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# CONNECT

## MAKING SPACES

In the busyness and crowded spaces of life, it can be difficult to feel God's presence or to hear God's voice speak to us. We may even wonder if God hears us, cares about us, or even exists at all.

For millennia, people of faith have used spiritual practices to intentionally make space to experience God's presence, calling, and love. Take a breath, get rid of the clutter, and join us for our Lenten Series: Making Spaces (to Experience God).

### PREACHING SCHEDULE:

#### MARCH 5

Make a Space for God  
Ps. 119:105-112, Matthew 14:22-27,  
Rev. Chris Heckert

#### MARCH 12

Make a Space Outside  
Ps. 96 & Rom. 1:18-24,  
Rev. Chris Heckert

#### MARCH 19

Make Space for Others  
Lev. 19:9-17 & Matt. 20:20-28,  
Rev. JiSun Yang

#### MARCH 26

Make Space to Share Your Journey  
2 Corinthians 3:1-6, Rev. JiSun Yang

#### APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11, Rev. Chris Heckert

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## SPOTLIGHT: SECOND CHANCES FOR ALL



by: *Michael Cicalese*

I've been a part of the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) program since 1988. In high school, I didn't have a real appreciation for the work that was being done. All I knew back then was, if we were short an overnight host or dinner volunteer, it would be another night from my social calendar that would be sacrificed.

Fast forward 35 years, and there are some things about the program that have not changed. We still have a stigma about homelessness, and, at times, I struggle to volunteer. However, it is in the uncomfortable moments that WE are provided a chance to grow in our relationship with Christ.

I believe that by challenging ourselves to do something that is uncomfortable for the benefit of others, that ultimately,

it is US that are getting that second chance...to spread GOD's love and to live up to our full potential.

I know nothing sounds more appealing than spending free time with the homeless and downtrodden on a Saturday night. I must admit that at times I'm only slightly more motivated to volunteer than I was back in high school. However, if we each take one extra step, then the second chance for redemption just might be our own.

***IHOC, a non-profit organization in Camden County comprised of 40 area churches and Jewish congregations, provides a place for a two week stay for homeless men during the winter months. Food, a social worker, and assistance in attending support programs are provided. IHOC has helped more than 800 homeless men wanting to improve their lives and over 100 men to find permanent housing.***

### SECOND CHANCES MISSION PARTNERS INCLUDE:

IHOC and Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree – For more information, contact Kristi Edmonds | [kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org)



### IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAYS**  
@ 5pm | Brown Chapel

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

### ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**VIRTUAL MODERN SERVICE - ON DEMAND**  
@ 6pm | Every Saturday

**YouTube**  
[youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)

**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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

### United Women in Faith Luncheons

The United Women in Faith will host a luncheon on **Thurs., March 2 at 11:45am** with Kristi Edmonds speaking about Give Kids the World. RSVP by Monday, February 27. The April luncheon is **Thurs., April 6 at 11:45am**. Following the meal, the program, "Call to Prayer and Self Denial," will be led by Audrey Frank. RSVP by Monday, April 3. Both luncheons are \$10 each. Please RSVP by calling Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563.

### Your Saving Grace

Children of all ages are invited to our Your Saving Grace Child Care Night programming on **Fridays, March 3 and April 7 from 6-9pm**. Under the supervision of our experienced child care team, children enjoy a kid-friendly dinner and fun with friends. The cost for the evening starts at \$20 for the first child. For detailed pricing and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

### Bereavement Support Group

Haddonfield UMC is hosting 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 two years. The group meets from **7-8:30pm on Mondays beginning on March 6**, and sessions will last 6-8 weeks. Contact the church office at [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) to register.

### March Steeple Club Luncheon

The March Steeple Club Luncheon will be held **Monday, March 13 at noon**. Dr. John Martin will give a presentation about providing dentistry in under-served places in the world. Lunch will be \$5, and reservations can be made by contacting Leslie Robinson at [lrobinson527@gmail.com](mailto:lrobinson527@gmail.com) by Friday, March 10.

