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SPOTLIGHT: Finding Renewal in Mission



by: *Mike Mancini, Student Ministries Leader*

In August, our youth group traveled to Give Kids the World Village (GKTW), a partner organization of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Families with children diagnosed with a terminal or life-changing illness are invited to stay, fulfilling their wish to visit a theme park in Orlando, Florida. Gathered in the Village are families facing unimaginable challenges met by volunteers from all walks of life.

This year I volunteered at the Christmas party. At GKTW, yearly holidays are celebrated on a weekly basis. Some families may not have been able to celebrate last year because of a hospital stay or a child being too sick; some may

not have the chance to celebrate in the future. On this night, the atmosphere was filled with music, dancing, games, and the smiles of children eagerly waiting to sit on Santa's lap.

During the party I met Dan, whose condition prevents him from speaking. Through the use of his iPad, Dan shared his upcoming plans and some favorite memories. His smile radiated across the room, sharing his past travels, people he's met, and his upcoming trip across the East Coast.

In a place filled with families facing life's hardest challenges, the light of Christ shined bright. Joy, hope, and healing abounded as families made memories and connected with each other.

While our world is broken, GKTW is a testament to Christ's presence in all of creation. I find my faith renewed that one day we may be saved from the ailments of our world. I bear the Good News: the Kingdom of heaven is upon us. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.



A sermon series about God's amazing grace

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

SEPT. 10

Nothing You Can Do About It
John 3:16-21 | Rev. Chris Heckert

SEPT. 17

Yes!
Rev. Chris Heckert

SEPT. 24

Growing In Grace
Rev. Chris Heckert

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS

@ 5pm | Brown Chapel

SUNDAYS

@ 8am | Brown Chapel

@ 9am | Fellowship Hall

@ 10:30am | Sanctuary

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

United Women in Faith Meeting

The United Women in Faith will hold executive board meetings on **Thursday, September 7 and October 5** at 10am. Also on Thursday, October 5, Rev. Cricket Denton will share with us her story and discuss her last visit to the Dominican Republic at our first luncheon of the year. We gather at 11:45am for a catered luncheon, which costs \$11. Please RSVP to Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by Monday, October 2.

Your Saving Grace Child Care Nights

Your Saving Grace, an evening child care program where children enjoy dinner and fun with friends under the care of experienced child care providers, returns this fall on **Fridays, Sept. 8 and Oct. 6** from 6-9pm. For detailed pricing and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

Steeple Club Luncheons

The September Steeple Club Luncheon will be held **Monday, September 11** at 12pm. Meet Rev. Cricket Denton, our new Student and Mission Ministries Director. Lunch will be \$5, and reservations can be made by contacting Leslie Robinson at lrobinson527@gmail.com by Friday, September 8. The October luncheon will be held on Monday, October 9. Learn about Rev. Chris Heckert's travels to England. Reserve your space by Friday, October 6.

American Guild of Organists Concert For Ukraine

HUMC is proud to partner with the Southwest Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in presenting a Benefit Concert for Ukraine **Sunday, September 17** at 3pm in the church Sanctuary. Acclaimed pianist Irina Nenartovich will be joined by tenor Will Powell, oboist Kenny Carson, and organists Larry DePasquale and Matthew Smith. A freewill donation will benefit The United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Bereavement Support Group Begins

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 Sept. 18** in Sayre Pavilion for 6-8 weeks. Contact office@haddonfieldumc.org to register.

Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale

The Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale returns on **Thursday, Sept. 21** from 6-9pm and **Friday, Sept. 22** from 9am-7pm in Fellowship Hall with a Bag Sale on **Saturday, Sept. 23** from 9am-12pm. Drop off donations Monday, Sept. 18-Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 12pm-7pm. Please no: larger pieces (including furniture, computer & exercise equipment), magazines, used shoes for anyone over 5 years old, or combustible materials. Want to volunteer? Contact Kathleen Bandaruk at kathleen.bandaruk@gmail.com.

Disabilities Task Force Meet and Greet

The Disabilities Task Force recognizes that we are all wonderfully made as Children of God, each with our own unique abilities. Learn more at our Meet and Greet on **Wednesday, September 27** at 7pm in Sayre Pavilion.

