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# CONNECT



## PRAYER HABIT

Join us as we work prayer into our daily lives and rhythms and create a meaningful space with God in the season of Lent.

## SPOTLIGHT: Spring Cleaning as Creation Care



by: *Kathleen Bandaruk*

Growing up in Boulder, CO, (aka Hippie Central), I learned early on the importance of caring for our earth. While we washed and reused Ziploc bags and had our alfalfa pills every morning, I always had a conscience for being aware of my personal carbon footprint.

Fast forward many years – I was honored when Pastor Chris asked if I would start a Green Team here at church. With my trusty partner (and sister) Carol Richmond, we replaced the recycle bins and initiated the usage of biodegradable products in the kitchen for coffee hour and other events.

While we had a few bumps in the

road, most everyone was accepting of the small changes we made to better our church and community.

One of my favorite ways to “reduce, reuse and recycle” is through our Thrifty Treasures Sale that I get to direct for the United Women in Faith. It is amazing to see the church gather together to sell goods and items that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

While the rummage sale isn’t a part of the Green Team, I believe it’s another part of Creation Care that we can all be involved in. Landfills across the country have become overburdened to the point of max capacity. So, I personally am doing everything I can to keep reusable items out of dumpsters and in the hands of people who can use them.

This spring, I hope you’ll consider coming to a Green Team meeting or volunteering your services in the fall for another exciting Thrifty Treasures Sale. And save those household items and clothing to donate to the church for our sale when you do your spring cleaning!

## PREACHING SCHEDULE:

### MAR. 3 (LENT III)

Bless/Supplication  
1 Chron. 4:9-10 & Matt. 6:9-15,  
Rev. Chris Heckert

### MAR. 10 (LENT IV)

Confession/Humility  
Lk. 18:9-14, Rev. Chris Heckert

### MAR. 17 (LENT V)

Praying for Others  
Jm. 5:13-16, Rev. Chris Heckert

### MAR. 24 (Palm Sunday)

Gethsemane  
Matt. 21:1-3, 6-9 & Matt. 26:36-44,  
Rev. JiSun Yang

### Mar. 31 (Easter Sunday)

Rev. Chris Heckert

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAYS

@ 5pm | Brown Chapel with Communion

### SUNDAYS

@ 8am | Brown Chapel  
@ 9am | Fellowship Hall  
@ 10:30am | The Sanctuary

## ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

### LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP

@ 9am & 10:30am | Every Sunday

### Facebook Live

[facebook.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://facebook.com/HaddonfieldUMC)

### Worship by Phone

Call 856-213-2015 for audio-only

## WEEKLY SERMON PODCAST:

### SATURDAYS

@ 6pm | Every week

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

## Bereavement Support Group

Haddonfield UMC hosts an interdenominational Bereavement Support Group, led by Rev. Kathleen Morris, a certified Bereavement Counselor and spiritual director. All are welcome, especially those who have experienced a loss in the last three months to two years. The first two weeks will explain the grief process. Afterwards, we'll explore coping mechanisms and how to deal with milestones and holidays. The group meets from **7-8:30pm on Mondays starting March 4** in Sayre Pavilion for 6-8 weeks. Contact [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) or 856-429-0403 to register.

## United Women in Faith Luncheons

The United Women in Faith have a luncheon on **Thursday, March 7 at 11:45am**. Our speakers, Patricia Troy and Tanya Jeter from the FBI, will discuss "How to Avoid Scams." All are welcome to share in this presentation. The next catered luncheon will be **Thursday, April 4**, with the program "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." Luncheons cost \$11. Make reservations with Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by March 4 for the March luncheon and April 1 for the April luncheon.

## Coffee with the Pastors

Do you want to learn more about HUMC? We invite you to join Pastors Chris and JiSun for a conversation. This opportunity to meet the Pastors and find out more about our church will be held in Propert Café on the second Sunday of each month at 12pm. The next dates are **Sunday, March 10, and Sunday, April 14**. Light refreshments will be served, and of course, there will be coffee and tea.

