

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 40:3-5**

Our Elders are recommending Don Carlson, Laura King, Linda and Bob Hetu for membership at Holden Chapel.

Thank You To everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to bless over 20 families because of your generous outpouring of love.

Holden Chapel Turkey Bowl today 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.

Christmas Decorating Saturday December 6th, 9:00am-? The Flora Design Team would like your help putting 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!

Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm in the Sanctuary

Community Prayer Breakfast December 27th 9:00-11am Comm. Rm.

For Your Convenience

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 hard of hearing. 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

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
Pastor Mike’s House

TUESDAY:

9:00-11:25am Women’s Bible Study Small Chapel
Contact Charlotte Waite 508-829-7711

9:45-11:45am Men’s Comm. Bible Study Wel. Center
Contact John Colby 508-795-1704

6:30-8:30pm Divorce Care Wel. Center
Contact Judy Groves 508-829-4441

6:30 –8:30pm Financial Peace Univ. Small Chapel
Contact Jim or Mary Bollivar 508-882-3740

WEDNESDAY:

5:30-6:30pm Dinner Community Room

6:30-8:00pm Elevate Youth Group Grades 7-12th
Recon Night 1st Congregational Church

6:30-8:00pm AWANA Small Chapel

6:30-8:00pm Scale Down Class Welcome Center

7:00-8:30pm Grief Share Prayer Room (Balcony)
Contact Susan Streeter 774-262-0736

7:00-8:00pm Prayer Meeting Prayer Office

THURSDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

Office Closed

Winter Weather is at our doorstep:

For cancellation updates, tune into Channel 5 or Radio Stations WSRS or WTAG

Looking Ahead

Precept Bible Study Books need to be ordered for our next study. Using the inductive Bible study method we will be studying Genesis Part 1, four lessons: The Creation In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. We will also be studying Genesis Part 2, seven lessons: The Fall, the Flood, and the Nations, Adam and Eve, the serpent and an apple. Stories or fact? What difference does it make anyway? These are just a few things we will study together. Contact Wendy at 508-845-9585.

Are you planning to get married in 2015? Please contact one of our pastors at least six months prior to your date to set up the necessary premarital counseling.

Christ Caring for People through People

That’s the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Miles @ 781-367-2060 or miles.p.smith@gmail.com or Kristina @508-208-8057 or akhansson@charter.net. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Ministry Help Needed

Share The Love — Keep someone warm this winter. Donate new or gently used coats, hats and mittens for our Main South Outreach. See the display in the lobby hallway for your donations.



Hospitality Ministry Sunday mornings, one hour of your time prior to church to set up HC Café. We would like this to be a rotating schedule. If four or five people sign up it would be perfect. Please call the office at 508-829-4441 or see Deb McCarthy in the Café after service for more information and to get connected.

**Walking
In
God's Word**



This year 2014 we continue to encourage individuals, couples and families to join together with us in this walk through God's Word. These readings are devotional in nature. Feel free to enjoy, take time and linger over these passages. Don't rush. Let these readings refresh you as you walk in God's

Word with us. Below are the scripture readings in preparation for next Sunday, **December 7th: The Story of God in Mary and Joseph.** Notice how God is calling brought unique difficulties.

- **Matthew 1:18-25**
- **Luke 1:26-38**
- Psalm 7:10
- John 1:1-14

Today's Question/Thoughts

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

Missionary of The Week

MaryJean and John Templehoff
Campus Crusade for Christ
South Africa



Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19. Bob Hetu is organizing a time of song and blessing for the folks at Holden Nurs-

ing Home. Everyone is welcome to go to the Holden Nursing Home every 3rd week of the month, starting December 21st. Hymn books or copies of songs will be available. We will rehearse prior to service from 9-9:45am in the Small Chapel on the 3rd Sunday that we will be visiting the nursing home. Please contact Bob Hetu for more information or just show up in the Small Chapel December 21st. Bob's contact information is: 508-886-6201 or rhetu22@hotmail.com.

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

First Sunday of Advent

Prayer Office	9:00 am
Pre-Service Prayer Sanctuary	9:30 am
Songs of Worship	10:00am
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Offering / Announcements	
Morning Message	Pastors Tom and Mike
HC Café	11:30am

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)
 - K/grade 1 downstairs in HCA Kindergarten classroom
 - **11:30-12:15pm**
 - Prayer time in Prayer Room (off balcony)
 - Intentional Conversation and Fellowship in HC Café (aka Welcome Center)

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 .