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GRACE-FILLED **COMMUNITY** | INSPIRED **WORSHIP** | TRANSFORMATIONAL **MISSION**

TRUSTING GOD FOR WHAT'S NEXT

"And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?...In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."— Acts 2:8 & 11

Each May, the church observes Pentecost Sunday, celebrated as the original birthday of the church. In the Pentecost story, found in the Book of Acts, it is in this moment when Jesus' disciples turn from being a diverse group of students to becoming a unified body of evangelists sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to people who need some good news. Although this is a story I revisit every year, this year in particular, the second Pentecost in the pandemic, two major points jumped out at me:

1. God's spirit only entered into the disciples after their own efforts had failed, and they began to trust God fully for their next steps.
2. Instead of attracting people to the disciples, they were sent out to meet people in the streets to speak in the individual language in which the people would best understand the message.

Like the disciples in that time, our best efforts to plan for the future have come up short this past year, and we are at a point in which we are best served by letting go of our own will and trusting God for what is next on the horizon in terms of ministry, community engagement, and life together as a congregation. Yes, this can be scary, but that is what trust is all about. Jesus said to his disciples, "I will never leave you alone or orphaned," and we believe the same is true for us now.

Also like the early church, we find ourselves not in a position of attracting people en masse but meeting people where they are and sharing, through the use of technology, our mission efforts, and other initiatives, the good news that they are loved, important, and forgiven by God.

This summer we will continue to reopen offerings in phases as well as launch refocused ministries to best meet people where they are and help us live out faith every day, cultivate meaningful relationships, and to engage in mission that makes a difference.

In this newsletter you will find highlights and gratitude for this past year, as well as worship and ministry offerings for this summer. Each one of you is important to me, this church, and to God as we seek to be the church, the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, in a hurting world.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris".

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

IN THIS ISSUE



We are focusing on gratitude for our community and many volunteers in this issue. Please turn the pages to find information on our worship services, volunteers, graduates, and confirmands.



WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9AM ON THE NORTH LAWN
@ 10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY

VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
@ 9AM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
@ 10:30AM

WORSHIP ONLINE!

- [Haddonfield UMC App](#)
- haddonfieldumc.org
- [Facebook Live](#)

WORSHIP BY PHONE!

- Call 856-213-2015 for audio-only services

WORSHIP SERVICES ARCHIVED:

- [youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)
- 856-213-2015 (audio only)

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OUTDOOR SERVICE LAUNCHES JUNE 6

A new outdoor, in-person Contemporary service launches Sunday, June 6 with Communion service on the North Lawn! This service will be a weekly service and will be held under cover in the Cloisters in the event of rain. Our other worship services will continue on Sundays:

- 9am virtual (pre-recorded) Contemporary
- 10:30am in-person Traditional in the Sanctuary
- 10:30am virtual (pre-recorded) Traditional

Pre-recorded virtual services are still available at haddonfieldumc.org, the [church app](#), [Facebook Live](#), and are archived on our [YouTube channel](#). Audio-only versions of virtual services are available by calling 856-213-2015.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES



On Sunday, May 16 our Third Graders attended a special class where they learned how to use the Bible to deepen their connection with God. The children were presented with their own personal Bibles in our worship services on Sunday, May 23 to honor this milestone on their spiritual journeys. Congratulations to our Third Graders!

NEW MISSION TEAM LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Are you looking for ways to give back to the community and get more involved with mission? Do you have mission ideas that you would like to share? Join the Angel Tree and Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) Task Force Team! We are currently looking to broaden these ministries and to have activities throughout the year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Michael Cicalese at michael.cicalese@wellsfargo.com.

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION CONTINUES



Over 2,690 items have been collected for the [Cherry Hill Food Pantry](#) since January 2021. Thank you for your amazing efforts to help alleviate food insecurity for our neighbors! Our collection continues, and items can be dropped off in the church breezeway. Along with non-perishable food items, current needs are shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, detergent, and feminine products.

URBANPROMISE HOLMAN GOLF CLASSIC



Join friends for a friendly round of golf during the Holman Golf Classic at The Ridge at Back Brook in Ringoes, NJ on Monday, June 21! This special outing helps support the mission and goals of UrbanPromise. Registration begins at 9am, and the event starts promptly at 10:30am. For more information, call Shannon Oberg at 609-876-9958 or visit urbanpromiseusa.org/golf.

FAMILY YOGA CLASS - SUNDAY, JUNE 6



Learn yoga poses and have fun with us Sunday, June 6 at 1pm at our spring family yoga event! No prior experience necessary. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and meet us on the North Lawn. Masks and social distancing required. For more information, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CLOSES SCHOOL YEAR



Many thanks for the entire staff at Haddonfield United Methodist Early Childhood Center (HUMECC) who worked tirelessly to provide normalcy to our preschoolers. HUMECC reopened in September 2021 to 145 children and 20 staff members, under strict COVID guidelines, providing a fun, loving, and educational opportunity through the pandemic. Many in-person activities were replaced by videos to parents, but the learning continued. The year was celebrated with class pizza parties and an in-person graduation for the 4-year-olds! Lynne Ebling, HUMECC Director, would like to thank HUMC and the HUMECC Board for their unending support during these unprecedented times. Working together makes us stronger!