Mi Wha Lee Organ Recital

The Mi Wha Lee Memorial Organ Recital Series will present the internationally acclaimed organist, Nathan Laube, **Sunday, October 29** at 7pm in the church Sanctuary. Mr. Laube is currently Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music and is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. His extensive recital career includes major venues spanning four continents.

COMING SOON

CLASSES ON AMPLIFY MEDIA



AMPLIFY MEDIA

Amplify Media is a streaming service of Cokesbury content with thousands of videos to deepen

your faith. We have a new church-wide access plan for personal use or for small groups. Go to haddonfieldumc.org/classes to create your own account, using congregation code: STKRZF, and browse content today!

OCTOBER WORSHIP

REVIVE US AGAIN – A sermon series on personal and communal revival



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 5pm
North Lawn

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Church is changing. It was never the building anyway, and now we can be a people of faith not constrained by geography. **Worship in real time online at 9am and 10:30am** at:

- haddonfieldumc.org

FEED YOUR FAITH RESOURCES

Grow in grace and sustain your discipleship journey!

- **Mobile App** – download our free mobile app to find easy access to resources and live-streams. Search "Haddonfield UMC" in any app store.
- **Daily Reflections** – daily devotions by laity and clergy of HUMC to help start each day with inspiration and encouragement to sustain you on your faith journey. Sign up for email delivery at: haddonfieldumc.org/daily-reflections
- **Sermon Podcast** – available every week on the church app and your favorite podcasting platforms. Search "Haddonfield UMC"
- **Bible Study/Classes** – see page 6
- **Small Groups** – see page 6
- **Connect Guides*** – original content small group guides focusing on the weekly sermon theme
- **Sermon Notes*** – designed to help with active listening and personal reflection while listening to the weekly sermon



*Available online at haddonfieldumc.org or the Haddonfield UMC app

KICK OFF SUNDAY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 10

HOT BREAKFAST

A hot breakfast will be available beginning at 8am in Proport Café. Free, donations welcome.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students are invited to a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on Sunday, Sept. 10 at all worship services. All students will receive a memento to attach to their backpacks as a reminder of our community's care and God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Sunday School at 9am and Children's Worship at 10:30am. Visit the Kid Check Kiosk in the church breezeway for check-in and room assignments.

HUMC KIDS FAMILY BBQ

Families with school-age children are invited to our Kickoff BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1-3pm on the North Lawn to start the program year! In the event of inclement weather, our event will be moved inside to Proport Café and Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share with friends! To RSVP, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/3Z16y4o>.

YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY

Students in 6-12 grade are invited to compete with pastors and youth leaders at the Student Ministries Kick Off Party from 6-8:30pm Sunday, Sept. 10 in the church parking lot. There will also be a DJ, karaoke, tie dye, and a bonfire! For more information, contact Pastor Cricket at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org.



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

SING AND PRAISE, MISSION WORK, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On Sunday, June 18, the Essence of Harmony Choral Society presented **“Sing & Praise! A Gospel Celebration of Juneteenth & African American Music Appreciation Month”** in the Sanctuary (pictured above, bottom left).

From Wednesday, August 9-Sunday, August 13, Pastor Cricket, Student Ministry leaders, and students and young adults recently in the Student Ministry program, spent time serving sharing God’s love with others at **Give Kids the World** in Kissimmee, Florida (pictured above top left).

Heroes were called on Monday, August 14-Friday, August 18, to our **Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School**. Over 120 children and 95 volunteers learned how heroes are called to follow Jesus, help others,

work together, listen to God, and show grace. Participants donated 363 items for our **School Supplies Collection** (pictured above right and middle left).

On Thursday, August 3, Pastor Cricket delivered the first items collected in our **Backpack and School Supplies Collection** to mission partner Acenda (pictured below).



CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS

Thursday, September 7 is the first day of choir rehearsals for our two Adult Choirs! The New Jersey MasterChorale, led by Dr. Jason Vodicka, will rehearse Thursdays from 6:30-8pm in the Music Suite, with the Chancel Choir, led by Matt Smith, rehearsing right afterwards in the Sanctuary from 8:15-9:30pm. Email njmc@haddonfieldumc.org to set up an audition for MasterChorale, or email Matt at msmith@haddonfieldumc.org to join Chancel Choir. We can’t wait to welcome you into our community!

