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SPOTLIGHT: The Promise of Peace



by Dr. Jason Vodicka, Artistic Director, New Jersey MasterChorale

The crafting of this program began with the selection of Haydn's *Nelson Mass*, also known as the *Missa in Angustiis (Mass in a Time of Anguish)* as the centerpiece of the concert. Written during the Napoleonic wars when Vienna was under threat of invasion, the mass speaks directly to those living in a time of turmoil.

The idea of troubled times resonated with me and our shared experiences during the last two years. When we assembled the program back in December, the theme of peace in a time of anguish was meant to reflect on our current concerns about COVID and the ever growing political divide in our country.

Little did we know that in a few short

months we would see the outbreak of war in Ukraine, not far from where Napoleon once stood on the doorstep of Vienna.

Our prayer for peace extends to all who face war, terror, and destruction, wherever they are on God's planet.

Join the New Jersey MasterChorale on Sunday, May 1 at 7pm for its upcoming concert, *The Promise of Peace*. Along with Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, highlights of the concert include a concerto by Albinoni featuring trumpet and additional choral selections by Mendelssohn, Rutter, and others.

The NJ MasterChorale is joined in this performance by Matt Smith, organist, and Members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends.

Per the guidelines of our guest musicians, masks and proof of COVID-19 vaccination are required.

Free tickets are available on Eventbrite.

Visit haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale for more information and a link to order tickets!

UNFOLDING STORIES: WOMEN DISCIPLES OF JESUS

MAY 1

The Sisters

Luke 10:38-42, Rev. JiSun Yang

MAY 8

A Woman Caught in Adultery

John 8:2-11, Sophia Vicari

MAY 15

The Woman Who Poured Perfume on Jesus' Feet

Luke 7:36-50 (or John 12:1-8), Rev. Chris Heckert

MAY 22

Lydia

Acts 16:11-15, 40, Rev. Chris Heckert

May 29

Phoebe, Priscilla/Aquila

Romans 16:1-2, Acts 18:1-3, Rev. JiSun Yang

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Audio only of the concert | 856-213-2015



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS
@ 5 pm | Brown Chapel

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

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Join members of Haddonfield's communities of faith and friends for this year's National Day of Prayer Breakfast, hosted here at Haddonfield UMC. We will gather on **Thursday, May 5 at 8:30am** in Propert Café. Contact the church office for ticket information by calling 856-429-0403 or emailing office@haddonfieldumc.org.

United Women in Faith Luncheons

The United Women in Faith, formerly the United Methodist Women, will have a catered luncheon on **Thursday, May 5 at 11:45am** in Propert Café. Kristi Edmonds, David Van Sciver, and friends will present a program about the Reconciling Ministries Network. Our June luncheon will be held on **Thursday, June 2 at 11:45am**. Lois Donaway is presenting the program, "Shari Shares With Her Friends." We anticipate sharing this day with our friends from Mt. Zion. All those planning to attend need to notify Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by the Monday before the luncheon.

Your Saving Grace

Your Saving Grace is an evening child care program where children are invited to enjoy dinner and fun with friends under the care of our experienced child care providers. Join us for our final night of the year on **Friday, May 6 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 to make reservations.

Mother's Day Gifts

The Floral Arts Guild Ministry will be offering small flower arrangements and gifts for mothers, grandmothers, girlfriends, and those who are significant in your life, priced at \$10, \$20, and \$30 each for all ages to give. This is an opportunity to show your love and care to the special ladies in your life. See you on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8**, in the Welcome Center. Proceeds help us decorate the church in appropriate ways throughout the year.

Steeple Club

On Monday, May 9, the Steeple Club is having a tea party in Propert Café at noon! Bring a tea cup to this special luncheon. RSVP by Friday, May 6. The following Steeple Club luncheon will be on Monday, June 13, with RSVPs due on Friday, June 10. Reservations can be made to Leslie Robinson at lrobinson527@gmail.com.

Chancel Choir Concert

Chancel Choir is excited to present our first annual choral concert at **4pm Sunday, May 22**. Favorite anthems from the past program year, across a variety of styles and time periods, will be revisited and celebrated along with some new pieces of music. Some congregational hymn-singing will also be featured in the program. Please save the date and come out to enjoy an inspiring and worshipful experience! Until further notice, masking is required for audience members.

