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SPOTLIGHT: SHARE FROM ABUNDANCE



by: Aidan Murray and Dave Weiler

Fall is here, and winter is approaching! We are all thinking about the upcoming holiday season, giving thanks for all we have, spending time with family and friends, and giving back.

The HUMC community is also gearing up for the holiday season and looking for ways to give back – whether it is sending groups of people to complete mission projects, trying to alleviate food insecurity, sending toys to those who need help this season, providing thoughtful comfort, or by allowing people

to worship in whatever way they feel comfortable. Supporting HUMC and our missions through giving has always been a part of our history and touches lives in the church community, our local community, and beyond.

We have been called this fall to "love God and do something about it." How can you share whatever it is you have in abundance? Consider how you can support all the ways HUMC touches lives, through financial gifts and by giving of your time and talent, and find ways to share from whatever you have in abundance.

On Sunday, November 20, we will receive and celebrate financial commitments, which will support our mission and ministry in 2023. You are able to pledge your support on the Haddonfield UMC app, online, or by contacting the church office. Let's continue to love God and do something about it. Thank you for your generous support!

PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR 2023:

Visit | <u>haddonfieldumc.org/give</u> for our digital pledge form Contact | <u>office@haddonfieldumc.org</u> for more information

REDEFINE

Many of us spend our lives working hard trying to climb the ladder of success. But, what happens if you get to the top of the ladder, only to find it is leaning against the wrong wall?

Jesus taught many parables about money, treasure, investment, and success – leading us to build up treasure that can't rust, wear out, or be taken away. Come ready to invest wisely as together we: Redefine – Success · Wealth · Happiness.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

NOV. 6

Redefine Success
Luke 19:11-26 | Rev. Chris Heckert

NOV. 13

Redefine Wealth Luke 16:1-13 | Rev. Chris Heckert

NOV. 20

Redefine Happiness Luke 12:13-21 | Rev. Chris Heckert

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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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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinners are back in Propert Café! Join us on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm** for good food and fellowship! Find each week's menu and reservation information at haddonfieldumc.org/now.

United Women in Faith Luncheons

On **Thursday, Nov. 3** the United Women in Faith will hold their executive board meeting at 10am. Following the meeting is a catered luncheon at 11:45am with the World Thank Offering led by Barbara Talton and a fashion show presented by ladies wearing their purchases from the Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale. To welcome in the Christmas Season, the December catered luncheon is **Thursday, Dec. 1 at 11:45am** with a program of seasonal music. RSVP to Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by Monday, Oct. 31 for November's luncheon and Monday, Nov. 28 for December's luncheon. The cost of each luncheon is \$10.

Your Saving Grace

Your Saving Grace is a monthly, evening child care program open to children of all ages and features a kid-friendly dinner and fun with friends under the supervision of our experienced child care team. This holiday season, we have even more opportunities for parents to enjoy a night out! Your child is invited to join us **Fridays**, **Nov. 4** and **Dec. 2**, **9**, & **16** from **6-9pm**. The cost for the evening starts at \$20 for the first child. For detailed pricing and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at irobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

New Members Class

If you are interested in becoming a member at Haddonfield UMC, join us at one of our New Members classes! Class members explore the ministry and vision of Haddonfield UMC, the history and theology of The United Methodist Church, and how they can live out their membership in the life of the church. Two sessions of the class will be held, but you only need to attend one class. The session times are: **Sundays, Nov. 6 and 13 from 1-3pm** in Sayre Pavilion. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, Nov. 20. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office at 856-429-0403 or office@haddonfieldumc.org with the session you will be attending; however, you do not need to register in order to attend.

Steeple Club

The Steeple Club meets for lunch on **Monday, Nov. 14 at 12pm** in Propert Café with a pumpkin centerpiece demonstration by the Floral Arts Guild. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 11. In December, Alisyn Stoffel, Fred Robinson, and Susan Boyd will present their annual Christmas program on **Monday, Dec. 12 at 12pm**, also in Propert Café. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 9. Lunch is \$5 per person, and reservations can be made to Leslie Robinson at lirobinson527@haddonfieldumc.org.

Longest Night Service

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, there will be a service in remembrance of those who have recently passed away. Prayer, readings, and reflections will center on healing while grieving for our loved ones. The service begins at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Check haddonfieldumc.org/christmas for more information.

Floral Arts Guild Poinsettia Sale

The Seasonal Decorating Team of The Floral Arts Guild offers the opportunity to provide poinsettias to decorate your home for the Christmas season and deliver plants to brighten the holiday for those not able to attend church or to our sick or homebound friends. Your purchases also help to decorate the Sanctuary Altar and Fellowship Hall for Christmas Eve services. Order forms will be available in the Welcome Center or at haddonfieldumc.org/christmas. The cost is \$16 per plant. All orders with payment are due by Monday, Dec. 12.