### Symphony in C Virtuosi Concert

Symphony in C's final 2022/23 Virtuosi Series concert will feature Franz Schubert's "Trout Quintet," where the fourth movement is a set of variations on his earlier song "Die Forelle" (The Trout). Also on the program is a piece for soprano, clarinet, and piano, "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" (The Shepherd on the Rock), featuring soprano Alexandra Nowakowski, a recent graduate of Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. The concert is **Sunday, March 26 at 4pm** in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or at [symphonyinc.org](http://symphonyinc.org).

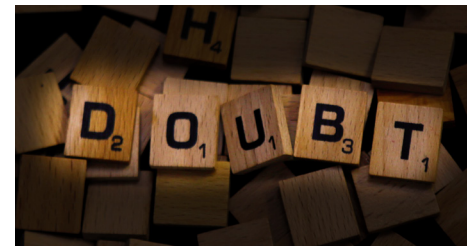
### New Members Classes

Are you interested in joining our church or learning more about membership? Our pastors will hold New Members Classes in March. New members need to attend only one of these classes. Dates for classes and new member reception will be announced in March. Please email [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) if you are interested attending; however, you will not need to register in order to attend.

### Easter Flowers Sale

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 will be available soon 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 April 3**. Contact the church office at 856-429-0403 or David Van Sciver at [TwinOaks206@msn.com](mailto:TwinOaks206@msn.com) for more information.

## COMING SOON



### APRIL 2023 - DOUBT

We often think that the opposite of faith is doubt. But, if we are truly honest with ourselves, doubt is a regular part of belief and faith. We all have times when we question, don't understand, don't feel the certainty we want to feel, or just struggle with big questions. Fear not! Jesus loved and walked his own disciples through their own doubt, unbelief, and moments of weakness in a way that helped them grow not only in faith but in action that changed the world. Bring your questions, your faith, your doubt, unbelief, struggles, and hope, as together we explore Jesus' love in the face of Doubt.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE:

**APRIL 16**  
Thomas  
John 20:19-31, Rev. JiSun Yang

**APRIL 23**  
Peter  
John 21:15-19, Sophia Vicari

**APRIL 30**  
Jude  
Jude 1:17-25, Rev. Chris Heckert

### SERVE IN MINISTRY!



We are currently looking for people to serve as:

Worship Team  
(acoustic and bass guitarists)

Small Group Leaders

Worship Participants  
(Scripture readers)

Communion Stewards  
Confirmation Mentors

Tech Team  
(camera operators, sound, lights, live-stream)

Handbell Ringers

Youth Leaders

Hospitality Team

Sunday School Teachers/  
Substitutes

Chancel Choir Singers  
(specifically basses)

Daily Reflection Contributors

✓ **Willing to serve? Find out more! Email: [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org)**

✓ **Please include areas of interest and we will connect you to the appropriate staff or ministry team.**



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to our Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School this **August 14-18** (9am-12pm each day)! Join us for a fun-filled week of songs, games, crafts, and science experiments focusing on how we are called together to serve God. Meet heroes like God's Wonder Women (Shiprah, Puah, and Miriam), Jethro and Moses, the Magi, and Paul as we focus on how we can "strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up" (Romans 14:19).

To learn more or to register your child, visit [haddonfieldumc.org/vbs2023](http://haddonfieldumc.org/vbs2023)!

Want to help make this the best VBS ever? Contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org) to volunteer!

## MASTERCHORALE CONCERT: AWAKE, MY SOUL



On Sunday, April 23 at 7pm, the New Jersey MasterChorale will present their spring concert, "Awake, My Soul," featuring John Rutter's "Mass of the Children" and "Symphony of Psalms" by Igor Stravinsky. NJMC will be joined by

ChildrenSong of NJ and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and friends.

"Mass of the Children" combines texts from the Latin Mass with English prayers and poetry by authors such as William Blake and Thomas Ken. Rutter wrote the work because of the musical experiences he had singing with adult choirs and orchestras as a child. "Symphony of Psalms" is a setting of texts from Psalms 38, 39, and 150. The piece comes from Stravinsky's neoclassical period

and combines traditional musical structures with experimental tonalities and a unique orchestration.

The title of the concert comes from the opening line of the Rutter piece: "Awake my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run; Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice."

**TICKETS** will be available starting April 2 at [haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale](http://haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale).





