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Online Church: Creating Faithful Community in an Asynchronous World



– by Rev. Chris Heckert, Senior Pastor

Our world is rapidly being reshaped and refashioned, whether we know it or not and whether we like it or not! When I was growing up, my parents would often talk to my grandparents on the phone around 7pm and without fail, we would have the same television program on, which would invariably be *Wheel of Fortune* or *Jeopardy!* In those days, the best TV shows of the week would be on Thursday nights at 8pm; there would be no sports on Sundays, as that was a day of church and few activities; and, in my neighborhood, you weren't even supposed to mow your lawn on that day.

Today we live in a world of Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, content-streaming

services, 24-hour news cycles, seven-day-a-week sports and activities, and our lives are anything but synchronized with one another. We live our lives more in a mix-or-match, customizable fashion. We choose the communities and activities that are the most important to us and develop our own timetables and schedules, watching the entertainment we like the most on-demand when we have time. This was already becoming reality in 2019, and now almost two years into a pandemic, this is our way of life. It is how my family and I live, and I'm sure it is how you live as well.

The real question is: how do we be the church in this asynchronous age and in a moment of physical disconnection, where fewer than 50% of our normal worship attendees are actually showing up to church or other in-person activities? We could bemoan this reality, resist change, and complain about sports, busy family schedules, and other modern realities, or we could embrace change and see what new thing God can do among us.

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JANUARY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 2

Epiphany
Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 9

Baptism of Our Lord
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King Day
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

JANUARY 23

Disabilities Awareness Sunday
Luke 4:14-21

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Online Only services are available every Saturday at 6pm on Facebook and Youtube and are accessible from haddonfieldumc.org and the church app



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS
@ 5pm | Brown Chapel

SUNDAYS
@ 8am | Brown Chapel
@ 9am | Fellowship Hall
@ 10:30am | The Sanctuary

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

VIRTUAL CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - ON-DEMAND
@ 6pm | Every Saturday

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

LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP
@ 9am & 10:30am | Every Sunday

Facebook Live
[facebook.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://www.facebook.com/HaddonfieldUMC)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

Youth Group

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for fun and fellowship and to connect and grow in faith Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm! HUMC Youth Group is a Reconciling Youth Group where all youth are welcome. The Youth Group is affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network which "equips and mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." We meet in the Youth Room on the third floor, unless there is a special activity or holiday, and are a very active group. Friends are welcome and encouraged! Snacks, including gluten-free options, are always provided. Please contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.

Which team is going to win the Vince Lombardi Trophy and the championship ring at Super Bowl LVI? Share your guess at the youth Super Bowl Pep Rally on Sunday, February 13 from 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend for food, games, and fellowship!

United Methodist Women's Luncheons

The United Methodist Women will have their catered luncheon on Thursday, January 6. We are excited to have as our guest Rev. Cherese Evans who will talk about her Soul Café mission at the Magnolia United Methodist Church. The cost is \$10. RSVP to Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by Monday, January 3.

February's luncheon is Thursday, February 3 with Kristi Edmonds presenting our program on the Reconciling Ministries Network, and we will also have our Pledge to Missions led by Barbara Talton.

Your Saving Grace

Your Saving Grace is an evening child care program where children are invited to enjoy a home-cooked dinner and fun with friends under the care of our experienced child care providers. Our next dates are Fridays, January 7 and February 4 from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 for the first child and each additional child from the same family is a reduced rate. Contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org to make reservations or to learn more.

Steeple Club

The Steeple Club luncheon on January 10, 2022, will feature a presentation by Kathy Kaplan, Ed Martin, and Farhat Biviji, members of the Jewish Christian Muslim Dialogue of Southern New Jersey, an organization of members of the three Abrahamic faiths, who build upon areas that are shared in common, and dialogue to understand and respect each other in areas where they differ. The luncheon will be in Propert Café at noon and is \$5 per person. RSVP to Leslie Robinson at lrobinson527@gmail.com by Friday, January 7. February's Steeple Club luncheon will be Monday, February 14.

Cherry Hill Food Pantry

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry is an important resource to combat food insecurity in our local community, and last year, we collected over 6,800 items with an additional 1,698 pounds of food donated by the Cub Scouts. We continue to collect items, and **current needs include: pancake syrup, baked beans, napkins, mayonnaise, salad dressings, pasta sauce, fruit cocktail, canned mandarins, shampoo, and small juices.**

Place items in our collection bin located in the breezeway by the church parking lot. You may also support the Cherry Hill Food Pantry through monetary donations made on our website or church app or by mailing a check to the church office with "Cherry Hill Food Pantry" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Mission Partner!