Christmas Flower Deliveries

The Visitation Ministry needs volunteers to deliver poinsettias to our homebound members. If you would like to help spread Christmas cheer with a visit and poinsettia delivery, please contact the church office at office@ haddonfieldumc.org. Please consider helping with this important outreach!

COMING SOON



ADVENT 2022 - 'Tis the Season

The Christmas season seems to come earlier with each passing year. With all the bad news out there, and the isolation we have all experienced lately, why not put up your Christmas tree and begin to listen to Christmas music in October? Research shows that people who celebrate Christmas longer tend to be happier in general. But what are the stories behind the traditions that bring us joy? Why bring trees inside our homes, light candles, countdown the days, sing the songs, and eat the foods we do during this season? season together: Tis the Season – Traditions that Get Us Ready.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

NOV. 27 | Countdown Isaiah 40:1-5 & Matt. 24:36-44 Rev. JiSun Yang

DEC. 4 | Bring the Outside In Isaiah 57:14-21 | Rev. Chris Heckert

DEC. 11 | Fa La La La La Isaiah 43:17-19 & Luke 1:46-55 Rev. Chris Heckert

DEC. 18 | The Table Is Prepared Isaiah 54:4-14 & 1 John 4:16-19 Rev. Chris Heckert

SERVE IN MINISTRY!



We are currently looking for people to serve as part of the Hospitality Team:

As we build up a welcoming community for all, we invite you to join our Hospitality Team!

As radical hospitality is to notice people, offer personal attention, and provide excellent follow-up, we need volunteers at the Check-In Station, on the usher team, and for a follow-up team to help our guests to find a sense of belonging in our community.

Contact Rev. JiSun Yang at jyang@haddonfieldumc.org if you are interested in joining our Hospitality Team.



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



Please include the Hospitality sub-team you are interested in.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Help us bring food security to our neighbors at the Neighborhood Center this Thanksgiving! Bags and shopping lists with items needed to provide holiday meals will be available in the Welcome Center beginning Nov. 2. All donations must be received by Nov.

20 and can be placed in the Prep Room next to Propert Café. Monetary donations will be used to purchase fresh produce and turkeys. Include "Thanksgiving Food Drive" on your check or use the fund when giving online.

Food will be sorted on **Sunday**, **Nov. 20 at 10am** in the Youth Room, and volunteers are needed on **Mon.**, **Nov. 21–Wed.**, **Nov. 23** to deliver and hand out food at the Neighborhood Center. Contact Kristi Edmonds at <u>kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org</u> for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFIRMATION CLASS,

for 7th-12th graders who have not yet been confirmed. begins Sunday, November 20 at 10am. The Confirmands will meet in the Welcome Center at the "Confirmation Station," and this first meeting will include a service project. At 11:30am, there will be a parents/guardians meeting in Room 307, as well as a meet and greet with the pastors. This year's class will have a hybrid structure, featuring service projects, curriculum videos, and in-person class discussions. Email Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@ haddonfieldumc.org to learn more and register your student.

THE NOVEMBER MISSION **OFFERING** supports Building Up Dominican Republic. Support our team of missionaries as they travel to the Dominican Republic to share Christ's love by building houses and working on the Community Center in Los Cocos. Give throughout the month by writing "Dominican Republic Mission Trip" on your check or envelope. You are able to give online at: haddonfieldumc.org/give and select the same fund.



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NEW JERSEY MASTER-CHORALE CONCERTS

NJ MasterChorale, under the direction of Dr. Jason Vodicka, presents its 2022 holiday program, "Love Came Down At Christmas," on **December 11, 2022, at 7pm** in the Sanctuary, and will be livestreamed at haddonfieldumc.org. Handel's *Messiah* is the program's centerpiece, along with Mathias's *Ave Rex*, and arrangements of popular Christmas carols.

There will be a "Family Fun Concert" on **Dec. 4 at 4pm**, with a selection of works from the same repertoire chosen to delight families with young children. This program is narrated and offers children in attendance an opportunity to get close to and learn about some of the featured instruments. Families can go downstairs to Fellowship Hall for Advent Workshop at 5pm.

The NJ MasterChorale is joined by Matt Smith, organist, the Holtz Handbell Choir directed by Ken Hall, and Members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends.

Tickets for the Dec. 11 concert will be available on Nov. 11 at haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale. No tickets are required for the Dec. 4 concert. COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the events will be observed and communicated in advance.

YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Student Ministry Christmas Party

Our Student Ministry Christmas Party (grades 6-12) is **Sunday, Dec. 18 from 5-7:30pm** in Propert Café/Fellowship Hall. Contact Kristi Edmonds at <u>kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org</u> to find out what to bring for the potluck dinner. We will also have a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or under). Check <u>haddonfieldumc.org/student-ministry</u> for information about other programs like November's Movie Night (Nov. 6) and Paint Night (Nov. 20).

Advent Workshop

Celebrate the Advent Season at our annual Advent Workshop on **Sunday, December 4 from 5-7pm** in Fellowship Hall! Enjoy crafts, fellowship, and Christmas festivities as a family. This free event will feature sugar cookie decorating and a light dinner. For more information or to volunteer for this year's event, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

Above: NJ MasterChorale performs in April 2022. Below: Jens Korndörfer, organist.



MI WHA LEE MEMO-RIAL SANCTUARY ORGAN RECITAL

HUMC is proud to present concert organist Dr. Jens Korndörfer for this year's Mi Wha Lee Memorial Organ Recital.

Dr. Korndörfer has performed extensively across North America, Europe, and Asia, and his repertoire extends from the Renaissance era to the present day. Currently, Dr. Korndörfer is the Director of Worship and the Arts and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

He will present a recital on Sunday, November 20 at 7pm in the Sanctuary of some of the greatest selections in all of organ literature, including Bach, Reger, and Franck. Please come out to hear this remarkable artist give a powerful and dazzling concert!

No tickets are required for this free concert. The concert will be live-streamed at haddonfieldumc.org with an audio-only version available by calling 856-213-2015. The concert will be available at youtube.com/haddonfieldumc shortly after its conclusion.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 3 | United Women in Faith Luncheon

Nov. 4 | Your Saving Grace

Nov. 6 | Daylight Saving Time Ends & New Member Class

Nov. 13 | New Member Class & Symphony in C Virtuosi Concert

Nov. 14 | Steeple Club Luncheon

Nov. 20 | Commitment Sunday & Mi Wha Lee Sanctuary Organ Recital

Nov. 24 & 25 | Office & Building Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 26 | Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 2 | Your Saving Grace

Dec. 4 | MasterChorale Family Fun Concert & Advent Workshop

Dec. 9 | Your Saving Grace

Dec. 11 | MasterChorale Concert

Dec. 12 | Steeple Club Luncheon

Dec. 16 | Your Saving Grace

Dec. 23 | Poinsettia Decorating & Delivery

Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve & Operation Bear Hug

Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Services (9am & 10:30am only)

Dec. 26 & 27 | Office & Building Closed

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PROGRAM YEAR STARTED ON KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPT. 11!

After launching a new sermon series called *When Crisis Takes Us Back to School: Wisdom From Ecclesiastes*, along with companion pieces like Connect Guides and Sermon Notes, we hosted a Blessing of the Backpacks for students of all ages. In addition, we handed out new tote bags with shopping lists for Cherry Hill Food Pantry and introduced a more comfortable meeting space in the Welcome Center.

After worship, church families were able to spend time together in fellowship at the Family BBQ, and Student Ministry (pictured below at Ignite Sept. 30-Oct.2) had a Kick Off Party to launch the season.



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SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



ROTARY CLUB TREE DEDICATION

On October 13, the Rotary Club of Haddonfield planted and dedicated an American Elm tree in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Charles Sayre, former Haddonfield UMC Senior Pastor, who passed away in 2020 at age 100.

Jill Sayre Lawlor (pictured above) and Rev. Chris Heckert, along with members of the Rotary Club of Haddonfield, participated in the dedication ceremony, which took place in the Lucile Sayre Garden on Warwick Road across from the church. A plaque next to the tree reads: "Haddonfield Rotarians Remember Rev. Dr. Charles Sayre – A life of Love, Loyalty and Leadership: 1920-2020."

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



OPERATION BEAR HUG

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Operation Bear Hug! This is a special Christmas Eve Mission for people of all ages. Donated bears are given to persons staying in the hospital for Christmas Eve with a note saying, "We are thinking of you."

Donate brand new teddy bears, size 8-12 inches, in the designated collection bin in the Welcome Center Nov. 13 through Dec. 18.

Make monetary donations by designating "Operation Bear Hug" with your gift. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for more.



THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Through October 5, we have delivered over 4,665 items to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, putting us at 93% of our goal of delivering 5,000 items in 2022. Thank you for continuing to support our neighbors as we seek to alleviate food insecurity in our area!

We continue to collect items in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. Currently needed items include: nonperishable food items and deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, laundry detergent, small cream of mushroom soup, canned French onion rings, chicken or turkey gravy, and cranberry sauce.