Clockwise from top right: Modern Christmas Eve Worship, Traditional Christmas Eve Worship, Children & Family Christmas Eve Worship, Traditional Christmas Eve Sanctuary (center), Student Ministries Christmas Party, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## CHRISTMAS & DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we celebrated six worship services, hosting close to 2,000 people in the building. Five of the services were available via live-stream with over 900 attending services online. Christmas Eve saw our traditional worship schedule of a Children and Family service, a Modern worship service, and two Traditional Worship services featuring choir and a brass ensemble. Two services were offered on Christmas Day, a Modern and a Traditional service. All live-streamed services are still available on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC).

Luther King, Jr. Day. Participants helped make sandwiches for The Neighborhood Center, placemats for Cathedral Kitchen, and bookmarks for the Los Cocos, Dominican Republic, Community Center in preparation for February's mission trip.



The Hasan family makes sandwiches at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

We hosted about 50 people for a day of service on Dr. Martin

## STUDENT & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

### Student Ministries Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction

Our annual Student Ministries Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction is Saturday, April 29! Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years old. Doors open at 5:30pm, and dinner, catered by Gary Miller, begins at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available in the Welcome Center beginning March 5. Proceeds support Student Ministries mission trips.

We are in need of donations for our Silent Auction! If there is an item you wish to donate, or have a connection to someone with items to donate, contact Kristi Edmonds at [kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org).

### Upcoming Student Ministries Activities

Spring is bringing new opportunities for Student Ministries! Save the dates for these fun upcoming activities: Mission Project Sunday (March 12), Tie Dye Sunday (March 19), March Madness Chili Cook Off led by Student Council (Sunday, March 26), Volunteering during HUMC's Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fair (Saturday, April 8), and Cupcake Wars Sunday (April 16). All junior and senior high students are welcome!



### IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar. 3 | Your Saving Grace

Mar. 5 | Tri-State Jazz Concert

Mar. 6 | Bereavement Support Group Begins

Mar. 12 | Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar. 13 | Steeple Club Luncheon

Mar. 26 | Symphony in C Concert

Mar. 27 | Church Council Meeting

Apr. 2 | Palm Sunday

Apr. 6 | Maundy Thursday

Apr. 7 | Good Friday & Your Saving Grace

Apr. 8 | Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Vigil

Apr. 9 | Easter Sunday

Apr. 10 | Easter Monday (office and building closed)

Apr. 23 | MasterChorale Concert

Apr. 29 | Student Ministries Pasta Dinner

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

Palm Sunday | April 2  
5pm Sat., & 8am, 9am, 10:30am Sun.

Maundy Thursday | April 6  
7pm

Good Friday Seven Last Words | April 7 from 12-3pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Vigil | April 8 at 5pm

Easter Sunday | April 9  
6am, 8am, 9am, 10:30am

*All services will be available to live-stream at [haddonfieldumc.org](https://haddonfieldumc.org) with audio-only versions available by calling 856-213-2015. Learn more: [haddonfieldumc.org/easter](https://haddonfieldumc.org/easter)*



## HUMC KIDS HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

**Palm Sunday Donkey Parade**  
Sunday, April 2 at 9:45am | North Lawn

Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with this fun tradition. Meet and take pictures with a donkey and participate in a parade in downtown Haddonfield. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

**Good Friday Children's Worship**  
Friday, April 7 from 12-3 PM

Children are invited to learn more

about the significance of Good Friday and Holy Week in a fun, accessible way and in the care of our experienced child care providers. This program is open to children ages 3 through 5th Grade and will be two classes split by age group (Ages 3 to Kindergarten and Grades 1-5). Visit our Kid-Check kiosk in the HUMECC entrance across from the Welcome Center to check-in and receive room assignments.

**Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fair**  
Saturday, April 8 from 10am-12pm | Church Parking Lot

Meet us in the church parking lot for egg hunts, food, fellowship, and spring activities. Donations of individually-wrapped, nut free candy are welcome and can be left in the marked container in the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, March 5.

**For details, contact:**  
**Julie Robertson**  
[jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org)



### A TASTE OF PROMISE

Party & Auction  
Friday, March 31 at 6:30pm | Moorestown Community House  
General admission: \$90 per person  
Visit [urbanpromiseusa.org/events/taste/](https://urbanpromiseusa.org/events/taste/)

*Proceeds provide summer programs for children and teens that foster academic, social, and spiritual growth.*



# SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



## SCOUTS AT HADDONFIELD UMC

by Mark Reifsnnyder

Our scouting program is strong with 120 scouts and 32 adults. Both the Pack and Troop are holding their regular meetings at HUMC, besides participating in numerous outside activities, including, of course, camping trips (our troop had 16 scheduled camping nights in 2022, excluding summer camp).

