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SPOTLIGHT: Rev. Cricket Denton Joins Staff



by: Rev. Cricket Denton

When I was little, I wanted to be a clown when I

grew up. Over time that changed from a clown to a whale trainer, but I can assure you that never once in my life did I say, "When I grow up, I want to be a pastor!" Yet here we are.

Like many others who have gone before me, my story is similar to that of Jonah's; I heard the call from God and promptly ran the other way! It wasn't until working with Superstorm Sandy Recovery Volunteers that I accepted God's call as a deacon. Having two small girls, Charlie Mae and Brighton, I knew I couldn't drop everything to attend seminary. Instead, over the course of six years, I took

classes part-time and commuted the two and a half hours to Drew Theological School.

This was, and continues to be, one of the best decisions of my life. Over the course of my ministry, I've had many opportunities to do what I love: mission work both locally and overseas (most recently in the Dominican Republic with SAUMC and HUMC), disaster response, drama ministry, youth faith formation, creation care, advocacy, and inclusion for children and vulnerable adults of all abilities and who get left out of the church.

I am so excited to be joining the team at HUMC as the Director of Student Ministries and Mission and I look forward to meeting and getting to know you! Please feel free to reach out and introduce yourself via email at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

JULY 2 – Romans 6:12-23
Rev. JiSun Yang

JULY 9 – Romans 7:15-25a
Rev. Chris Heckert

JULY 16 – Romans 8:1-11
Rev. Chris Heckert

JULY 23 – Romans 8:12-25
Rev. Chris Heckert

JULY 30 – Romans 8:26-39

AUGUST 6 – Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 13 – Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 20 – Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

AUGUST 27 – Matthew 16:13-20

WELCOME REV. CRICKET DENTON TO OUR STAFF TEAM!

In worship: *Sunday, July 2*

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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

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@ 9am & 10:30am | Every Sunday

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

Vision of Hope Capital Campaign Update

Many thanks to the generous families and individuals who have committed support to our Vision of Hope Capital Campaign! At the time of publication of this newsletter, we have received commitments for over \$904,000. These gifts will help us to make some much needed upgrades to our live-streaming and A/V technology in Fellowship Hall, minor renovations to Propert Café, and secure funding for staff and program costs to help us be in vital ministry for years to come. The work that this campaign will enable is planned to take place over the next several months. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift to support the Vision of Hope Campaign and would like to, please contact Karen Bertoldi at kbertoldi@haddonfieldumc.org or 856-429-0403.

United Women in Faith Executive Meeting

The United Woman in Faith will hold their annual Executive Board Planning Meeting on **Thursday, July 6 at 10am** in Room 304.

Fall Schedules

If you lead a group, committee, or class, please send your fall schedule to Jaime Charlton in the church office by emailing jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org.

The congregation of the Haddonfield United Methodist Church extends congratulations and best wishes to all our Fifty Year Members, with special emphasis to our 80 year member, Mrs. Ruth Dickey, and three 75+ year members, as well as seven members who became eligible as Golden Members this year.

80 Year Member
Ruth Dickey

75 Year+ Members
1944
Mildred Montana

1947
Dolores Barker

1948
David Eynon

50 Year Golden Members (1973)
Glenn Esher

Sandra Fox
Audrey Frank
Bong Sik Lee
Tom Mervine
Deborah Mervine
Stephanie Ringler

