

## Never forget

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**A small group of community members gathered on a cool Wednesday morning, Sept. 11 to honor the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terrorist attacks on that same day 12 years ago in 2001. They stood around the American flag, flown at half-mast, at First Christian Church on Interoccean Avenue in Holyoke, each holding a small flag for this Patriot Day event.**

**Linda Langelo, pictured in front at right, explains what life was like living in New York following the attacks. She concluded by saying that out of chaos comes love and the chance for America to start fresh. Pastor Merle Powell, pictured in back at left, led a prayer for the gathering. He also emphasized how an event like these attacks gives people such a change in perspective for their lives.**

**The remembrance event was concluded by others noting where they were when they first heard about the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City, N.Y. The Sept. 11 gathering was sponsored by Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and Phillips County Extension.□ □**

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