



The United Congregational Church of Holyoke  
 An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
 300 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040  
 Volume 29 Numbers 6,7,8



[www.uccholyoke.org](http://www.uccholyoke.org) (413) 532-1483

UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLYOKE  
**TOWERS**  
 NEWSLETTER

**SUMMER 2018**



**Second Tri-Conference**

**Annual Meeting**

June 15 - 16, 2018

Mass Mutual Center,  
 Springfield, MA

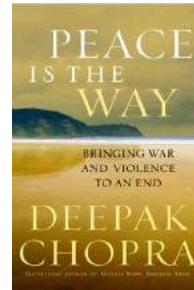
*"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*

~ Romans 5:5



ANNUAL  
 CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**  
 UCCH Annual Meeting  
**June 10th**  
 Immediately  
 following worship.

**Summer Peace**



A new Wednesday Noon Series based on Deepak Chopra's book, *"Peace is the Way"* begins June 13 and runs until August 29. Please let Muriel Griffin know of your interest so she can order books.

**Parking Lot**

The contracts have been signed, and work will begin on the paving of our church parking lot. It's located behind the War Memorial building, across Maple St. from our church. When completed, it will have thirty spaces, plus lighting, and new fencing.

**New Beginnings**

On June 7, the planning team will be attending a second training event at the conference office in Framingham. Our congregation and friends can look forward to four sessions in September and October. The New Beginnings program asks us to hold off on our usual round of meetings and activities during that time so that we can focus on the future story we want to write about our church. This will be our focus for the Fall and beyond.

**Keeping in Touch this Summer.**

In the past few years, we have been sending out one issue of the Towers for two months — June and July. This year we will publish this one issue for the whole summer — and send out emails, Facebook. Please let us know how this works for you.

Find updates on our church website, [www.uccholyoke.org](http://www.uccholyoke.org), or call the church office at (413) 532-1483.

**Children's Play Group**

Parlor C has always been a safe place for infants and toddlers. Now, a local mom is planning a play group 10-12, Thursdays. Children visiting Rebekah's Closet are welcome to come in while they are here.

**Community Garden**



Our community garden begins its second season. Thanks to all who volunteered to get it started. Produce will be offered free to the public.



St. Paul's Church has room for children preschool through grade 6 in their summer vacation Bible School, July 23-27. Know someone who might be interested? Call St. Paul's at (413) 532-5060. 485 Appleton St., Holyoke.

# COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

## Fellowship Dinner

Please sign up to join us on June 5th for our Annual fellowship Dinner. Chicken francaise, glazed carrots, oven roasted potatoes, rolls will be served. The cost is \$12.00per person. Please sign up in Parlor B



## Community Meal & Family Movie Night

The Community Meal will be held on June 8th at 5pm with the family movie to follow at 6pm.

The movie being shown is about four rabbits that are without parents thanks to the mean old gardener. When the gardener passes away suddenly, his nephew moves into his farm house where the four rabbits have taken up habitat. The nephew tries to get rid of the rabbits so that he can sell the farm and open a toy store in London with his inheritance. Instead he meets a pretty, bunny-loving neighbor and is smitten with her, so he is determined not to let her know about his anger bunny issues, while trying to get rid of them permanently. But the bunnies play all kinds of tricks on him to make him go away for good instead.



## Congratulations!

- to Sharon Midyette, who graduated from Andover Newton Theological School with her Master of Divinity degree on May 19th. Sharon completed her Field Education with our church and is now available for a call. We wish her all the best!
- to Bobbie Morkin, who graduated from Hunter College on May 30th with her Master of Arts (Organ Performance) through the Music Dept.
- to Alize Meon, who graduated from Chicopee High School and will attend HCC. She will receive a scholarship from the Fellowship.
- And to Wendy Karnolisz, coach of award-winning baton twirlers!



**AT LEFT:** The first wedding after the January fire in the newly immaculately cleaned Skinner Chapel!  
Congratulations  
Ryan & Maria!



## Picnic in the Parlors

Please join us for a picnic in the parlors on June 24th immediately following Worship. We will be enjoying hamburgers, hot dogs, potato & macaroni salads, watermelon, and desserts. The cost is \$5.00per person.



## First Generation/ The Performance Project

Our church hosted a program, "Stand Tall, Mi Gente," created by the First Generation organization, Holyoke. The non-profit organization draws on dance, music and the visual arts to build character, confidence, and creativity in youth. They work with theater and dance departments in colleges – they are community-based.

# June

Sunday

Monday













Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						
<p>3 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Study Group 10:00am Worship / Communion / Sun. Sch. / 2nd Offering: Margaret's Pantry 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>		<p>5 6:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p> 		<p>7 10:00am Rebekah's Closet</p> 	<p>8 5:00pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Family Movie</p> 	
<p>10 9:00am Study Group 10:00am Worship / Sun. Sch. / Annual Meeting immediately following worship 11:00am Coffee Hour 2:00pm Organ Recital Adam Pajan</p> 			<p>13 1:00pm Finance Meeting</p>	<p>14 10:00am Rebekah's Closet</p> 	<p>15 MACUCC Annual Meeting @ Mass Mutual Center - Springfield</p>	<p>16 MACUCC Annual Meeting @ Mass Mutual Center - Springfield</p>
<p>17 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00am Study Group 10:00am Worship / 2nd Offering: Rebekah's Closet 11:00am Coffee Hour</p> 		<p>19 6:30pm CLC Meeting</p> 	<p>20 12:00pm Study Group - Peace Is The Way</p>	<p>21 10:00am Rebekah's Closet</p> 		<p>23 3:00pm Faithwaze Feast Community Meal Community Cooking, Supper, Worship, &amp; Music</p>
<p>24 9:00am Study Group 10:00am Worship 11:00am Picnic in the Parlors</p> 			<p>27 12:00pm Study Group - Peace Is The Way</p>	<p>28 10:00am Rebekah's Closet</p> 		
<p>JULY 1 9:00am Study Group 10:00am Worship / Communion / 2nd Offering: Margaret's Pantry 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	JULY 2	JULY 3	<p>JULY 4 <b>NO STUDY GROUP OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> 	<p>JULY 5 10:00am Rebekah's Closet</p>	JULY 6	JULY 7

A copy of the July & August calendars will be sent out via US Mail.

**“The Towers” (U.S.P.S. 0618-180)**  
published monthly by  
The United Congregational Church of Holyoke  
300 Appleton St., Holyoke MA 01040

### **SECOND OFFERINGS**

#### **First Sunday Margaret’s Pantry**

Please bring non-perishable foods OR monetary donations for Holyoke’s food pantry.

#### **Third Sunday Rebekah’s Closet**

Please bring diapers, wipes, OR monetary donations to assist young Holyoke families.

#### Pastoral Team’s Phone Numbers & Emails

Bobbie Morkin	413-313-6865
Chuck Morkin	413-207-2492
Assoc. Minister Lance Humphrey	413-246-8854
bobbiemorkin@comcast.net	
chuckmorkin@gmail.com	
lancehumphrey@mac.com	



Lance Humphrey was ordained to the Christian Ministry on May 19th. The service was held at First Church of Granby.

## *Experience Music at United*



### **Adam Pajan, Organist**

**2 pm, Sunday, June 10, 2018**

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke  
Corner, Appleton (Rte. 141) and Maple Streets  
Holyoke, Massachusetts  
(413) 532-1483  
Free Parking

**PUBLIC INVITED**

Suggested donation: \$10 (\$5 students and Elders) Reception to follow.