## Steeple Club Luncheons

The next Steeple Club luncheon is **Monday, March 11 at noon** in Propert Café, with guest John Lionarons, a professional hammered dulcimer and guitar player, entertaining us with a St. Patrick's Day-themed musical program. On **Monday, April 8**, we'll welcome Jacqueline M. Santiago-Vicente, B.A., M.A., from the Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens. Each lunch is \$5. To make reservations, contact Leslie Robinson at [lrobinson527@gmail.com](mailto:lrobinson527@gmail.com) by March 8 for March and by April 5 for April.

## New Members Classes

Are you interested in joining our church or learning more about membership? Our pastors will hold a New Members Class on **Sundays, March 10 and 17 from 1-3pm** in Sayre Pavilion. New members need to attend only one of these classes and will be received in worship on Sunday, March 24. Email [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) with the date you will be attending; however, you do not need to register in order to attend.

## Saving Us Book Study

The extreme effects of climate change are frightening and threaten every aspect of our daily lives. But by working together, we can fix it. Join us in studying the book, *Saving Us*, by climate scientist, Katharine Hayhoe. In this national bestseller, we will learn how to draw on interdisciplinary research and personal stories to engage in conversations about this crucial topic. Beginning **Wednesday, April 3**, we'll meet **at 7pm** in Room 304 for 5 weeks. This will be a hybrid study, so a Zoom link is available by emailing Pastor Cricket at [cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org) for more information.

## Your Saving Grace Child Care Nights

Our next Your Saving Grace Child Care Night offering is **Friday, April 5 from 6-9pm**. The cost is \$20 for the first child and each additional child from the same family is a reduced rate. Contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org) to make reservations or to learn more.



## EASTER FLOWERS



The Floral Arts Guild will be providing the opportunity for you to help decorate

the church in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Information is available in the weekly bulletin or by visiting [haddonfieldumc.org/easter](http://haddonfieldumc.org/easter). Memorials and honoraria are requested and need to be ordered by Monday, March 25. Contact the church office at 856-429-0403 or David VanSciver at [TwinOaks206@msn.com](mailto:TwinOaks206@msn.com) for more information.

### EASTER FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help deliver Easter flowers to our homebound members. If you would like to make a visit and flower delivery, please contact the church office at [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org). Please consider helping with this important outreach!

## APRIL SERMON SERIES



## SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERINGS

Continue the Lenten journey by participating in any of the following special offerings through March:



### Lenten Morning Prayer on Zoom

Join us for Lenten Morning Prayer on Zoom 8am every Monday to Friday.

Different leaders will guide half-hour sessions. Begin each day with shared prayers and meditation. To get the Zoom link, visit: <https://bit.ly/42R5UIP>

**Mornings of Clay & Reflection at Markeim Arts Center**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday March 24

5pm Sat., & Sun. 8am (Chapel), 9am (Fellowship Hall)\*, 10:30am (Sanctuary)\*

### Maundy Thursday March 28

Contemplative Communion Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary\*

### Good Friday Seven Last Words Community Service March 29

12-3pm in the Sanctuary\*

### Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30  
5pm in Brown Chapel

### Easter Sunday March 31

6am (Cloisters), 8am (Chapel), 9am (Fellowship Hall)\*, 10:30am (Sanctuary)\*



#### Learn more:

[haddonfieldumc.org/easter](http://haddonfieldumc.org/easter)



#### \*Live-stream services

available at [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org) or audio-only versions available by calling 856-213-2015

## HUMC KIDS EVENTS

### PALM SUNDAY PARADE

Join us on Sunday, March 24 at 9:50am on the North Lawn, next to the church building, for our HUMC Kids Palm Sunday Parade. Meet and take pictures with a donkey and participate in a small parade in downtown Haddonfield. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

### GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children are invited to learn about the significance of Good Friday and Holy Week in a fun, accessible way at our special Good Friday Children's Worship on Friday, March 29 from 12 to 3pm. This program is open to children ages 3 through 5th Grade. Space is limited. Contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org) to register.

