

UP & COMING NEWS – July 16

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 18, is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. We are all invited to attend 10:00 am worship at North Hadley Congregational Church (243 River Drive). We had a moving time last week bidding farewell to the organist, Chris, and his husband Rob, who has been called to a church in Springfield. So many musical gifts in the congregation! Let's turn out to support our sister congregation and refresh ourselves with their variations on worship. Here again are the guidelines for attendance that Rev. Gordon sent along:

- * We are asking people who have not had the vaccine to wear a mask
- * We are singing
- * The choir is singing (anyone who would like to sing with the choir can come at 9:15 Sunday morning to practice)
- * We are asking people to maintain two pews distance during the service when possible
- * We are having coffee hour for those who are comfortable (cookies and lemonade from what I have been told). Weather permitting, the coffee hour will be outside in the side garden.
- * We do not have childcare or Sunday School, but children are welcome and if enough show, we will have a children's story.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT JULY 31: Child Care Available!

Please email me (Pastor Bill, wawrigh@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend or have any questions--all are welcome! And child care is available, please let me know. We'll begin at 8:30 am with an optional Morning Prayer service--a quiet and contemplative way to begin. Starting at 9:00 am, we'll have light breakfast foods (thanks to Fellowship!) and begin a series of presentations and discussions. Lunch will be served. And we'll complete the day no later than 3:00 pm with Closing Worship.

The discussions will help me figure out how my research and ideas about stemming decline in churches can best mesh with who we are as a church. We already have 19 signed up! This will be an important time for our congregation to seek that "one mind in Christ" (Philippians 2).

MEET ME AT THE MOVIES !

Wed. 7/21, 9:30 am -- Dora and the Lost City of Gold

I'm going to the movies, and any kid who wants to come along is welcome

-- My Treat -- !! (*adults are welcome, too!*)

at Hampshire Mall Cinemark

a heads-up is always nice. I'll be at the ticket window around 9:15 am.

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-- and coming up --

7/28 Minions

8/4 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs

ROCK YOUR SUMMER !

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 18 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE at North Hadley

Wednesday, July 21 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, July 25 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE at North Hadley

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PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Bill is currently offering **office hours on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** If an urgent need arises, an in-person appointment may be scheduled by contacting Pastor Bill via phone (773) 955-4034 or email at wawrigh@gmail.com (please note that there is no "t" in this email address).

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you need assistance from the office, please contact the church administrator at rooster@firstchurchhadley.com or (413) 584-4117.

Be sure to catch up on the upcoming news for Sunday worship and all the weekly events in our church and community. If you would like to post an event, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.