The Children’s Choirs will start back up for the school year on **Wednesday, September 13!** Rehearsals will be in Room 206 and the Music Suite, every Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:15pm. The Cherub Choir is for kids in PreK-4 through 1st grade, while the Joyful Hearts are for 2nd-5th graders. Please email Matt Smith (msmith@haddonfieldumc.org) if you want to register your child for either of these groups.

STUDENT & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Ignite Conference: Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Ignite is a high-impact, life-changing weekend for youth in grades 6-12 with high energy worship, relevant and engaging speakers, and interactive and inspiring exhibits. If you, or a student you know, is interested in connecting with God and growing spiritually with other young people in Wildwood, NJ, **Sept. 29-Oct. 1**, let us know by filling out the form at: <https://bit.ly/44Fh2sx>.

HUMC Kids Sunday School Begins Sept. 10

Join us for the start of our HUMC Kids programming year on **Sunday, September 10** with Children’s Sunday School at 9am and Children’s Worship at 10:30am. Child care for children under 3 years old is provided during the 9am and 10:30am worship services. Visit the KidCheck kiosk in the church breezeway across from the Welcome Center to check-in and receive class assignments. For questions, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.



TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL

Our Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival is **Saturday, October 28** from 2-3:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family, and enjoy safe trick-or-treating, pumpkin painting, music, and good food!

Want to help make this event a success? We’ll need decorated car trunks, volunteers, and candy donations.

Donated candy must be individually-wrapped, unopened, and nut-free.

Register your car trunk! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3qusWGD> or scan the QR code to host a trunk in this year’s event!



For details, contact:

Julie Robertson
jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4 | Labor Day
(office and building closed)

Sept. 8 | Your Saving Grace

Sept. 10 | Kick Off Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, HUMC Kids BBQ, Youth Kick Off Party, Tri-State Jazz Concert

Sept. 11 | Steeple Club

Sept. 17 | AGO Ukraine Benefit Concert

Sept. 18 | Bereavement Support Group Begins

Sept. 21-23 | Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale

Sept. 25 | Church Council

Oct. 4 | Wednesday Night Dinners Resume

Oct. 6 | Your Saving Grace

Oct. 7 | Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 8 | Coffee with the Pastors for Newcomers

Oct. 9 | Steeple Club

Oct. 22 | Revival

Oct. 28 | Trunk or Treat/ Fall Festival

Oct. 29 | Mi Wha Lee Organ Recital

hospitality

Coffee with the Pastors

- Newcomers
- Those seeking a spiritual home
- Every 2nd Sunday, starting October 8



SMALL GROUPS & MISSION

SMALL GROUPS AND CLASSES

This year we are looking to expand and offer more small groups and classes. If you would like to join a small group or would consider leading a new group, please email office@haddonfieldumc.org.

Connect Groups – Discussion groups based on the weekly preaching themes and scriptures to talk about the theme’s application in daily life. These groups follow original Connect Guides written by pastors and laity.

Covenant Groups – NEW – Groups where members will meet regularly (in-person or online) to answer a few simple questions about how their faith journey is going, where God is moving in their lives, and what challenges they are working through.

Support Groups – Groups which meet around particular issues/life circumstances. This year we are looking to add groups that include: a support group for the parents of children who are neurodivergent and a new group for mothers of young children (infant-elementary age).

Classes – This year we will be offering an asynchronous resource through our church called Amplify Media. Amplify makes available thousands of small group, class, and Bible Study video resources. We will also be able to put our own original class/Bible Study content on this platform. We are currently working on developing course content and schedules.

AMPLIFY MEDIA Sign up today at haddonfieldumc.org/classes by registering with Amplify Media. Use our church code, STKRZF, to get unlimited access to thousands of classes and resources, including our own church content. Pastor Chris’ studies on the Gospel of Matthew and Book of James are both available on this platform.

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION

Help us serve God’s people in the Dominican Republic. HUMC’s 2024 Mission in the Dominican Republic will be a time to learn, share, and deepen your faith while building homes and being in community with the people of Los Cocos.