### EASTER EGG HUNT & SPRING FAIR

Our Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fair is Saturday, March 30 from 10am to 12pm. Meet in the church parking lot for egg hunts, food, and spring activities. Donations of individually-wrapped, nut free candy are welcome and can be left in the marked container in the Welcome Center. To volunteer and make this event possible, email Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

in Room 305. Led by Alyssa Ruch. Bring your mat; free will offering accepted. Explore mindfulness and physical well-being.

### Lenten Plastic Reduction Challenge

This Lent, give up plastic! Grab Lenten calendars, created by the Green Team, at the Welcome Center, on the app, or [haddonfieldumc.org/now](http://haddonfieldumc.org/now). Together, intentionally reduce plastic use, making small changes for a big impact on God's creation.



### Christ-Centered Yoga

Join Christ-centered Yoga every Tuesday during Lent at 7pm



Clockwise L to R: Music and Worship Arts Sunday; Revival in the Methodist Spirit; Rev. Rachel Billups preaching in worship; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service with Tammy Murphy; Christmas Eve Worship (Youth Choir at Children and Family Service and Chancel Choir at Traditional Worship; Below: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service

## NJ MASTERCHORALE SPRING CONCERT

New Jersey MasterChorale will present a concert, *Reconciliation*, centered around *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and *The Cry of Jeremiah* by contemporary composer Rosephanye Powell, accompanied by organ, winds, strings, brass, and percussion on Sunday, May 5.

*Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace) is a timeless anti-war work with text taken from the Latin mass, the Bible, poetry of Walt Whitman (written just after the American Civil War), and even part of a 19th century political speech. It was inspired by Vaughan Williams' time serving as a medic in World War I and was completed just before the outbreak of the Second World War.

*The Cry of Jeremiah* deals with the prophet's internal conflict and eventual acceptance of God's guidance and authority. Powell's writing is influenced by many styles from chant to Handel to contemporary gospel.

Mark your calendars for the concert, featuring members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends, on **Sunday, May 5 at 7pm**, and be sure to get your free tickets starting on April 5 at [haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale](http://haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale).

# HIGHLIGHTS

## A SEASON OF REVIVAL AND CELEBRATION

The festive season began with a truly spectacular Christmas Eve. Over 700 people joined our live-streamed services, and 1200 attended in-person, marking the best-attended Christmas Eve since the pandemic's onset.

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, our intergenerational team served the North Camden community, cleaning and composting at Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens. Meeting NJ First Lady Tammy Murphy was a highlight for the team. The day concluded with lunch and a presentation on preserving Black Haddonfield by Craig Hutchings.

Our spirits soared during the Revival in the Methodist Spirit on January 27, featuring Rev. Rachel Billups, Lan Wilson, and special

testimonies. Rev. Billups continued to inspire us the following day during worship.

On February 11, we celebrated music and worship arts. The 10:30am Traditional service featured the Holtz Handbell Choir, special readings, anthems, and remarkable musical performances, showcasing the rich talents within our church family.





# YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

## Student Mission Day

All youth are invited to serve on **Saturday, March 23**, at UrbanPromise for a Youth Mission Day. We'll meet at the church at 8:30am and return around 1:30pm. Lunch and all materials will be provided. Please use this link to register your youth by March 11: <https://bit.ly/3I7WBdP> or scan the QR code. For more information, contact Pastor Cricket at [cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org).



## Save the Date: 5th Grade Game Night

All 5th graders are invited to a special game night hosted by the Student Ministry Leaders on **Sunday, May 5, from 5-7pm!** We'll have gaming systems galore and our 5th graders will have the chance to play against the leaders and have a special time to meet with our current youth group to learn what they have to look forward to next year!



Above: NJ MasterChorale in concert (see page 4 for Spring Concert information). Below: Scenes from last year's Youth Pasta Dinner



## EVENING IN ITALY: YOUTH PASTA DINNER

Join us on **Saturday, April 27**, for a fun-filled evening you won't forget! Our students are raising money to travel to Florida for a mission journey this summer. They'll be volunteering their gifts and talents at Give Kids the World, a village resort that hosts children and families, who are facing terminal illness, through the Make a Wish Foundation.

