

UCCH UPDATE

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke
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Upcoming Worship Services

Come join on Sundays 10am Worship Service, followed by Coffee Hour in the Parlors.

Sunday August 4th Rev. Barbara Kershner will be our guest minister 10am Worship
Sermon title: *Bread, Body, and Soul*

Sunday August 11th 10am Worship
Sermon title: *Identity*

Sunday August 18th 10am Worship
Sermon title: *In Deep Waters*

Sunday 25th 10am Worship
Sermon title: *In this Together*

Friday, August 9th

5pm Free Community Meal

6:00pm Family Movie Night

American Chop Suey, salad, rolls and dessert.



Parents must accompany their children.
Donations always welcome.

Concert Series

Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 3pm

Klaus Becker Concert in Skinner Chapel

Donations are graciously accepted.

Sunday, Sept. 29th 3pm Main Sanctuary
Young @ Heart Chorus

Tickets on Eventbrite or through the Church Office.

"The Pastor's Corner"

Dear Church Family,

This month of July has been a profound and enriching experience. I've had the privilege of meeting with all the members of the leadership team and several congregation members individually. Through these meetings, I have gained a deeper understanding of our church's rich history—a history that each of us is a part of, our heartfelt desires, and our collective way of thinking. I am genuinely impressed by the remarkable work this church has done in the past and continues to do within our community.

Reflecting on this, I strongly feel a call to stay here a little longer, God willing, to further our community outreach efforts. I desire to expand these initiatives and build stronger connections with our community leaders and neighbors, inviting them to join us in worship and fellowship. I encourage each of you to reach out to those in need who do not have a place to worship and welcome them into our church family.

Additionally, please inform us of anyone who would benefit from a call or visit for prayer and communion; I am more than willing to offer my support and care. I also wish to continue meeting regularly with each member of our congregation. Your insights, experiences, and spiritual journeys are invaluable, and I look forward to these conversations.

On a personal note, I will be out of the office for the next two weeks as I embark on a much desired and needed vacation with my children and family. This time away will be refreshing, and I will return with renewed energy and a great desire to reconnect with all of you.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Let us continue to work together in faith, love, and community.

Blessings,
The Rev. Nathán Gonzalez