Greater New Jersey Annual Conference 2022

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference will be held virtually **May 23-24!** Focusing on Luke 4:17-18, this year's Conference theme is "Deliver" and will be available via Zoom for voting members and via YouTube for non-voting members. Annual Conference is a time of worship and learning, with reports on past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs, and budgets; ordination of clergy; and workshops and mission projects. For more information, visit: gnjumc.org/2022-annual-conference/

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins **Sunday, May 29 at 9am**. Children ages 3 through 5th Grade can grow deeper in their faith and learn how to apply their faith to life through Bible lessons, activities, and fellowship. Visit our Kid-Check kiosk in the HUMECC entrance (across from the Welcome Center) to check-in and receive room assignments.

Confirmation and Stephen Minister Sunday

On **Pentecost Sunday, June 5**, we will celebrate Confirmation by welcoming six youth into full membership in the church. We will also commission our newest Stephen Ministers during worship.

Chancel Choir Switches to Summer Schedule

After **Pentecost Sunday on June 5**, Chancel Choir will switch to our summer schedule of "pickup-choir" Sundays. Thursday rehearsals will adjourn for the summer season until after Labor Day, but the choir will still meet on Sunday mornings in June and July to put together music for worship. If you have ever considered joining Chancel Choir and wanted an easy way to try us out, summer would be the perfect time! Simply come to the Music Suite at 10am on Sunday mornings for warm-ups and to put together simple anthems. If you have any questions, please reach out to Matt Smith at msmith@haddonfieldumc.org.

COMING SOON



GOOD NEWS FOR ALL: AN ACTS SERIES - JUNE 2022

Take a closer look at the Acts of the Apostles in this special June sermon series!

During the series, we'll celebrate special Sundays in the life of the church, including Pentecost and Confirmation, 50 Year Members, Volunteers, and Father's Day.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

JUNE 5
Pentecost
Confirmation & Stephen Minister Commissioning
Acts 2:1-21, Rev. Chris Heckert

JUNE 12
Peter's Vision
Peace with Justice & Recognition Sunday
Acts 10:9-23, Rev. JiSun Yang

JUNE 19
Council of Jerusalem
Acts 15:1-15, Rev. Chris Heckert

JUNE 26
Paul's Sermon (Unknown God)
Acts 17:16-34, Rev. Chris Heckert

SERVE IN MINISTRY!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Food Truck Party

Volunteering For My First HUMC VBS! – by Lou Schopfer



It's been over twenty-seven years, and it seems like yesterday, our daughter, Liz, attended her first Vacation Bible School (VBS).

I can still sing the songs and remember the hand motions. I have seen first hand the blessings and benefits of VBS on my kids. When I retired from my government career, I wanted to make the legacy investment into a new generation of kids. As a member of HUMC, I make a promise at every infant baptism to help these kids "to grow in the knowledge and love of God."

This past VBS I had a blast serving alongside Pastor JiSun, who reminds me of my daughter Liz in so many ways! And yes, I remind Pastor JiSun of her dad (also a retired government employee)! I got to make new adult church friends and grow closer to members who I only knew at a superficial level. If this retired senior citizen with arthritis in both feet and living with leukemia can do it, you can too! Join me in keeping our promise to our kids. We need you!



Willing to serve?
Find out more! Email: office@haddonfieldumc.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAY MISSION OFFERING: JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY (JFON)

JFON is a ministry of hospitality, originally founded by The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), that provides free or low-cost immigration legal services to vulnerable immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. JFON also advocates for immigrants' rights and offers community education.

JUNE MISSION OFFERING: URBANPROMISE

Since 1988, the mission at UrbanPromise has been to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership.

To pay by check: write "JFON" or "UrbanPromise" as the memo
Mail to: 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033

You are able to give online at haddonfieldumc.org/give and selecting the mission partner as your fund.

HOPE IN AN ENVELOPE FOR YOUTH MISSION

Support this year's Youth Mission trip to Give Kids the World in-person by selecting an envelope in the Welcome Center and returning it with your gift inside. You can also participate electronically by donating at haddonfieldumc.org/give. Please specify "Youth Mission Trip to GKTW" on your donation. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.

REV. GEORGE MORRIS RETIRES



congregation's sick and homebound. Other duties falling to Pastor George as Visitation Pastor included performing funerals, helping to administer the bus ministry and prayer lists, and coordinating home visits and flower deliveries with the Visitation Ministry team.

During the pandemic, he also assisted with coordinating ushers and greeters for in-person worship services.

Rev. George Morris retires from his position as Pastor of Visitation Ministries on June 30. Pastor George has served in this role for four years, having returned to HUMC in 2018.