Your ticket will include a pasta dinner, access to the silent auction, and prime seating for our talent show. This is a pre-sale event, and tickets can be purchased through this link: <https://subspla.sh/ycjxqdg/> or scan the QR code.



Doors open at 5pm and the bidding will conclude at 6:30pm, when the show and dinner will commence.

*Do you have a hidden talent? All ages are invited to participate in our talent show on Saturday, April 27. Solos, duets, or group performances are welcome. Register at: <https://bit.ly/49IKdDj> or scan the QR code.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 1 | Your Saving Grace

Mar. 4 | Bereavement Support Group Begins

Mar. 7 | United Women in Faith Executive Board Meeting & Luncheon

Mar. 10 | Daylight Saving Time Starts, Coffee with the Pastors, New Members Class

Mar. 11 | Steeple Club Luncheon

Mar. 13 | David Worthington Methodist Heritage Presentation

Mar. 17 | New Members Class

Mar. 24 | Palm Sunday, New Members Received

Mar. 25 | Church Council

Mar. 28 | Maundy Thursday Contemplative Service

Mar. 29 | Good Friday Seven Last Words Community Service & Children's Worship

Mar. 30 | Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fair and Easter Vigil

Mar. 31 | Easter Sunday

Apr. 1 | Easter Monday (office and building closed)

Apr. 4 | United Women in Faith Executive Board Meeting & Luncheon

Apr. 5 | Your Saving Grace

Apr. 7 | Symphony in C Virtuosi Concert

Apr. 8 | Steeple Club Luncheon

Apr. 13 | Re:Connect Youth Event

Apr. 14 | Coffee with the Pastors

Apr. 21 | Tri-State Jazz Concert

Apr. 27 | Youth Pasta Dinner

# MINISTRY & MISSION

## METHODIST HISTORY SPEAKER

Join us on **Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm**, for an evening with David Worthington, the Director of Global Relationships at John Wesley's New Room, Bristol, England. Drawing on his 18-year ministry at the New Room, Bristol, England, David will help us retrace the steps of John Wesley in Bristol, England, sharing images, writings, and stories from its vast archives, the very first Methodist preaching house in the world, dating from 1739.

It was this ministry outpost that gave birth to the Methodist movement that took root across England, came over to America, and spread around the world. In exploring the roots of the Methodist movement, we can reclaim the spirit of Methodism that spread through field preaching, serving the poor, fighting to end slavery, and spread good news to all people around the globe. David's unique and powerful way of retelling history will help us to see the present challenges and opportunities with a new perspective.

This special presentation will be in Fellowship Hall and available to live-stream at [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org).

## STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING



Stephen Ministers are trained laity providing one-on-one Christian care to anyone going through challenges or crises in life. We thank God for three new Stephen Ministers, Elaine Del Rossi, Richard Edwards, and Jeanne Page-Soncrant, who answered their call and are ready to serve. Their commissioning is **Sunday, April 14**, during the 10:30am Traditional Worship service. If you need a Christian friend to walk with you, please contact Pastor JiSun at [jyang@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jyang@haddonfieldumc.org) anytime.

## MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION

Thank you for your support of HUMC's 2024 Dominican Republic Mission Trip, which was February 20-26. The team consisted of six people from Haddonfield UMC and six people from St. Andrew's UMC in Cherry Hill.

Your generous love allowed HUMC to build two homes sheltering 13 parents, grandparents, and children, to distribute school and health supplies to over 200 students, and to support the HUMC Library and Community Center programs.

Please continue to support our work in the Los Cocos community.



### Cherry Hill Food Pantry

### THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your efforts to curb food insecurity in our community. Items continue to be collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. **Most needed items include: nonperishable food items, cake mix, canned fruit cocktail, ground coffee, laundry detergent, napkins, and toothpaste.**

The Pantry is currently looking for drivers Monday-Friday between 8-9am to pick up donated food in their new van. Interested? Contact the Pantry's Executive Director, Janet Giordano, at [cherryhillnjfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:cherryhillnjfoodpantry@gmail.com).

