00pm** **Sweet Hour of Prayer** **Prayer Office**
 Contact Elaine McKay: 978-928-3866

THURSDAY:

- 6:45-8:30pm** **Precepts Bible Study** **Small Chapel**
 Contact Wendy Stewart: 508-845-9585

FRIDAY:

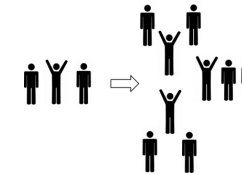
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Save The Date

Fire Proof Movie December 2nd, 6:00pm The MLM Ministry Team is hosting the movie in the Welcome Center. Light refreshments will be available. Please see Dan Fleurant or a team member after service for more information or call Dan at: 774-239-3712.

Special Event this Friday, December 4th at the First Congregational Church 1180 Main Street, Holden at 7:30pm. Featuring Holocaust Survivors Living in Israel and Belarus. Contact Steve Singley for more information 774-670-8372.

Intergenerational Serving Communion Sunday Sign up sheet available at the Information Desk for December 6th. Contact Pastor Mike for more information 508-829-4441 ext. 225.



Men's Discipleship Forum Men's Ministry Discipleship Forum, Sat, Dec 5th, 8:30 – 10:00 AM, Community Room; continental breakfast served. This forum is a quarterly event whereby a brother tells us what God has

been showing him. We then break off into small groups where we discuss relevant questions and then reconvene to discuss as a large group. When we see our brothers explain how God is working it encourages us to do the same. The church would like to thank last year's speakers: Brian Rossi, Mike Hanlon, John Colby, and Dan Marinone. Come to learn and be inspired by a brother, and bear fruit that will last. For questions contact Don DiPietro. at dipietrodon@gmail.com; [508-612-8643](tel:508-612-8643).

Are you planning to get married in 2016?

Please contact one of our pastors at least six months prior to your date to set up premarital counseling.



Doug Cooper mourns the loss of his mother Barbara Cooper who passed away November 9th, 2015. Please remember Doug in your prayers. His address is: 12 Crestwood Drive Northboro, MA 01532





Ministry of The Week

Sports Ministry

Holden Chapel Turkey Bowl today

November 29th 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.

Holden Chapel Reading Plan

~To Prepare for Sunday December 6th, Worship Service~

READING PREP for the week of November 30th—December 6th.

SERMON: December 6th, The Hope of Advent

- **Isaiah 64:1-9**
- **Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19**
- **I Corinthians 1:3-9**
- **Mark 13:24-37**

Today's Question

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

Don't Just GO to Church, BE the Church!

See Below How You Can Worship from 11:30-12:15pm

6th -12th Grades: On all weeks (except for the first Sunday of each month) our Middle and High Schoolers meet with Pastor Mike right after the service in the Music Room to hang out and “rate the sermon” together as they apply the sermon to their lives. Refreshments are provided.

Adult Disciple Time Life Groups: meet in small groups downstairs in the Community Room to reflect on sermon, pray and build relationship. Study notes are prepared by the Pastors based off of the sermon. Refreshments are provided.

HC Café: Coffee and refreshments are available in the Café (off the lobby). Take advantage of this opportunity to receive information about what Holden Chapel offers, to develop and strengthen relationships within our church family.

Prayer Room (All Ages Welcome): Our prayer room is located off balcony in back of Sanctuary. It is a peaceful and quiet place for you to connect with God. Members of our prayer team are ready and willing to pray with you or you can pray intimately by yourself.



November 29th 2015

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

First 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	Hymn # 168
Offering / Announcements	
Morning Message	Pastor Tom

Children and Youth Programs available for all ages:

10:00 – 11:30 Sunday School:

- Toddler Rm (1-3 yr old), PreK Rm (4–5 yr old)
- **Grades K/1** Downstairs in Kindergarten Room
- **Grades 2-5** Dismissed after Worship songs to Sunday School (approx. 10:30).

Choose How You Will Worship Together 11:30am-12:15pm

- Disciple Time Life Groups in Comm. Rm.
- HC Café in Welcome Center
- Prayer Teams/Personal Prayer available in Prayer Room & 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.