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GRACE-FILLED COMMUNITY | INSPIRED WORSHIP | TRANSFORMATIONAL MISSION

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are excited to announce our new worship schedule starting Kick Off Weekend, September 11 and 12. Join us in worship at the time and day that works best for you:

In-Person Worship

- **5pm Saturday** - Casual Communion Service, in-person only in Brown Chapel
- **8am Sunday** - Traditional service, in-person only in Brown Chapel - begins September 12
- **9am Sunday** - Contemporary service in Fellowship Hall (Sunday School & child care available)
- **10:30am Sunday** - Traditional service in the Sanctuary (child care available)

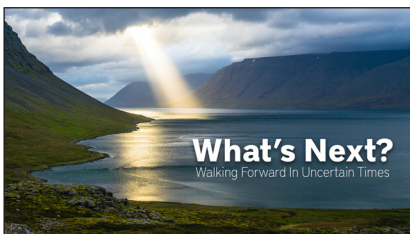


Virtual Worship - join us from anywhere!

- **Online Only Service** - **NEW** - Watch on demand any time and made available Saturday night at 6pm. This is a pre-produced, modern service developed especially for our online congregation.
- **9am Contemporary worship live-stream** - **NEW** - live-stream of the service in Fellowship Hall
- **10:30am Traditional worship live-stream** - live-stream of the service in the Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Kicking off September 12, catch our new sermon series during worship or watch any time after the fact online!



September 2021: Life's path is full of moments of uncertainty with unexpected twists and turns. How do we find joy, peace, and happiness when things feel so unclear and uncertain? The Bible is filled with stories and words of encouragement for how to walk forward boldly through unprecedented and uncertain times, trusting that God will not only help us survive but help us to thrive in new ways. Join us for this sermon series as we trust God with what's next.

Sept. 12 - Thrive in the New Normal - Jeremiah 29:1-14
Rev. Chris Heckert

Sept. 19 - Trust
Proverbs 3:1-10
Rev. Chris Heckert

Sept. 26 - Be in the Now
Psalm 57:1-11
Rev. Chris Heckert



October 2021: Anything worth doing requires our full attention and commitment. Partial commitment and effort never really lead to substantial change, but if we give ourselves over fully to something, we can find the joy, fulfillment, and purpose that comes with being all in. Jesus invites us not to be religious people, not to attend services or partake in traditions, but to give our lives over to Him fully and to follow so that we may find joy in the fullest and love that can transform every aspect of our lives. Join us for this discipleship series

to commit our lives to following Jesus. Are you all in?

Oct. 3 - Invitation
Mark 1:16-20
Rev. Chris Heckert

Oct. 10 - Selfless
John 15:1-10
Rev. JiSun Yang

Oct. 17 - Together
John 15:11-17 & Mark 6:7
Rev. Chris Heckert

Oct. 24 - Therefore, Go!
Matthew 28:16-20
Rev. Chris Heckert

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- SATURDAYS**
@ 5PM IN BROWN CHAPEL
- SUNDAYS**
@ 8AM IN BROWN CHAPEL
(BEGINS 9/12/21)
@ 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
@ 10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY
- VIRTUAL CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - ON DEMAND**
SATURDAYS (BEGINS 9/11/21)
@ 6PM

- LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP**
SUNDAYS AT 9AM & 10:30AM!
- [Haddonfield UMC App](#)
 - [haddonfieldumc.org](https://www.haddonfieldumc.org)
 - [Facebook Live](#)

- WORSHIP BY PHONE!**
- Call 856-213-2015 for audio-only live-streams of worship

- WORSHIP SERVICES ON DEMAND:**
- [youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)
 - 856-213-2015 (audio only)

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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
— Jeremiah 29:11

This month across the nation, one of the most normal things to occur is happening. Children are going back to school full time. As mundane as that sounds and feels, I no longer take it for granted as a parent. As it is the normal thing to do to drop children off for the first day of school, I am doing it with a great sense of gratitude and with an attitude that it is not

completely normal. In a sign that we are not living in 2019, children are wearing masks and there have been changes to schedules and procedures. This is, at least for now, the new normal. We are going "back" to usual rhythms but in new ways and with a deepened sense of appreciation for the things we have and the things we get to do together. This is exactly how it feels at church.

In Jeremiah 29 God tells the people of Israel through the prophet that, even though they are living in a strange land, they are able to invest in the normal things of life: growing gardens, building families, and investing in their communities. God wants us to invest in each other and in life-affirming rhythms of life, even if they are not exactly as we would want them.

