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SPOTLIGHT: Grateful for the Gift of Music



by: Carol Richmond, president NJ MasterChorale

If I'm honest, I admit I sometimes struggle to keep a sunny outlook when there is more darkness than daylight. One of the things that pushes back the darkness is gratitude, and there is much to be thankful for in this season: friends, family, our faith community, to name a few – if we just stop and take a minute to reflect.

I'm grateful for the gift of music; specifically, I'm grateful to be able to regularly sing

with others. I am grateful that our August Sing-In and Ice Cream Social brought the NJ MasterChorale ten new members and renewed old friendships. I'm grateful for the gift of learning new music on a dark Thursday evening. I'm grateful when I'm singing with people from our church and our community, collectively raising our voices in praise, in awe, in gratitude to our Creator.

I hope you'll be able to attend one of our Christmas concerts this December, and feel gratitude in your heart like I do, as the sound of many voices join to make beautiful music and push back the darkness. Bring a friend, and tell them you're grateful for them, too.

Turn to pages 4 and 5 for more information on NJ MasterChorale December concerts!

THE POWER OF THANK YOU

Gratitude is at the heart of the Christian life. Join us in November as we shift our mindset from scarcity to abundance with *The Power of Thank You*.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

NOV. 5

Philippians 4:4-9, Rev. JiSun Yang

NOV. 12

Rev. Chris Heckert

NOV. 19

2 Corinthians 9:11-14, Rev. Chris Heckert

NOV. 26

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19, Rev. Chris Heckert

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FOR FREE TICKETS FOR THE NJ MASTERCHORALE CONCERT ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:

VISIT | haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale beginning Nov. 10

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS

@ 5pm | Brown Chapel

SUNDAYS

@ 8am | Brown Chapel

@ 9am | Fellowship Hall

@ 10:30am | Sanctuary

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP

@ 9am & 10:30am | Every Sunday

Website

haddonfieldumc.org

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will hold a World Thank Offering and celebrate the success of the Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale with a fashion show at their catered luncheon on **Thursday, Nov. 2 at 11:45am**. A Christmas luncheon will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 7 at 11:45am** with the music of the season and a focus on Christ's birth. The cost of each luncheon is \$11. RSVP to Ginny Dengler by Oct. 30 for November and by Dec. 4 for December at 856-904-5563.

Your Saving Grace

Your Saving Grace, an evening child care program where children enjoy dinner and fun with friends under the care of experienced child care providers, adds more opportunities for parents to enjoy a night out this holiday season. Your child is invited to join us on **Fridays, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 & 15 from 6-9pm**. The cost for the evening starts at \$20. For detailed pricing and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

New Members Class

Are you interested in joining our church or learning more about membership? Our pastors will hold a New Members Class on **Sundays, Nov. 5 and 12 from 1-3pm** in Sayre Pavilion. New members need to attend only one of these classes and will be received in worship on Sunday, Nov. 19. Please email office@haddonfieldumc.org with the date you will be attending; however, you do not need to register in order to attend.

Steeple Club

The November Steeple Club Luncheon will be held **Monday, Nov. 13 at 12pm**. Meet Ingrid Holm, a registered nurse with the National Center on Elder Abuse. Lunch will be \$5, and reservations can be made by contacting Leslie Robinson at lrobinson527@gmail.com by Friday, Nov. 10. The December luncheon, featuring a Christmas program with Alisyn Stoffel, Fred Robinson, and Susan Boyd, will be held on **Monday, Dec. 11**. Reserve your space by Friday, Dec. 8.

Hanging of the Greens

All ages are invited to help with the Hanging of the Greens around the church for Advent and Christmas, happening **Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9am-1pm**. Please let David VanSciver know if you plan to join this much anticipated event by calling 609-859-1927.

Floral Arts Guild Fundraiser

On **Sunday, Dec. 17**, the Floral Arts Guild will offer the congregation the opportunity to purchase Christmas floral arrangements and baskets of evergreens and flowers to beautify homes or give as gifts. Please stop by the tables in the Welcome Center and Sayre Pavilion to enjoy the arrangements. Your purchase will help us with our annual expenses to do our work on behalf of the church.

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!

Floral Arts Guild Classes

The Floral Arts Guild will offer flower arranging classes during the winter and spring months of 2024. If you are interested in learning this art or giving glory to God in our Ministry, please contact David VanSciver before Jan. 1 at 609-859-1927.