1949
Suzanne Evans
Judith Miller

1951
Mabel Nungesser
Deborah Pfeffer

1953
J. Charles Buff
Nancy Myer
Larry Parr

1954
Jeffrey Clark
Virginia "Ginny"
Dengler
John Felten
Gretchen Huntzinger

Carol Thomas
1955

Helene Alles
Martha (Marti)
Milne

1956
Meredit (Merrie)
Bender
Diane Rubincam

1957
Madeline Bond
Janet Neiswender
Elaine Sandmeyer
Ronald Sandmeyer, Sr.

1958
William Chalbert

1959
Mae Roehr

1960
Frank Cahill
John Garwood
Steven Sahns

1961
Dr. Booth Durham
David Grayson
Sally Grayson

1962
Carol M. Dilks
Eloise Douglas
Lilian Fulde
Dr. Roland C. Fulde
Patricia L. Glover
Marcia M. Henrici
Janet Riddle

Michael Riddle
Thama R. Unger
Dorothy E. Wilson

1963
William A. Bry
Alice W. Caldwell
Sandi Sank
Roger Selah

1964
Marlene Barth
Michael Persons
Adeline Santora

1965
Peter Bull
Robert Murakami

1966
Brett Harrison
Jon Simonson

1967
Scott Borchers
Dorothy Borchers
Joanne Faust
Patricia Legge
Ronald Sandmeyer, Jr.
John Scarborough

1968
Thomas Alles
Leslie Barnard
Sandra Durham
Thelma Kershner
Aubrey Kershner
Thomas Murakami
Craig Myers
Mary Anne Myers
John Poliero

Bill Vigrass

1969
Linda Eynon
Deborah Garwood
Mary Louise Lavery
Fred Rexon, Jr.
Debra Schlesinger

1970
Claire Brown
Bill Esher
Janet Neiswender
Rodney Sandmeyer
Nancy Savaiano

1971
Sue Belle
Gale Blinsinger
Joan Dunphey
Karl Neiswender
Douglas Norcross
Nancy Saunders
Shelly Williams

1972
Robert Bachman
Barbara Bachman
Betty Ann Berry
Alan Browne
William Clarke
Diane Gilfillan
Sandy Jones
Robert Keane
Marlee Lick
Robert Mathers
Jane Mathers
Bill McMichael
Betty McMichael

COMING SOON



MasterChorale Summer Sing In

Join the New Jersey MasterChorale for an evening of fantastic French music in the church Sanctuary! Our second annual sing-in will feature Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, César Franck's setting of Psalm 150, as well as Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*.

Ice cream, punch, and other refreshments will follow the sing-through of these beloved works in Fellowship Hall.

Whether you're already in NJ MasterChorale or not, come out on **Thursday, August 24 at 7pm** to sing under the direction of Artistic Director, Dr. Jason Vodicka and to enjoy some late-summer fellowship and music-making!



AUGUST: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We need your help to create the best event for our children! Vacation Bible School is August 14-18 from 9am-12pm

each day and over 125 children will be in attendance. We still need volunteers to make the summer's biggest event possible.

There are many opportunities for both adults and youth to get

STEPHEN MINISTRY



On Sunday, April 23, Lou Schopfer was commissioned as a new Stephen Ministry Leader during the 10:30am Traditional Worship service by Rev. Chris Heckert, Rev. JiSun Yang, and Janice McNally.

Stephen Ministry is a laity-led caring ministry that provides one-on-one care to those who go through crises, including but not limited to grief, divorce, illness, or any type of transition.

We offer initial training every other year and want to plan the next training in spring 2024.

Help us to shape programs and let us know you are interested in attending a training by contacting Pastor JiSun at jyang@haddonfieldumc.org.

MONICA GRADY REFLECTS ON INTERNSHIP YEAR



As I complete my year at HUMC as a Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) intern, I see how much

this position has meant to me. I grew both spiritually and mentally, and I was provided a chance to find my ministry calling.

Even though I was afraid of how different this position would be for me and for the congregation I was serving, I knew it was going to be a good year when I met the staff and was welcomed with open arms.

I started off working with the Video Ministry. I had taken a career class in high school about entertainment technology, but I quickly learned I didn't know everything about video production! I was taught new tips and tricks, but most importantly, I was taught the importance of video ministry!

Later in the year, I started my favorite part: working with Children's Ministry. I love to work with children, but never realized how much until I came to HUMC. I found my ministry calling in this program and learned lesson planning and how to interact with children. It taught me real-life lessons like patience and teamwork.

As I have grown in the weeks and months of this internship, I learned also that even minor setbacks come with a great lesson. I am so thankful to Haddonfield United Methodist Church for having me and supporting me with my time here.

Monica completed her one year internship at HUMC on June 30.





SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

A CELEBRATION OF MILESTONES, MUSIC, AND MISSION

During the spring, HUMC experienced a celebration of music! The New Jersey MasterChorale hosted their spring offering, *Awake My Soul*, with special guests ChildrenSong of NJ, on Sunday, April 23. Over 470 attended in-person with 530 viewing the concert online.

On May 21, the Chancel Choir performed favorite anthems and hymns from the past program year as a celebration of sacred music and featured choral music by Britten, Mozart, Mendelssohn with an audience sing-along of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Both concerts are available on the church's YouTube Channel:

youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC.