Have an interest in being part of the 2024 team? Join us for an Informational Meeting **Sunday, September 24** at 12pm, Room 304. We will review the details of the work involved and the trip particulars. Contact Rev. Cricket Denton at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.



Cherry Hill Food Pantry

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

As of August 9, we have collected 2,540 items, 39.1% of our 2023 goal of 6,500 items, for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Thank you for all of your ongoing efforts to curb food insecurity in our community.

Items will continue to be collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. **Most needed donations include: nonperishable food items, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, ground coffee, detergent, and canned corn.**

If you would like to help deliver items, contact Rev. Cricket Denton at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org.

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CELEBRATE!

HADDONFIELD UNITED METHODIST EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (HUMECC)



Pictured above: Before (top) and after (bottom) photographs of the new HUMECC Full Day Kindergarten classroom. The room has been transformed into a bright and inviting space where kids will learn, be challenged and have fun with their peers.

For the 2023/2024 school year, HUMECC has 180 students enrolled. A testament to the great work the teachers are doing, there are 34 families with siblings enrolled this year and 41 brand new families!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...” - Philippians 2:5



As the new school year begins, I am excited to start a new program year here at HUMC! Our theme this year is “Revive Us Again”

with a focus on revival: leaning into the movement of God’s spirit to stir within our congregation a new and exciting chapter of faithfulness, discipleship, and service.

As a part of our revival theme, I have decided to use different excerpts from the writings of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement to inspire, and at times challenge us, to be committed followers of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

The first text I want to reflect upon comes from one of John’s earliest attempts to describe who and what the Methodists were in a letter called “A Plain Account of the People Called Methodist.”

“First, that orthodoxy, or right opinions, is, at best, but a very

slender part of religion, if it can be allowed to be any part of it at all... that it is nothing short of, or different from, ‘the mind that was in Christ;’ the image of God stamped upon the heart; inward righteousness, attended with the peace of God; and ‘joy in the Holy Ghost.’”

Wesley points out that true religion is not necessarily about an adherence to right belief alone, but rather, having the mind of Christ work in the heart to the point in which we produce the fruits of the Spirit. I love this entire letter because the downfall of many churches is that we have difficulty living in peace with one another when we expect complete conformity of thought instead of unity of heart.

The Methodist movement was built on loving God and loving others in community even in the midst of difference. This shared commitment of reflecting God’s love changed hearts and

ultimately changed the world.

We may not agree on everything, but my prayer is that we can agree on this one thing: that God created us in our difference and our diversity, God loves us completely and God wants us to live in relationship with God and to show others kindness, mercy, love, justice, generosity, and forgiveness. By doing this in the name of Jesus Christ, we find that people are changed not at the head level but at the heart level which kindles revival within our soul.

Join me this year as we commit to loving God and loving our neighbor in community, asking that God’s spirit revives us again for a powerful season of ministry.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

In memory of: Kirk Peterson from Jane & Chuck Bruton, Connie & Bob Dilks

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In memory of: Alma Domelevich from Audrey Frank

In memory of: Margaret and Howard Lowden from their son Jim Lowden

In honor of: Rev. Dr. Bill McElwee from the Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study and the Koinonia Sunday School Class

In honor of: Barbara Semple’s

birthday from Charlene Kronk

In honor of: Aiden T. Hartjen’s baptism from the Rostocki and Hartjen families

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In memory of: Bob Hoskins from Erica Rose Smith

In honor of: Bob Shaffer from David Smith

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- On the Haddonfield UMC mobile app
- Online at haddonfieldumc.org/give
- By mailing a check to 29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT Dinner

Resumes October 4, 2023 at 5:30pm in Proport Café

MENU

- Oct. 4: Chicken Francaise & Blistered Potatoes
- Oct. 11: Baked Meatloaf & Baked Potato
- Oct. 18: Lasagna Roulade with Sausage & Peppers
- Oct. 25: Chicken Marsala & Roasted Red Potatoes

Reservations and Pricing
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KICK OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

- HOW SWEET THE SOUND SERMON SERIES BEGINS
- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS | 9AM AND 10:30AM WORSHIP
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
- PROGRAMS & SMALL GROUPS RESUME
- HUMC KIDS FAMILY BARBECUE
- STUDENT MINISTRIES KICK OFF PARTY