COMING SOON



ADVENT (DECEMBER) PREACHING SCHEDULE:

DEC. 3
Rev. Chris Heckert

DEC. 10
Rev. JiSun Yang

DEC. 17
Rev. Chris Heckert

DEC. 24 (MORNING)
Rev. JiSun Yang



CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA SALE

The Floral Arts Guild will once again offer poinsettias to memorialize or honor loved ones, friends, or staff

member on Christmas Eve. Over 150 plants are needed to decorate two Poinsettia Trees and the Altar for the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Welcome Center. Order forms will be available in the church and at haddonfieldumc.org/christmas after Thanksgiving. The order cut-off date is Monday, Dec. 11.

OPERATION BEAR HUG DONATIONS



by: *Michelle Finegan*

About 16 years ago, my mom was in the hospital over the Christmas holiday. She was

upset, of course, missing the holiday with her husband, her children, and her grandchildren.

On Christmas Eve she called me and sounded excited. She said a church group had come to visit her and gave her a teddy bear. She didn't recall the name of the church, but I told her it was Haddonfield United Methodist, where I worked

CHRISTMAS WEEK WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24
Advent IV (morning)

- 5pm Saturday Communion Service (12/23)
- 9am Modern Worship*
- 10:30am Traditional Worship*

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve (night)

- 4pm Children & Family*
- 6pm Modern Worship*
- 8pm Traditional Worship*
- 10pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, December 31
New Year's Eve

- 5pm Saturday Communion Service (12/30)
- 9am Modern Worship*
- 10:30am Traditional Worship*



*Live-stream available:

- haddonfieldumc.org
- Haddonfield UMC app
- Facebook Live
- Audio only at 856-213-2015



Replays of worship available:

- [YouTube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5

Join us Sunday, Nov. 5 as we remember and give God thanks for the saints of this congregation. In all of our worship services, we will remember those who have passed away in the last year with a reading of the Roll of Saints.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will hold its Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church on Kings Highway. Please join us as we come together as a community to give thanks to God!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

We will host a candlelight service in remembrance of those who have recently passed away on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Prayer, readings, and reflections will center on healing while grieving for our loved ones. A live-stream will be available at haddonfieldumc.org with an audio-only version available by calling 856-213-2015.

Operation Bear Hug

DONATE NEW BEARS

- DROP OFF NEW BEARS AT THE CHURCH
- ORDER AT AMAZON [HTTPS://A.CO/9AAJGRQ](https://a.co/9AAJGRQ)
- SCAN QR CODE FOR AMAZON WISHLIST





Clockwise L to R: Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale, Youth Group Pumpkin Picking, Traditional Worship, Floral Arts Guild preparing for World Communion Sunday, Modern Worship, Blessings of the Animals, Ignite, NJ MasterChorale Summer Sing-In. Below: Blessing of the Animals.

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you for participating in our fall events and activities!

The Kick Off Season started with the New Jersey MasterChorale Summer Sing-In and Ice Cream Social on Aug. 24. Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 10, saw an in-person attendance of over 340 people and an online attendance of over 300, along with a well-attended BBQ for our HUMC Kids program and a Kick Off Party for our Youth Group, featuring karaoke and tie-dyeing. September ended with the United Women in Faith's annual Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale Sept. 21-23, which raised over \$13,000 for missions!

In October, we offered a special Blessing of the Animals Outdoor Worship service on Oct. 7 with 55

people in attendance, along with 15 dogs, 3 cats, and a hamster. Our Youth Group attended Ignite! in Wildwood (Sept. 30-Oct. 2) and went pumpkin picking on Oct. 15.



JOYFUL & TRIUMPHANT: NJ MASTERCHORALE CONCERT



Join the New Jersey MasterChorale for their annual Christmas concert entitled "Joyful and Triumphant," presented

with organ, brass, and percussion on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 7pm! The program will feature traditional holiday favorites as well as works by Zanaida Robles, James MacMillan, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The concert will also include selections from Vivaldi's *Gloria* which the MasterChorale will also perform with Camden-based "Symphony in C" in their December concert.

Free tickets for this concert will be available beginning November 10 at haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale.

The concert will be live-streamed at haddonfieldumc.org with an audio-only version available by calling 856-213-2015.

STUDENT & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Confirmation Class Begins in January

Do you have a child in 7th or 8th grade? We will be offering a Confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders beginning in January. A parent meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3 at noon in Room 306 (Zoom link available upon request). Please email Pastor Cricket at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org to RSVP for the parent meeting and register your child for Confirmation class.