The American Guild of Organists hosted a master class and organ recital the weekend of June 3-4 with Nicole Keller (pictured below) performing on the Sanctuary organ.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

8TH GRADE

Aleena Charlton
Jayla Cabrera
Ben Clark
Troy Eiter
Philip Fizur, Jr.
Bridget Mattson
Nicholas Melvin
Chase Perrone
Chet Michael Swantek

HIGH SCHOOL

Taylor Aydelotte
Nathan Birdwell
Alondra Cruz
Cameron "Cam" Hanrahan
Shivani Hirata-Chandran
Collin Kolbe
Aidan Murray

COLLEGE

Jake Armstrong
Lindsey Cicalese
Ty Hanrahan
Brian Graham Dengler
Eleanor "Ella" Keegan Dengler
Andrew Hough
John "JT" Thomas Keane
Destiny Wilkerson

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Shelly Lewis

MILITARY

Ryan Keane
PFC Brian M. Talton, Jr.

STUDENT & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

5th Grade Game Night & HUMC Kids Taco Night

On May 7, 5th graders from our HUMC Kids program gathered with pastors, Student Ministry Leaders, and HUMC Kids Leaders to get a taste of the Student Ministries program (pictured below left). It was a fun night of games and camaraderie as this group transitions from the HUMC Kids program to the Student Ministries program.

Our HUMC Kids families also experienced an end-of-year connection event, Taco Night, on May 16 to celebrate the end of the program year and to foster relationships among participants (pictured below right).



Above: Confirmation Sunday L to R: Sophia Vicari, Reed Rusc, Reid Kolbe, Philip Fizur, Jr., Tanner Bulvin, Ben Clark, Casey Birdwell, Jayla Cabrera. Below: Highlights from the Student Ministries Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction

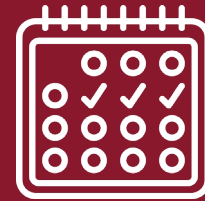


CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 4, we welcomed seven Confirmands into full church membership during the 10:30am Traditional worship service. This year's Confirmands began meeting in November 2022 and were the first to experience a hybrid class design, featuring in-person classes along with video lessons led by church members, retired pastors, and special guests. In these classes they learned the tenets of The United Methodist Church and how to live out their faith. This year's program was led by Kristi Edmonds, Sophia Vicari, and Rev. JiSun Yang.

PASTA DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Student Ministries Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction on April 29. This year's event plays a large role in financing the August 2023 Student Ministries mission trip to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida. Over \$6,370 was raised in support of this trip and future student mission projects. If you would like to make a donation to this year's mission trip, designate "Student Mission Trip-GKTW" with your gift.



IMPORTANT DATES:

July 4 | Independence Day
(office and building closed)

July 24 | Church Council Meeting

Aug. 6 | Commissioning of Student Mission Trip Team Members during worship

Aug. 9-13 | Student Mission Trip to Give Kids the World

Aug. 13 | Commissioning of VBS Volunteers during worship

Aug. 14-18 | Vacation Bible School

Aug. 24 | NJ MasterChorale Summer Sing In

UPCOMING - SAVE THE DATE!

Sept. 8 | Your Saving Grace

Sept. 10 | Kick Off Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, & Tri-State Jazz Concert

SAVE THE DATE!

Thriftly Treasures

RUMMAGE SALE

SALE DATES: SEPTEMBER 21-23
DROP OFF DATES: SEPTEMBER 18-20

SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



STUDENT MINISTRIES MISSION TRIP

By Philip Fizur, Jr. – First Give Kids the World Trip 2022 as an 8th grader

The point of Give Kids the World is to help kids who are sick, and their families, forget they are sick and enjoy their lives together. As volunteers, we did a lot of stuff. We washed dishes, served food, helped run rides, and toured the magic castle. It was important for us to represent the church because the most important thing we can do is help people, especially when they are having difficulties. That's what we are taught to do. I think it is an important experience for everyone to have, so if you are thinking of going, you should.

HUMC's Student Ministries mission trip to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida, is August 9-13. Join us in-person or online at our 9am Modern and 10:30am Traditional services on Sunday, August 6, to commission our team of students and chaperones. Pray for their safe travels and a meaningful mission experience!