PANDEMIC PRAYER GUEST SPEAKER



The United Methodist Women are presenting a special Zoom Meet and Greet with Rev. Vivian Rodeffer on Thursday, June 3 at 10am. Rev. Rodeffer will give a presentation entitled, "What Pandemic Prayer Teaches Us." This event is open to all. Contact the church office for the Zoom information at office@haddonfieldumc.org or 856-429-0403.

MISSION PROJECT:



BACKPACK DRIVE

During the summer, we'll begin collecting backpacks and school supplies for Acenda, UrbanPromise, and the Neighborhood Center. Please consider donating any of the following new and unopened items:

- Notebooks
- Folders
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Erasers
- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes
- Lysol spray
- Children's masks
- Individual supply boxes (pencil cases)
- Whiteboard markers

Items may be brought to the church through the end of August. Monetary donations may also be made through our online giving options or by check. Select "Backpack Drive" as the online giving fund or write it on the memo line of your check or envelope. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPRECIATION

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

JFON is a ministry of hospitality, originally founded by 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. To learn more, visit haddonfieldumc.org/community-partners.

JULY MISSION OFFERING: NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The Neighborhood Center is a Camden-based organization with a tradition of lifting families out of poverty. Currently, the Neighborhood Center is working to combat food insecurity by keeping its Community Kitchen open.

To support our mission partners, please write "JFON" or "Neighborhood Center" on the memo line of your check or envelope and mail to 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033. You are able to give online by visiting haddonfieldumc.org/give. Please select the mission partner as your fund.



Setchel, Bob Shaffer, Barbara Smyth, Rev. Yugo & Elizabeth Suzuki, Denise & Kirk Stuart, Mary Tanealian, Stacey Thompson, Scott Vicari, Kym Weiler, Shelly Williams, Wojtylak family, Melissa Wojtylak



Tech Team (Video, Sound, Editing): Lacey Cicalese, Jolie Collins, Brent Donaway, Stella Eiter, Phil Fizur, Jacob Greco, Andrew Kent, Kate MacLennan, Ed Martin, Aidan Murray, Larry Pezzato, Jenn Poff, Josh Robertson, Katie Robertson, Erica Rose Smith



Floral Arts Guild: Dolores Rea-Aspell, Beckie Bacalzo, Curtis Bagby, Luanne Bohn, Gabriele Carll, Nancy Clasby, Gerry & Bob Cocker, Eve Dayton, Ruth Dickey, Susanne Donovan, Lois Edmund, Ann Franzeo, Sally & David Grayson, Pat Hobbs, Shirley & John Landgraf, Richard Larzelere, Ed Myer, Harriet Richmond, Nancy Saunders, June Schaeffer, David Van Sciver, Mary Tarantella, Cheryl Walmsley, Grace Wojtylak, Mary Woolley



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Vacation Bible School is this August 9 - 13 from 9am to 12pm each day. We need your help to create the best event for our children! There are many opportunities for both adults and youth to get involved. If you would like to volunteer and help make this year's Vacation Bible School a fun and meaningful experience, email Julie Robertson, Director of Children's and Family Ministries, at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.

CELEBRATING OUR CONFIRMANDS AND GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

On Sunday, June 6 we celebrate Confirmation Sunday in our worship services. We are very proud of our confirmands' commitment to their faith and welcome them as full members in our church community!



Jaden Cabrera

Favorite Thing About Confirmation Class: Learning about God's forgiveness.
Hobbies: Long walks, playing football, playing video games



Lillian Dempsey

Favorite Thing About Confirmation Class: The activities that we do to understand the lecture.
Hobbies: Spending time with my cat and field hockey



Collin O'Connor

Favorite Thing About Confirmation Class: We all get to participate in activities and the activities overall.
Hobbies: Biking and lacrosse

HONORING THE CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to all of our 8th grade, high school, and college graduates! Our students worked hard this year to reach this milestone, and we will celebrate them during our worship services on Sunday, June 13!

8TH GRADE

Jaden Cabrera
Mackenzie Clark
Lindsey Cummins
Lillian Dempsey
Hannah Kaufman
Collin O'Connor

Tyler Morris
Kathryn Potts
Chad Rixon
Lauren Ricci
Audrey Sepanic
Hope Williams

HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson Robert Elder
Ishani Hirata-Chandran
Maya Mason
Rose McLaughlin
Milana Miller

COLLEGE

Kayla Berry
Christie Castorino
Michael Mancini
Jason Garstkiewicz
Jacob Scott Ringenwald



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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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For the Floral Arts Guild:

From Sue Donovan