Fun and Fitness

This popular class meets every Thursday from 1-2pm in Room 305. Laura Herr leads the class and provides all equipment. Wear comfortable clothes, and join old and new friends for an hour of fun and fitness! For additional information contact, Betty McMichael at 609-605-0266 or Charlene Kronk at 856-524-5128.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday Night Dinners returned in November 2021 with a special Thanksgiving meal and continued into December. In 2022, Wednesday Night Dinners will be on a brief hiatus, returning in February for weekly fellowship. Watch our worship bulletins and eblasts for more information, including menus and RSVP details.

Not receiving eblasts? Visit haddonfieldumc.org/email to subscribe!

COMING SOON



FEBRUARY 2022 SERMON SERIES

Relationships are central to our lives, but no one ever said they are easy. God can work in and through even the most complicated relationships, making love, resilience, forgiveness, and reconciliation possible.

With the story of Joseph from Genesis as our guide, we will explore what can happen in our relationships when we turn them over to God.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

FEB. 6
Broken Family
Genesis 37, Rev. Chris Heckert

FEB. 13
Faithfulness
Genesis 39, Rev. Chris Heckert

FEB. 20
Redemption for Joseph
Genesis 41:1-16, 25-43, Rev. JiSun Yang

FEB. 27
Redemption of the Family
Genesis 42, 45, Rev. Chris Heckert



Top: Dr. Bong Lee, Ahreum Han, and Matt Smith after the Mi Wha Lee Memorial Sanctuary Organ Recital in October 2021. Bottom: The Floral Arts Guild prepares for Christmas in December 2021.

WELCOME DR. JASON VODICKA!



New Jersey MasterChorale is delighted to announce the appointment of Jason Vodicka, DMA, as Interim Director for the Spring 2022 season.

Dr. Vodicka is Chair of the Music Education Department at Westminster Choir College and was formerly director of the Harrisburg Choral Society, among many other qualifications.

NJ MasterChorale rehearsals will resume on January 13, and the spring concert is scheduled for May 1, 2022.

Rehearsals will start on Thursday, January 13 at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in joining the group should email Jackie Williams at jawms02@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JANUARY MISSION OFFERING: PASTOR'S COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND

The Pastor's Compassionate Care Fund is a ministry that allows the church to care for those in need on a case-by-case basis.

FEBRUARY MISSION OFFERING: YOUTH MISSION

This summer Junior High and Senior High Youth will go to Give Kids the World (GKTW). GKTW is a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

To pay by check: write "Compassionate Care Fund" or "Youth Mission" on the memo line of your check
Mail to: 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033

You are able to give online at: haddonfieldumc.org/give and selecting the mission partner as your fund.

YOUTH/CONGREGATION DAY OF SERVICE

Save the date! UrbanPromise is in the planning stages for hosting a National Day of Service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Watch for more information in our worship bulletins, eblasts, and at haddonfieldumc.org!





CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

NJ MASTERCHORALE RETURNS TO IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES

The New Jersey MasterChorale returned to in-person performances on Sunday, December 12 and Monday, December 13! *A December to Remember: We Need a Little Christmas* brought a taste of the Christmas spirit to life with conductor Wayne Richmond, organist Matt Smith, soprano Andrea Lauren Brown, and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends. Over 500 people attended in person, and over 600 people watched online! Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to make this concert a success!

Missed the concert? Watch it any time on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://www.youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)!



YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

MidWinter Advance - January 28-30

MidWinter Advance (MWA) is back and takes place January 28-30, 2022! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to experience "Just As You Are" (Matt. 11:28-29) at Refreshing Mountain in Stevens, PA, which offers a huge assortment of indoor and outdoor activities. Past graduates are welcome! The cost per person is \$175. Youth and chaperones should contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for all information, including COVID policies.

Third Grade Bible Classes

Pastor JiSun and Julie Robertson will be hosting two classes for this school year's third graders on Sundays, February 13 and 27. Children will explore the features of and how to use the Bible as they grow in their faith. On Sunday March 6, our third graders will be presented with their own Bibles during worship to help guide them on their spiritual journey. Look for more information in the near future.



TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2021

"Volunteering for the Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival was such a fun and fulfilling experience. Being able to gather together outside on a beautiful fall day was a much needed slice of normalcy. It was so nice seeing everyone in their Halloween costumes having a blast Trunk or Treating. This event offered the community a wonderful opportunity to gather safely for some family fun, crafts, & of course, candy!" - Rose McLaughlin and Kelsey McLeish

On Saturday, October 30, we welcomed over 356 children to our Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival held outdoors in the HUMC parking lot and North Lawn. Together, we collected 347 food items for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help host this event for our community and families!