Haddonfield  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTATION ON JOHN WESLEY'S NEW ROOM - UK

## WISDOM FROM THE PAST, HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024  
7 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPEAKER DAVID WORTHINGTON

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS AT JOHN WESLEY'S NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, ENGLAND

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JOHN WESLEY

### STAFF TRANSITIONS: WELCOME CUSTODIAN HUGH WILLIAMS!



Hugh, whose family has continuously lived in Haddonfield since the 1800s, is a graduate of Hamp-

den University. He worked for Verizon CTS/OCS Group for 30 years, the mortgage and banking industry for 10 years, and most recently worked for the Haddonfield Fortnightly.

He is most proud of his two sons and daughter. His sons live in Denver and Tampa and own MadChiller Cafes in Tampa. His daughter is a graduate of Georgetown University and works for Discovery Education as a producer, writer, and talent.

Hugh lives with his wife, Renay, and enjoys boating and fishing. He joined the staff team as custodian in December.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” - Colossians 3:12*



The first Sunday of Lent I shared the story of how, almost 20 years ago, I kicked the habit of drinking soda by swapping one less-than-healthy habit with a healthier one.

Over the rest of Lent, I sought to focus on integrating just a couple small keystone habits back into my life to see if they could become a regular part of my rhythm. So far, my prayer habit and physical exercise habit have not only stuck, but they have begun to yield other good habits as well.

At this stage of my life, I am seeking to integrate more disciplines into my daily routines, as I grow keenly aware that health, family, and prosperity should never be taken for granted.

One of the essential elements of

Methodist theology, as taught by founder, John Wesley, is the call of Christian perfection. In Wesley’s understanding, we are not, and will never be, perfect in this life, but we are called to strive to do better, be better, and to love others more perfectly each day.

In order to grow in how we love God and one another, we root ourselves in different disciplines, such as prayer, serving others, working toward justice and peace, and other faithful disciplines.

For much of my life I gave up too easily on disciplines out of a fear of failure. Yet, I more gratefully appreciate Wesley’s teaching today that we are to strive forward, knowing we cannot be perfect, but trusting that God will perfect us and help us to grow through God’s perfect love.

“Absolute perfection belongs not to man, nor to angels, but to God alone. As one instance of this, be

always ready to own any fault you have been in. If you have at any time thought, spoken, or acted wrong, be not backward to acknowledge it. Never dream that this will hurt the cause of God; no, it will further it.” – John Wesley in his sermon, “A Plain Account of Christian Perfection.”

How will you strive further today to love God and root your life in faithful disciplines so that you might bear more fruits of faith?

Know that along the way, as you stumble, which we all do, forgiveness and restoration are a part of our shared life together.

On the journey with you,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

## GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

**Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.**

**In memory of:** Nancy Banks from Maurine Falcone, Larry Parr

**In memory of:** My mother Eileen Ostrove from Nona Ostrove

**In memory of:** Jeff Blank from Charlene Kronk

**For the Ronald P. and Elaine H. Sandmeyer Building Preservation Fund:**

**In honor of:** Ronald & Elaine Sandmeyer from Richelle Maestro, Alice & Ronald Sandmeyer

**For the Friends of Music Fund:** From William Landolt, Ronald & Elaine Sandmeyer

**For the Floral Arts Guild:**  
**In memory of:** Dolores-Rea Aspell from Svitlana & Donald Bogey, Jimmy Bowe, Joseph Catroppa, Nancy Clasby, Brian Donovan, Shirley & John Landgraf, Vernon Leeds, Jr., Charles W. Mathues, III, Suzanne Pleczynski, David VanSciver

**For Missions:**  
**In honor of:** Joan & John McCann from Joan & Bob Shaffer

## PROPERT CAFÉ RENOVATIONS

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# Easter Worship March 31, 2024

- 6am Sunrise Service | Cloisters
- 8am Traditional Service | Chapel
- 9am Modern Service\* | Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Traditional Service\* with Choir  
& Brass | Sanctuary

\*Live-stream available at [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org)

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