HUMC Kids: Advent Workshop

Celebrate the start of the Advent Season at our annual HUMC Kids Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 3 from 5 to 7pm in Fellowship Hall! Enjoy crafts, food, and Christmas festivities as a family. For more information or to volunteer for this year's event, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.



NJ MASTERCHORALE PARTNERS WITH SYMPHONY IN C FOR DECEMBER CONCERT



The NJ MasterChorale is looking forward to joining forces once again with the Symphony in C! The choir will be performing Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* with the orchestra and their new Music Director, Noam Aviel. The concert of holiday classics will take place at the Walter K. Gordon Theater in Camden, NJ, on Saturday December 2 at 8pm.

Tickets, which run \$10-\$55, can be acquired at Symphony in C's website, symphonyinc.org/tickets/

STEPHEN MINISTRY INITIAL TRAINING



Do you have a passion to care for others, but don't know where to start? Stephen Ministers are trained laity, providing one-on-one Christian care to those facing life crises. We offer Stephen Ministry Training every other year, and the next one will begin on January 10 and end on May 18, 2024. The class will meet the first, second, and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7-8:30pm and the third Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm. If you are interested in the training or have any questions, please contact HUMC Stephen Ministry leaders, Janice McNally (jmcnally12@yahoo.com) or Lou Schopfer (schopferl@aol.com). The \$45 registration fee covers training books.

Register online by visiting <https://subspla.sh/qhzkffw/> or by scanning the QR code!



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 3 | Your Saving Grace

Nov. 5 | Daylight Saving Time Ends; New Members Class

Nov. 12 | Tri-State Jazz Concert; Coffee with the Pastors; New Members Class

Nov. 13 | Steeple Club

Nov. 19 | Haddonfield Council of Churches Community Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 23-24 | Thanksgiving Holiday (church office and building closed)

Nov. 27 | Church Council

Dec. 1 | Your Saving Grace

Dec. 2 | Hanging of the Greens; NJ MasterChorale and Symphony in C Concert

Dec. 3 | Advent Workshop

Dec. 10 | Coffee with the Pastors; NJ MasterChorale Concert

Dec. 11 | Steeple Club

Dec. 15 | Your Saving Grace

Dec. 21 | Longest Night Service

Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve

Dec. 25-26 | Christmas Holiday (church office and building closed)

Prayer, Scripture, & Sermon every Saturday at 6pm

Available on:

- Apple
- YouTube
- Spotify
- Haddonfield UMC App
- Facebook
- haddonfieldumc.org

with: Pastors Chris & JiSun

Weekly Sermon Podcast

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MISSIONS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Jesus taught us that the greatest commandment is to love your neighbor. We invite you to embrace that commandment this Thanksgiving by donating to our neighbors in Camden. Each year the Neighborhood Center hosts a "Flash Thanksgiving Grocery Store" to provide food for those in need. You will

be able to find shopping lists in the Welcome Center, through the Haddonfield UMC app, and at haddonfieldumc.org. We will collect the following items through Sunday, Nov. 19:

- frozen turkey
- fresh produce (carrots, potatoes, fruit, etc.)
- stuffing (box or bag)
- canned soup
- pasta and sauce
- cereal
- coffee and tea
- baking items
- tuna
- spices
- bread
- peanut butter and jelly
- canned pumpkin

Volunteers are needed to sort food Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon in Room 304 (no sign-up required). We are also being asked to be the hands and feet of Jesus at the Neighborhood Center on Tuesday, Nov. 21. To register, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3PQLtpt> or scan the QR code to the right.



MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



ACENDA & URBANPROMISE

Help spread the magic of Christmas to children and students in the Camden area! We are collecting new toys, books, gift cards (amount written on the card), and apparel for UrbanPromise and Acenda. Place unwrapped items in the designated collection bin in the Welcome Center through Dec.17.

You can also donate directly to Acenda's Toy Drive through Dec. 8 by purchasing items through an Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased through the wishlist will be delivered directly to Acenda. Scan the QR code to the right or visit haddonfieldumc.org/christmas for the Amazon Wishlist.



Cherry Hill Food Pantry

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

As of Oct. 1, we have collected 3,255 items, 50.1% of our 2023 goal of 6,500 items, for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Thank you for all of your ongoing efforts to curb food insecurity in our community.

Items are being collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot.

Most needed donations include: nonperishable food items, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, ground coffee, detergent, and canned corn.

If you would like to help deliver items, contact Rev. Cricket Denton at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org.