ADVENT WORKSHOP DECEMBER 2021

"I was so happy to help volunteer at this year's Advent Workshop. It brings back such wonderful memories. I took my son for many years when he was young. He is now all grown up, and I still hang the decorations that he made at the Advent Workshop on our Christmas tree. It is such a great event for families to attend." - Penny Mancini

Our annual Advent Workshop returned on Sunday, December 5. With around 110 people in attendance, we celebrated the Advent season with holiday crafts and fellowship.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making this event possible!

Visit [haddonfieldumc.org/children-families](https://www.haddonfieldumc.org/children-families) to learn more about our children's and family programs.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 1 & 3 | Office and Building closed
- Jan. 4 | Trustees Meeting
- Jan. 6 | United Methodist Women's Luncheon
- Jan. 7 | Your Saving Grace
- Jan. 10 | Steeple Club Luncheon
- Jan. 11 | SPRC Meeting
- Jan. 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Office Closed
- Jan. 24 | Church Council Meeting
- Feb. 1 | Trustees Meeting
- Feb. 3 | United Methodist Women's Luncheon
- Feb. 4 | Your Saving Grace
- Feb. 6 | Symphony in C Concert
- Feb. 13 | Tri-State Jazz Concert
- Feb. 14 | Steeple Club Luncheon
- Feb. 15 | Dominican Republic Mission Trip Begins

YOUTH GROUP

SUPER BOWL PEP RALLY

February 13, 2022
1-3pm
Fellowship Hall

Who will win the Big Game? Bring a friend and share your guess!



SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



CONNECT GROUPS

"The greatest blessing I have experienced in my Connect Group is a sense of belonging at this church because I joined only a couple of years ago, and I was very intimidated by how many people there were and all the different services... having my Connect Group helps me know that there is someone I can say hi to in the mornings that I know and that I've prayed with and prayed for." – Sophia Vicari, Connect Group member. Hear Sophia's story at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups.

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

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



PRAYERS FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM

¡Hola amigos! Thank you so much for your loving support and kindness. With your generous gifts, we are able to build two homes this year. Members of the Haddonfield UMC and St. Andrew's UMC community will be traveling to Los Cocos, Dominican Republic February 15-22, 2022. Please pray for the safety and success of the mission team as they spread God's love through transformational mission.

To support this ministry, please write "Dominican Republic" on your check or envelope or select the fund [online](#).

INTERFAITH HOMELESS OUTREACH COUNCIL MALL WALK

Join us for the 16th Annual Mall Walk as we team up to help the homeless with Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council! The event is Sunday, February 27 at Voorhees Town Center (formerly Echelon Mall).

Visit haddonfieldumc.org/serve for the registration link. Once registered, you will receive your start time. Walkers will be spaced out due to the pandemic to help with social distancing.

For more information please call 856-424-3820 or email info@ihocsj.org.



FEBRUARY 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

Thursdays 7pm
In-person only

Sundays 10:15am
In-person with Zoom option

Sundays 10am
Mom's Group; In-person with Zoom option

Connect Guides, the original study guides used by groups to facilitate discussion, are available on the Haddonfield UMC app and at haddonfieldumc.org/connect-guides

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" - Isaiah 43:19 (NRSV)

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For this reason, we have been focusing time and resources in both rebuilding in-person church programs but also in developing Online Church. Two particularly exciting things we have created to use digital platforms to continue to engage people who are unable to or unwilling to make in-person events, are our new Online Only worship service and our new hybrid Bible study series.

With the problem of synchronicity in mind, I launched the Journey Through the Gospel of Matthew Bible Study last month and had 98 people sign up for it. Following the MasterClass model, I recorded

the teaching videos ahead of time so people can watch them and learn about the Gospel as they read through it on their own time. Then there are seven different in-person or online options for them to connect in a small group and discuss the Gospel each week for eight weeks.

Our Online Only service is a 30 minute service of contemporary music, scripture, and message that people can listen to while commuting to work, can watch while at home, or engage with whenever they are able in order to inspire their faith and grow in their journey.

This does not replace in-person connection, but it is a way to

see new people where they are and engage people otherwise not available to connect synchronously on a Sunday morning.

I encourage you to learn more about and engage in our Online Church resources and participate in future Bible studies that will help us use emerging opportunities and technologies to reach new people and be the church in an asynchronous world together.

In hope and in Christian love,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE OF ASHES

MARCH 2, 2022
7PM

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

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