We have 20 boy scouts registered to attend the National Jamboree in July. At the end of February, our pack hosted their annual Pinewood Derby in Propert Café.

## MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### ADOPT-A-BOX

Donate personal care items for those staying in shelters or using day centers in our area, **Sunday, Mar. 5 through Sunday, Mar. 19.**

Drop off the following items in the marked basket in the Welcome Center: soap, washcloths, deodorant, razors, shampoo, socks, feminine products, combs/brushes, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, and shoe boxes.

Hands on Mission Opportunity for all ages: Packing of items is **Monday, Mar. 20** in Room 304 at 7pm.



### THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

HUMC is off to a great start, collecting 439 items for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry in January. Thank you everyone for your continued efforts to curb food insecurity in our community!

Our goal for 2023 is to collect 6,500 items, which is 6.75% toward meeting that goal. We will continue to collect non-perishable items in the breezeway of the church, located next to the parking lot anytime! Most needed donations include non-perishable, pancake mix, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, and napkins.



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK

by Melissa Hofmann

After Covid put a halt on the project, Feed my Starving Children was back in action in our area in January. A local scout pack joined forces with HUMC, and in two shifts, we packed almost 55,000 meals, which feeds 148 kids for a full year! Great job, team!

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization helping malnourished people in about 70 countries. On January 20 and 21, 2023, people in our community came together to pack meals in a MobilePack event.

HUMC had a team of 39 people, including scouts, ages 5 and up, participating in this event. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who took part!

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” - Matt. 28: 19-20**



This past summer, while I was on a John Wesley pilgrimage in England, something awakened deep within me that rekindled a passion for Wesleyan theology and the practices that gave birth to the original Methodist movement. Visiting the places and reading some of the documents that gave birth to this world-shaping movement that would later become a church, I was reminded that it was never about creating an institution. It was about forming groups of people who were committed to growing in God's grace, watching over one another in love, and producing fruits of the spirit. These groups changed people's hearts and lives and literally changed the world.

When I returned I had a deep sense of conviction that that is exactly what is needed today – a revival movement not of institutional preservation, or ideological purity, but where people come together spanning differences to grow in grace, watch over one another in love, and produce fruits of the spirit.

While on the trip, I learned about a Doctor of Ministry (DMIN) program through Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., that is taught by American and British faculty on site at Wesley House, Cambridge University, in the UK. This program, “Justice, Compassion and Witness – Ministry in a Turbulent World,” seeks to deepen the student's roots in Wesleyan theological approaches to the emerging challenges facing churches, and the world, post-Covid. I immediately thought, “Sign me up! The world doesn't get more hurting than this, and we've never been in greater need for more justice, compassion, or witness.”

After entering a time of discernment with the Staff Parish Relations Committee in the fall and discussing with other leadership of the church, I applied to the program. I am very excited to share that I have been accepted to the three-year program, and will begin in March. The truth is that I have been exploring doing my doctorate of ministry for over 10 years, but the timing never seemed right, until now. A DMIN is a practical ministry degree and is designed to be done while the

student is serving a church full time, and the degree is meant to directly benefit the church, as it enhances the practical skills of the student in a given concentration.

This program will require me to be in Cambridge for two weeks in the spring, and two weeks in the summer for two years. The third year will be spent designing and implementing my doctoral project, which will be developed specifically to be done here in this ministry context, seeking to apply what I learned along the way.

Please know this: I'm not planning on leaving. This is a ministry degree to enhance and undergird my ministry here at HUMC. Also, while I will have work to do and papers to write, the course materials and readings will have direct benefit to the work I'm already doing in the church, including teaching and preaching. I am grateful to you, my church family, for being such an important place in ministry, and now a partner on this new journey for us both.

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

## GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

**Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.**

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# Easter Worship

- 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)

See page 4 or visit [haddonfieldumc.org/easter](http://haddonfieldumc.org/easter)