When we teach children faith, welcome in the visitor, and worship God, even through technology or in less abundant crowds, God blesses us. By showing up with trusting hearts and love for one another, God is doing a new thing, and God is shaping us into a renewed creation both as individuals and as a church.

I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say that the past year and half hasn't been incredibly difficult, but it is abundantly clear that something new, authentic, and beautiful is emerging in our midst. And, I am seeing God transform our world one relationship at a time. Thanks for being a part of this community! Know that I have a renewed sense of appreciation and gratitude to serve as your pastor and walk in faith alongside you.

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

SPOTLIGHT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



It is said that "no man is an island, entire of itself..." That is very true on the island of the Dominican Republic. Every member of the mission trip in February of 2020 (just before the pandemic closed down the world) discovered a connection to one another and to the people of the village of Los Cocos.

Through the physical task of building a simple home, we discovered a complex reality about God's love. God's love transcends language barriers, skin color, and nationality. God's love was made known to us in the singing of children and in the dancing of the villagers and the folks on the mission team. God's love was within the walls of the new homes and outside the walls, throughout the community.

YOU made that possible, with your prayers, your gifts, and your well-wishes. We felt a connection to all the people back in New Jersey through our daily prayer time, using the same prayer guide that many of you had picked up before we left. Soon, it will be time to rekindle those connections and travel from New Jersey to Los Cocos.

If you are interested in being a part of the Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2022, there will be an **interest meeting on Sunday, September 26 in Room 304 at 12pm**. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the Spirit-filled connection between our congregation and the blessed people of Los Cocos. The Los Cocos community has been vaccinated, and we are planning additional precautions to ensure that this experience will be safe for all. All team members must be vaccinated.

David Jost, Team Member 2020

Help carry on HUMC's housebuilding mission in the Dominican Republic in February 2022. Interested? For more information, contact John McCann (jmccann@verizon.net) or Kristi Edmonds (kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION OFFERING: RESPOND, INC.

Respond, Inc., serves the community of Camden City and Camden County. Founded in 1967, their goal is to help people help themselves through a variety of programs and services.

OCTOBER MISSION OFFERING: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday funds graduate racial-ethnic scholarships in the US and around the world.

Write "Respond, Inc." or "World Communion Sunday" 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](https://www.haddonfieldumc.org/give) and selecting the mission partner as your fund.

URBANPROMISE MISSION DAY

Serve the community during Urban-Promise's Mission Day on Saturday, September 18 from 8:30am to 12pm. Work alongside our community partner to attend to the needs of the campus, classrooms, buildings, teachers, and more. Learn more about UrbanPromise and hear an inspiring message from founder, Bruce Main. Families welcome! Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org to register.

TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL



Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family on Saturday, October 30 from 2-3:30pm. In our safe trick-or-treating environment, children are able to walk from car trunk to car trunk in the HUMC parking lot to collect treats of all kinds. Stay for our fall festival activities, which will include music and pumpkin decorating. Costumes welcome! This FREE event is rain or shine. Want to help make this event a success? We'll need decorated car trunks and candy donations. Donated candy must be individually-wrapped, unopened, and nut-free. Contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org for details.

DISASTER RESPONSE AND RELIEF

Recent disasters in Haiti and New Orleans, and even closer to home here in New Jersey, have impacted the lives of many. Help provide relief by contributing to our disaster response and relief fund. Funds will be distributed to A Future With Hope, a Greater New Jersey Annual Conference ministry created in the wake of Hurricane Sandy to provide local response to disasters, and The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) where 100% of contributions go to relief efforts. Write "Ida Relief" or "Disaster Response and Relief" on your check or select the fund when you give online at haddonfieldumc.org/give.

BOSCOV'S PASSES AVAILABLE

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes are available for 25% off purchases on Wednesday, October 20 from 8am-11pm. Contact Merrie Bender at 856-429-4771 to purchase a \$5 pass. Proceeds from this shopping event support the Neighborhood Center.



KICK OFF WEEKEND BEGINS NEW CHURCH SEASON

Starting September 12, we will kick off many of our classes, groups, and music ministries. Many of these programs will resume for the first time since 2020.

Haddonfield UMC is currently in Phase IV of our COVID-19 Plan. Events and activities are subject to change as the nature of the pandemic changes. Always check with the church office or your group leader for updates, and sign up for our email list at haddonfieldumc.org/email to stay current!



CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses on Thursday nights, starting September 9, from 8:15-9:15pm. The choir will be featured weekly at the 10:30am Traditional service in the singing of choral anthems and leading of congregational hymn-singing. Interested parties should contact Matt Smith at msmith@haddonfieldumc.org.



THE NEW JERSEY MASTERCHORALE rehearses Thursday nights, beginning September 9, from 6:45-8pm with occasional Saturday morning rehearsals. Two concerts are planned for Sunday, December 12 and Monday, December 13. *A December To Remember*, under the direction of Wayne Richmond, will also feature members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends.



THE HOLTZ HANDBELL CHOIR will begin rehearsals every other Monday from 7:30-8:45pm beginning September 13. We look forward to glorifying God through our music and expect to play in worship at 10:30am Sunday, October 24. Contact Ken Hall at hallk7971@gmail.com for more information.



M 6/8 #INSPIRINGINCLUSION YOUTH CHOIR rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons from 12-1pm beginning September 19. Contact Stephen Dagrosa at SADagrosa@gmail.com for more information.

STEEPLE CLUB luncheons return on Monday, September 13 at 12pm in Proport Café. Lunch is \$5 per person and is open to anyone available during the day. Guest Dr. William Bromley will discuss his experiences after contracting COVID-19. October's program will be Monday, October 11 and will feature a return to normalcy with games and prizes. RSVP by Friday, October 8. All reservations can be made to Leslie Robinson at lrobinson527@gmail.com.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Circles will resume meetings in September. Please check with your Circle leader for meeting dates and times. Monthly luncheons resume Thursday, October 7 at noon. Contact office@haddonfieldumc.org for more information about The United Methodist Women.

The fitness class **STRETCH AND TONE** meets on Tuesdays beginning September 7. Myrna Mandel will lead the class from 1-2pm in Room 305. Wear comfortable clothes for this hour of fitness and friendship! For additional information contact Myrna at myrnamandel@comcast.net.

The popular **FUN AND FITNESS** class meets on Thursdays beginning September 9. This class meets from 1-2pm in Room 305. Laura Herr will lead the class and provide all equipment. Wear comfortable clothes, and join old and new friends for an hour of fun and fitness! For additional information contact: Betty McMichael (609-605-0266) or Charlene Kronk (856-524-5128).



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 Tuesdays starting September 7, and sessions will last 6-8 weeks. Contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org to register so we know how many will be attending. New participants can join through September 21.

YOUR SAVING GRACE is a Friday evening child care program to provide the opportunity for parents to enjoy a night out! The next date is October 1 from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 for the first child, \$10 for the second, \$5 for the third, and \$2.50 for the fourth. Contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org to make reservations or to learn more about precautions in place for COVID safety.



YOUTH GROUP is an active and inclusive group for youth in grades 6-12 to have fun and fellowship while deepening faith. Join us Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room, Room 301. A wide variety of individual, pre-packaged snacks is provided. Face masks are required for those not vaccinated. For more information, contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE CENTRAL

CONNECT GROUPS are weekly small groups where relationships with each other and with God are nurtured using Connect Guides, which are original guides based on our weekly sermons and seasonal sermon series, as the basis for conversation and study. Each guide is user-friendly and provides everything you need to lead or participate in a group. Connect Groups are meeting:

- Mondays 6:15pm (begins 9/13): Alternating in-person & Zoom meetings
- Tuesdays 11am (begins 9/14): Virtual meeting via Zoom (in-person once a month)
- Wednesdays 7pm (begins 9/15): Virtual meeting via Zoom
- Thursdays 7pm (begins 9/16): In-person only
- Fridays 11am (begins 9/17): Hybrid (in-person with virtual option)
- Sundays 10:30am (begins 9/12): Hybrid
- Sundays 10am (Mom's Group): Hybrid
- Sundays 7pm (begins 9/12): In-person only

Contact Rev. JiSun Yang at jyang@haddonfieldumc.org if you are interested in joining or leading a Connect Group!

SERVE IN MINISTRY!