Previously the Senior Pastor from 2001-2012, Pastor George has been a familiar face, spending time with the

Pastor George looks forward to spending time with his wife, Rev. Kathleen Morris, and their dog, Queen Beatrice, as well as family and friends. We wish him all the best for a time of well-earned rest and relaxation.





EASTER WEEKEND

EASTER EGG HUNT & SPRING FAIR AND EASTER WORSHIP

Many thanks to all who attended or otherwise participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fair on Saturday, April 16! We hosted around 250 children for egg hunts (including sensory-friendly hunts), games, face-painting, and food. Members of UrbanPromise, the Floral Arts Guild, the Disabilities Task Force, Connect Groups, the Hospitality Team, and the child care team all lent a hand to make the day special. As part of the event's mission focus, 169 food items were collected for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.

Our Easter weekend worship this year included six services with offerings including in-person, online only, and live-streams of in-person worship. Over 900 people attended either

in-person or online to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Half of our Easter Offering benefitted humanitarian response efforts in Ukraine, administered by UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief).

You can continue to give to this effort at haddonfieldumc.org/give. Select the fund "Humanitarian Response in Ukraine-UMCOR."



HADDONFIELD UMC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

HUMECC is pleased to announce that Jennifer Douglas will be taking over the position of Director of the Early Childhood Center effective May 1, 2022, overlapping with Lynne Ebling for the last month of the school year.

Jen holds a B.A. in History and Education from Catholic University and an M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of Virginia. Jen previously taught and was an Assistant Principal in Virginia. Jen, her husband John, and four children, HUMECC graduates, now reside in Haddonfield.

Having been a HUMECC teacher for 6 years, Jen is familiar with the HUMECC philosophy, goals, and programs. HUMECC anticipates a flawless transition. Jen looks forward to continuing the success of the Early Childhood Center and working closely with the HUMC staff around our shared missions.

YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

End of Year Youth Group Party

Let's celebrate the last Youth Group of the year by having a pool party! This celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 12 from 2-5pm**. Youth should bring a towel and wear a modest swimsuit. Please RSVP to Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org by June 5 for address and directions.

Family Taco Night

Your family is invited to a special Family Taco Night on **Thursday, May 12 from 5-6:30pm!** Join us in Proport Café for an evening of food and fellowship as we gather as friends and discuss the coming year for children's and family ministries. We want to hear your thoughts on how to best create a meaningful program for you and your children! Please bring a dessert to share with others. Children of all ages are welcome! Contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org to learn how to RSVP or for more details.



Incoming HUMECC Director Jen Douglas with retiring Director Lynne Ebling on April 5, 2022.

LYNNE EBLING RETIRES AFTER 18 YEARS

—by Lynne Ebling

It is with very mixed emotions, and tremendous gratitude for the experience, that I am retiring from the Early Childhood Center. My years at HUMECC, as a teacher and then Director has been such a huge part of my life. It has truly been a perfect combination of personal and professional experiences that I will

cherish. Both my children and grandchildren attended, so the good times and wonderful memories will never be far from our conversations.

I was truly blessed to have worked with the dedicated and loving staff of both HUMC and HUMECC. I wish you growth and success as the programs continue to reach so many. All the families that I have had the pleasure of meeting, and the children that I have watched grow, have left an unforgettable impact on me.

I will miss all of the people I've met, and experiences I've had along the way, but look forward to what's ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of HUMC and HUMECC for so many years. It will never be forgotten.

Lynne retires at the end of May 2022. We thank her for all that she has done to build HUMECC into what it is today and to partner with HUMC throughout the years. We wish her a happy and joyful retirement!



IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1 | MasterChorale Concert

May 2 | Symphony in C Youth Orchestra Concert

May 5 | National Day of Prayer Breakfast & United Women in Faith Luncheon

May 6 | Your Saving Grace

May 9 | Steeple Club Luncheon

May 16 | Church Council

May 22 | Chancel Choir Concert

May 23 & 24 | Greater NJ Annual Conference

May 30 | Memorial Day - Office & Building Closed

June 2 | United Women in Faith Luncheon

June 5 | Pentecost & Confirmation

June 12 | Tri-State Jazz Concert

June 13 | Steeple Club Luncheon

FLORAL ARTS GUILD

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



SUNDAY, MAY 8 AFTER WORSHIP
WELCOME CENTER

SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



SMALL GROUPS: LECTIO DIVINA

Julie Dengler, growing up in Haddon Township in a Catholic church, always had a craving for the Bible and joined the Lectio Divina group on Tuesdays at 8am on Zoom led by Rev. JiSun Yang.