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Help make sure every student has what they need for a successful school year! We will collect the following new items for our mission partners through Aug. 27:

- notebooks
- folders
- pencils
- crayons
- glue sticks
- erasers
- highlighters
- lunch boxes
- hand sanitizer
- individual supply boxes (pencil cases)
- whiteboard markers



Cherry Hill Food Pantry

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Through June 14, we have collected 2,087 items for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry so far this year. Thank you everyone for your continued efforts to curb food insecurity in our community! We are currently 32.1% of the way to meeting our 2023 goal of 6,500 items collected.

Continue to drop off nonperishable items in the breezeway of the church, located next to the parking lot anytime! **Most needed donations include non-perishable food items, pancake mix, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, and napkins.**

PRE-SCHOOL ADDS FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The Haddonfield United Methodist Early Childhood Center (HUMECC) is proud and excited to open its first-ever full day kindergarten program this fall! While many of the local public schools offer only half day kindergarten programs, HUMECC will give families and students the opportunity to enjoy a full day of education and social activities at the kindergarten level.

This first class will accommodate 14 students and will offer a reading specialist on staff to help students grow in skill and confidence as young learners. In partnership with the church Trustees and United Women in Faith, the new and updated classroom for this class will be Room 203.

The purpose of the HUMECC is to help each child develop to the fullest of their own potential in an atmosphere of love and trust, of acceptance and understanding. We provide a nurturing atmosphere, follow Christian principles, and encourage Christian values.

To inquire about enrollment in full day kindergarten or any of our other classes, please contact Jenn Douglas at jdouglas@haddonfieldumc.org.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“So all will be made alive in Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 15:22b



*“And are we yet alive,
And see each other’s face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
For his almighty grace!”*

Charles Wesley first wrote these words for a collection of hymns and poems in 1749, when the Methodist movement was still relatively young. It would be published again in a larger collection in 1780, as by then it had become the regular anthem of annual Methodist Society gatherings. As large groups of people called Methodist would get together once a year to worship God and work together to grow the movement, these words would ask the crucial spiritual question: “Are we yet alive?”

This is a question I am reflecting on quite a bit this summer as we make plans for worship, programming, and classes for the coming year. Our church has come out of the pandemic as a much different church than we were in early 2020. But I believe the answer is

a resounding, “Yes, we are alive!” We are a vital church, and God is doing a new thing.

Yes, we are changed, and yes, there are challenges ahead, but we find our life and power not from ourselves but in following Jesus together. I love verse three of this hymn:

*“What troubles have we seen
What mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Since we assembled last!”*

It is amazing to me how relevant this verse is today. It is a reminder to us that conflicts, tensions, controversies, and splits are always present in the world and are a part of human nature, but verse four promises:

*“Yet out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford,
And hides our life above.”*

As we take time to enjoy this summer and plan for the coming year, I find great hope in remembering that no matter what chal-

lenges or new situations we face, God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. If we rest our identity in God and put our faith and trust in God, there we will find new life.

I invite you to pray for our church, for the pastors, for the staff, and especially for the young people in our congregation, as we seek to be a church for generations to come. May God breathe a new spirit in us as we seek to:

- Ignite passionate faith
- Build up the next generation of faithful leaders
- Respond to the hurts and needs around us

May verse six be our prayer as we walk forward in faith.

*“Let us take up the cross
Till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss
So we may Jesus gain.”*

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

In memory of: Peter Ghares from Central Lodge No. 44, Patricia & Ronald Comber, Virginia Laadt & Jerry Wulff

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In memory of: Jere Estes from Joanne Faust

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In memory of: Bob Hoskins from Joan & Bob Shaffer

In memory of: Charles Legge from Joan & Bob Shaffer

Gifts may be made in memory or honor of loved ones and friends:

- 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.



KICK OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10

- NEW SERMON SERIES
- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- PROGRAMS & SMALL GROUPS RESUME!





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Vacation Bible School August 14-18, 2023

Support our community event by donating:

- White Cardstock
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Plastic Tablecloths
- Washable Paint
- Cases of Small Water Bottles
- Nut-Free Granola Bars
- Adult Scissors
- Dot Dab Markers

Items are also available to purchase from
our Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/2INQcrO>