As we continue to be the church during this unprecedented time, we are looking for a number of leaders and volunteers for a host of service roles that will be crucial this year in helping us develop disciples of Jesus Christ and to offer worship, faith formation, and continue to run long-standing programs that make an impact in people's lives. We are currently looking for people to serve as:

- Ushers
- Sunday School Teachers
- Connect Group Leaders
- Small Group Leaders
- Bus Drivers
- Visitation Team Members
- Audio Technicians (soundboard operators)
- Camera Operators (recording sessions and live-streams of worship)
- Graphics Operators (on-screen visuals in worship)
- Lighting Technicians
- Musicians and Singers (playing an instrument or singing in Traditional Worship, Contemporary Worship, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, or New Jersey MasterChorale)

If you are willing to serve in any of these capacities or would like to find out more information, please email office@haddonfieldumc.org with your area(s) of interest to be connected to the appropriate staff member or ministry team.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 6 - Labor Day (office and building closed)
- Sept. 7 - Bereavement Support Group Begins
- Sept. 10 - Your Saving Grace
- Sept. 11 & 12 - Kick Off Sunday
- Sept. 13 - Steeple Club Luncheon
- Sept. 18 - UrbanPromise Mission Day
- Sept. 19 - Tri-State Jazz Concert
- Sept. 20 - Church Council Meeting
- Sept. 26 - Dominican Republic Mission Trip Interest Meeting
- Oct. 1 - Your Saving Grace
- Oct. 7 - Cherry Hill Food Pantry Volunteer Day & United Methodist Women Luncheon
- Oct. 11 - Steeple Club Luncheon
- Oct. 24 - Symphony in C Brass and Organ Concert
- Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival



Our **FAITHFUL FAMILY GROUP** is a life-sharing group for parents with young children (Sunday School ages) to connect and support each other in conversation and fellowship. Meetings are held Sundays at 10:15am in Room 306 while a children's program is offered from 10:15-11:30am. All parents with young children are welcome to join! Contact Rev. JiSun Yang at jyang@haddonfieldumc.org if you are interested in joining!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Are you interested in joining our church or learning more about membership? Our pastors will hold a New Members Class on November 7 and 14 from 1-3pm in Sayre Pavilion. New members need to attend only one of these classes and will be received in worship on Sunday, November 21. If you are interested in attending, please email office@haddonfieldumc.org with the date you will be attending; however, you do not need to register in order to attend.

READING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW WITH PASTOR CHRIS (NEW) - This seven week class will begin in October and will include assigned readings, teaching sessions, and personal reflections. The class will explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ as outlined in the Gospel of Matthew. Online and in-person sessions will be available. To sign up, please contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org.

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Travel to the Philippines virtually on Saturday, September 18 at 8pm! Join leaders from **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** and International Care Ministries for a visit to the cities of Dumaguete and Bacolod to see first-hand how the MannaPack meal can make a difference to those affected by poverty. This "Food in Action Trip" is a free event. Register by visiting fmsc.org/get-involved/fmsc-virtual-experiences and clicking on the link for this event.



Cherry Hill Food Pantry

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY is seeking volunteers from Haddonfield UMC in October. Masks and social distancing will be in place during the volunteer experience. Volunteers are needed to serve on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, October 5 - 5 to 7:30pm
- Thursday, October 7 - 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday, October 12 - 5 to 7:30pm
- Thursday, October 14 - 10am to 1pm

Contact David Mears at Davidjmears@aol.com for more information.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH MISSION BLITZES MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

During the summer, our youth served in local mission projects! As part of these Mission Blitzes, projects included: cleaning, gardening, and organizing around the church and church property; volunteering at Angels Community Outreach (Pitman) and Cherry Hill Food Pantry; performing park clean up at Palmyra Cover Nature Center; making bookmarks to send the Community Center Library in Los Cocos, Dominican Republic; and making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Thank you to all of the youth and youth leaders who participated!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

This August, our church transformed into a winter castle, complete with dragons and snow, in order to host *Knights of North Castle* Vacation Bible School! Around 100 knights and 60 dedicated volunteers armored up each day with truth, justice, peace, faith, and salvation by learning about Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego, David and Goliath, Mary's journey to Bethlehem, Jesus walking on water, and Paul and Silas' midnight praise. Crafts, games, and music all reinforced the theme of God's goodness. Children also contributed in mission that makes a difference by donating backpacks and school supplies for our mission partners. Thanks to our children and families and to our volunteers and donors for making it a special week for everyone involved!





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Haddonfield United Methodist Church gratefully acknowledges donations:

In memory of Jack Winner from Nancy & Ed Myer, Gary Naumick, Sandra T. Peterson.

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