She shares that Lectio Divina has made her experience of the Bible and the HUMC community more personalized. With Lectio Divina, she experiences another level of reading the Bible through conversation with others, centering on the day's Scripture. It helps her to see God in her daily life better. The meditation is helpful in going deeper and encourages her to make space for meditation on other days.

Lectio Divina is a sacred approach to prayer and scripture in practice since the early church. Meaning "Divine Reading," the practice is a way to meditate and pray over particular scripture passages.

Contact Rev. JiSun Yang at jyang@haddonfieldumc.org if you are interested in joining the Lectio Divina group!

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

BUILDING UP

The Community Center in Los Cocos, Dominican Republic, currently hosts students learning a second language and a growing library. They have been dealing with constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic but continue to provide learning for the citizens of the community and to share the love of God, reading, and activities that benefit students.



Amarilis Lora-Martinez, Community Center Director, shares, "We want to show that in any social circumstance we will continue to be attached to the love and great heart of each of the volunteers who have devised this beautiful project and to the non-profit work."



SPRING PARTNER DAY

Join our friends at UrbanPromise for a hands-on mission opportunity on **Thursday, May 5 from 10am to 12:30pm** for Partner Day!

Team up with a child and learn about UrbanPromise at the same time. This will be a meaningful and fun experience for all!

Lunch will be provided, and the event will be an active, outdoor opportunity.

RSVP by Monday, May 2, or learn more by contacting Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org.



THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your generosity and support as we continue to combat food insecurity in our local community! So far, we have collected 1,928 items toward our 8,000 item goal!

Current needs for our ongoing collection include: **toothpaste, canned meat, laundry detergent, syrup, baked beans, napkins, full-size candy bars, and plastic shopping bags.**

Volunteers make weekly deliveries to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org if you would like to help or volunteer at the pantry.



MAY CONNECT GROUPS ARE MEETING:

Mondays 6:15pm
In-person with Zoom option

Tuesdays 11am
Ladies' group; in-person with Zoom option

Wednesdays 6pm
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Thursdays 7pm
In-person only

Sundays 10:15am
In-person with Zoom option

Sundays 10am
Mom's Group; In-person with Zoom option

Connect Guides, the original study guides used by groups to facilitate discussion, are available on the Haddonfield UMC app and at haddonfieldumc.org/connect-guides

Connect Groups will break for the summer beginning in June.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Ending the Year Well With an Eye Toward the Fall

"I thank my God every time I remember you..." - Philippians 1:3

Whether it is vacation schedules, holiday plans, or preparing for major gatherings, planning for anything in a pandemic has felt nearly impossible. Mission trip plans get canceled; people pull out last minute because they tested positive for Covid; and gathering guidelines shift quickly, making what used to be simple work feel like a fool's errand. With that said, I have to say our church staff and lay leadership have done a phenomenal job of adapting and leading with grace and flexibility throughout the 2021-22 program year.

Our Sunday School teachers have been deeply committed to our kids. Our youth volunteers have consistently shown up to support our students, and people of all ages have continued to be persistent in meaningful programs through our Floral Arts ministry, music programs, small groups, United Women in Faith, Steeple Club, Wednesday

Night Dinners, and countless other programs that give people meaning and purpose through our church.

One of the mantras I've been using as we have been exploring many new ideas for programming and solutions for evolving challenges has been, "Let's just finish this year well and try new in the fall." In any other year that might sound like giving up, but this year it's a commitment to expressing our gratitude to our volunteers and honoring the participation of our members to complete the programs set in motion for this year as well as we possibly can given all the limitations we have been facing.

That said, I am really excited for the fall. We have been planning our sermon series, online church efforts, new hybrid faith formation classes, plans to launch new small groups, as well as four new areas of mission priority for

our church that will better help our congregation grow to love God and do something about it.

Please know that as your pastor, I am deeply grateful for you wherever you are and whatever you may have been doing this year. But, God is not done with us yet! This is where the story really starts to get interesting. I am excited with how God is going to use the challenges of this moment along with the unexpected gifts that have arisen to give us a renewed vision to be the hands and feet of Christ in the 21st century, using new methods to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world together.

Thank you for being an important part of this community of faith!

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

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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.

Please include the person's name with your gift.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Confirmation is Sunday, June 5!



Charlie Armstrong



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