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

Sundays 10am

Mom's Group; in-person with Zoom option

Sundays 10:15am

In-person with Zoom option

*Schedules subject to change. Please verify meeting dates and times with your group's leader, at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups, or by contacting office@haddonfieldumc.org.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'" - Luke 3:10-11



As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, I find that I have a different relationship to my environment. After spending a couple

years cooped up and distanced from people, I am extremely comfortable in the tiny universe that is home and church. Two byproducts of spending over 700 days in these spaces are:

- 1. I am infinitely grateful for:
 - · my home
 - what I have
 - · my family

I no longer take these for granted. After seeing a lot of loss, hurt, and pain, I know that I am very blessed.

2. I have way too much stuff.

I have been forced to reckon with the fact that I have more books than I will ever read, more clothes than I will ever wear, more guitars than it makes sense to play, and overall more stuff than is comfortable in our living space. Since we moved into the

parsonage over seven years ago, our girls have aged from 1 and 3 to 8 and 10 and we have accumulated all the subsequent stages of toys, clothes, and childhood accessories.

We live in a society in which people swim in abundance but are often sold on the notion of scarcity. Advertisements constantly tell us we don't have enough and that when something breaks, instead of repairing or repurposing, we must buy the newest, best, and most up-to-date. The truth is: we have enough. We have more than enough!

In the Gospel of Luke, when John the Baptist meets people wanting to be cleansed by God, he gives them this command: if you have abundance, share with those who do not! The problem is that we too often live from a default position of scarcity. We feel that we will not have enough, that we will run out, that we will lose what we have. This causes us to distrust others, to fear people from different economic positions, and to be defensive

when asked to give or help others.

Living from a default perspective of abundance means not only acknowledging that we have enough now, but trusting that there is enough to go around. We will not run out of food or clothing if we invest in sharing with others. We will not run out of the many blessings of life if we share from our great abundance. On the contrary, we find our greatest blessing when we share from abundance as a sign of gratitude.

This holiday season I encourage you to take stock of what you have. If you have been blessed, bless others. And if you struggle in any way, find ways to show love and compassion, and God will be present with you each step of the way. Please know I am deeply grateful for you and blessed to share this journey together.

In abundant gratitude,



Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

In memory of: David Wilson from Sandra & Dr. Booth Durham, Janice & Wally Holl, Kenneth W. Jackson, Jr., Beth & Steve Klemens, Bernadette Laganella, Emily & Brian Lipps, Fran Lunsford, Jane McClellan, Tavistock Country Club Women's 9-Hole Golf League, Barb & Jeff Thompson, Elizabeth & Todd Wallace, Nancy Weber & Bill Judd

In memory of: Cheryl Weiler from Connie & Bob Dilks, Robert Schaefer, Michele & Frank Sharer

In memory of: Lois LeBlanc from Karen & Louis Morelli, Mildred Rowland

In memory of: Craig McElwee from Barbara & Charlie Bender, Kathy Miller

In memory of: Dinny Traver from Nancy & Millard Banker

In memory of: Janet Norcross from Nancy & Millard Banker

In memory of: Sue Felker (Carol

Scarborough's mother) from Audrey Frank

In memory of: Harriet Fiore (Kathy Miller's mother) from Audrey Frank

In honor and gratitude of: Pastor JiSun from Elizabeth & Yugo Suzuki

For the Ronald P. & Elaine H. Sandmeyer Building Preservation Fund:

In honor of: Elaine & Ron Sandmeyer's 69th Wedding Anniversary from Alice & Ronald Sandmeyer

For the HUMC Music Fund:

In memory of: Cheryl Weiler from Kathy Miller, the Murray family

For the Floral Arts Guild:

In memory of: my parents and grandparents Helen & Lambert Divelbiss and Helen & George Arnold from Nancy Broz

For the Floral Arts Guild and Youth Missions:

In honor of: my new grandson Robinson Devlin Parr from Larry Parr

Christmas Missions

Nov. 6-Dec. 11

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

New toys, books, gift cards, apparel for Acenda and UrbanPromise

Nov. 6-Nov. 27

HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS Large dish soap, holiday-themed tea

towel and potholders for Cherry Hill Food Pantry with assembly on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:15am in the Youth Room

Nov. 27-Dec. 11

MITTEN TREE & COAT DRIVE New coats, hats, gloves, mittens,

New coats, nats, gloves, mittens, scarves for children and adults at the Neighborhood Center and UrbanPromise

Dec. 4-Dec. 18

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Do you want to give something more meaningful this Christmas? Look no further than Alternative Giving! Your contribution to mission and service becomes your gift to family & friends.

Date To Be Determined

ANGEL TREE

Virtual Event Sponsoring 70 Children Sponsor amount \$25.

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