ALTERNATIVE

GIVING

Cherry Hill Food Pantry	Acenda
Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council	Respond, Inc.
Interfaith Caregivers	UrbanPromise
Building Up Los Cocos, Dominican Republic	Student Missions
The Neighborhood Center	Immigration Law and Justice (ILJ)
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)	

Give a gift in honor of a friend or loved one! Visit haddonfieldumc.org/christmas to learn more about supporting our Mission Partners through Alternative Giving.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK



For the first time since 2019, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host a "Feed My Starving Children" food packing event.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, volunteers of all ages and backgrounds will come together at the Haddonfield Middle School to help pack life saving meals for those suffering from starvation and malnutrition.

Our goal this year is to pack 200,000 meals which will feed 550 kids for one year!

You can register to volunteer for this event by visiting <https://bit.ly/3PTRRy> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Please consider making a monetary donation to help us pay for the food we will be packing. We need to raise \$60,000 to pay for ingredients needed for 200,000 meals.

Each meal costs 29 cents to produce. A donation of any amount will be helpful and greatly appreciated. Donate online by visiting give.fmssc.org/Haddonfield.

Contact Rev. Cricket Denton with questions.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance..." - Matt. 25:29a



Earn, save, give all you can.

As fall draws to a close, November and December usher in a period of

both gratitude and extravagance. At the end of November, we gather together with families to celebrate Thanksgiving, and hopefully express some sense of gratefulness for all the gifts in our lives. And the very next day we go into full-on spend mode with Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Giving Tuesday.

For the next month, we buy gifts, spend money on decorations, throw parties, eat too much food, and rack up credit card debt. The deeper I've been going into my doctoral studies in some of the early writings of Methodism's founder John Wesley, I am taken by his emphasis on stewardship as being central to the Christian life.

For Wesley, gratitude towards God, for God's unconditional love and forgiveness in our lives, calls

us to take account for everything entrusted to us, and to be good stewards of our time, money, relationships, and resources. In Wesley's sermon "The Use of Money," he gives us the well-worn saying: "Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can."

But what strikes me about the sermon is that he goes into depth that earning all we can is a spiritual mandate that we shouldn't waste our talents, skill sets, or passions. We should use everything we have to make an impact in this world. However, he is clear that earning all we can should be done as an expression of love, meaning we should only do so as long as it does not harm our body, mind, or spirit, and does not harm our neighbor physically, spiritually, or mentally. Wesley is clear that everything we should do is an extension of loving God and loving our neighbor.

Wesley's second point of saving gives us a fundamental spiritual principle of thrift and modesty. I often fall short in this, as I love to

buy things I don't need and fall prey to marketing attempts aimed at my interest in technology, guitars, and books. Wesley reminds us that what we have been entrusted with is a resource to use in love of God and love of neighbor.

This takes us to his third point, to give all we can. Every dollar, minute, or friendship we have is a gift to be spent for the purpose of communicating love. That could be done through helping those in need, through building up institutions and ministries that offer hope to people, and in other ways that make a positive impact in the world. This season of gratitude and extravagance, I am reminded of the call to earn, save, and give all that we can, for the sake of loving God and loving our neighbor as our self as Jesus commands us.

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

STAFF TRANSITION: PHIL JULIANI



Our very own Building Manager, Phil Juliani, retired at the end of last month, effective October 31. Eight years ago in November 2015, Phil joined our staff team and immediately began to get a firm handle on our facilities and their many systems, fixing many systemic issues and getting us into great

shape. A man of dedication, skill, valuable experience, and heart, Phil has become an integral part of the HUMC family, with a great rapport with our preschool students and families as well as church members. Phil's role among us will be difficult to fill and his spirit impossible to replace. Please take a moment to share a word of appreciation to Phil upon his retirement.

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

In memory of: Peter Ghares from Mark Reifsnnyder

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

In honor of: Ron & Elaine Sandmeyer's 70th wedding anniversary from Frank Cahill, Richelle Maestro, Barbara & Bucky Pope, Alice & Ronald Sandmeyer, Jr., Tracey & Rodney Sandmeyer

For the Floral Arts Guild:

In honor of: My sister Ruth Dickey's 90th birthday on November 1 from Mary Beth Baker

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.

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **4pm** Children & Family Service | Sanctuary & live-stream
- **6pm** Contemporary Service | Fellowship Hall & live-stream
- **8pm** Traditional Service with Brass | Sanctuary & live-stream
- **10pm** Traditional Service with Brass | Sanctuary (in-person only)

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