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# CONNECT



## SPOTLIGHT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS



by *Katie Dunn, Vacation Bible School Volunteer*

For the longest time, I've been in "Mom Mode." Always taking care of little ones, doing laundry, making lunches, and carpooling. I've been a member of HUMC for a little over ten years now, and all during that time, I never really participated in kid activities.

Church was my place to breathe and listen quietly. Then it got too quiet. My own kiddos are out and about, but that "Mom Mode" is still in full force.

Volunteering for HUMC's

Vacation Bible School was a perfect outlet for me to continue working with kids while combining my love of music. The staff at HUMC made it very easy to teach the lessons as they provided all the materials and information for the children.

What I love about VBS, and especially HUMC overall, is that there is a niche for everyone to participate at their own comfort level.

***Join the fun at Vacation Bible School! Be a part of Food Truck Party, this year's Vacation Bible School theme, August 8-12 from 9am-12pm each day. With 150 children signed up, volunteers are still needed to make this a successful event for our community!***

## PREACHING SCHEDULE:

**July 3** Rev. Chris Heckert

**July 10** Rev. Tom Lank

**July 17** Rev. Kate Hillis

**July 24** Rev. Chris Heckert

**July 31** Rev. JiSun Yang

**Aug. 7** Rev. Chris Heckert

**Aug. 14** Rev. JiSun Yang

**Aug. 21** Rev. Chris Heckert

**Aug. 28** 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 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - ON DEMAND**  
@ 6pm | Every Saturday

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

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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

### Chancel Choir Summer Schedule

Chancel Choir will have a "pickup" schedule for the month of July, where all interested singers can come to the Music Suite at 10am to prepare music for the 10:30am service. We will break for the month of August and resume our Thursday rehearsals on September 8.

### Task Force to Provide Second Chances

Do you love God and want to do something about it by giving back to the community? Join our Prison Ministry and Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council Task Force as we help provide second chances to those who need it. We are currently looking to widen these ministries and to have activities throughout the year. If you would like to be involved please contact Michael Cicalese at [michael.cicalese@wellsfargo.com](mailto:michael.cicalese@wellsfargo.com).

### Sing with the New Jersey MasterChorale

If you love to sing, this is a perfect time to consider joining the NJ MasterChorale! This 60-voice symphonic choir partners with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends to produce two major concerts each season. The 2022-2023 season, with rehearsals resuming in September, features Handel's *Messiah* at Christmas, as well as John Rutter's *Mass for Children*, featuring ChildrenSong and Haddonfield UMC's Joyful Hearts children's choir, in April. NJ MasterChorale's Artistic Director, Dr. Jason Vodicka, is eager to meet new potential singers for an audition. If you would like to audition, please contact Jackie Williams at [jawms2@verizon.net](mailto:jawms2@verizon.net).

### Send Fall Schedules to the Church Office

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](mailto:jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org).

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Rev. Bob Costello is hosting a ten day pilgrimage filled with inspiration, adventure, and fellowship to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel February 5-14, 2023! Included in the cost of this pilgrimage to Old and New Testament Lands are guided sightseeing tours, lectures, study aids, worship, mission visits, travel, and accommodations. Register by August 1, 2022, and pay in full by October 1, 2022, to include optional travel destinations at no charge. Contact the church office at [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) or 856-429-0403 for registration forms.

### New Intern for 2022-23 Program Year

This month we welcome incoming ministry intern Monica Grady for the 2022-2023 program year. Monica will be joining us as a part of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal internship sponsored by the Greater New Jersey Journey of Hope Initiative. Look out for more information and a formal welcome for Monica in the next issue of the *Connect* newsletter.

### Pastor Chris and Pastor JiSun on Pilgrimage

Pastor Chris and Pastor JiSun will be traveling to England on a Methodist Heritage pilgrimage July 7-19 where they will visit sites important to the early Methodist movement. Please pray for their safe travels!

## COMING SOON



### BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION - AUGUST 2022

Pencils, crayons, book bags, and folders – let's help make sure every student has what they need for a successful school year!

This year Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council will receive school supplies along with Acenda, The Neighborhood Center, and UrbanPromise! We will collect the following **new** items through August 28:

#### NEEDED ITEMS:

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

## YOUTH MISSION TEAM TRAVELING



by Jess Lepo, first time traveling to Give Kids the World

I am so excited and grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with the HUMC Youth Group at Give Kids The World. I want to be a

## SERVE IN MINISTRY



We are looking for leaders and volunteers who will be crucial in helping develop disciples of Jesus Christ and to offer worship, faith formation, and continue to run long-standing programs.

### We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

**In-person Worship**  
(ushers, scripture readers, production team [sound, graphics, lights])

**Online Worship**  
(moderators/chat hosts, production team [camera operators, sound])

**Youth Ministry**  
(youth leaders, trip chaperones, Confirmation teachers)

**Children's Ministry**  
(Sunday School teachers, event planning team members, event volunteers)

**Music Ministry**  
(Chancel Choir, NJ MasterChorale, Worship Team, Handbell Choir, children's choir, youth choir - singers and musicians)

**Connect & Small Group Leaders**  
Bus Drivers

Visitation Team Members  
Daily Reflection Contributors

Willing to serve? Email & include your area of interest:  
[office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org)



## MISSION OFFERINGS

### JULY: NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The Neighborhood Center is a Camden-based organization with a tradition of lifting families out of poverty. Currently, the Neighborhood Center is working to combat food insecurity by keeping its Community Kitchen open.

### AUGUST: INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

Founded in 1990 by Dr. Joan Gault, Interfaith Caregivers works to facilitate independent living by providing supportive volunteer services for people who are 65+ or have disabilities.

**To give by check:** write "Neighborhood Center" or "Interfaith Caregivers" on the memo line and **Mail to:** 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033

**You are able to give online at: [haddonfieldumc.org/give](http://haddonfieldumc.org/give)** by selecting the mission partner as your fund. You can also access online giving through the Haddonfield UMC app. Download the app at [get.theapp.co/014a](http://get.theapp.co/014a).

illnesses and to their families.

**Please mark your calendars to pray for the Youth Mission Team July 6-10. We appreciate your prayers all the time, but we'd love to have all of our supporters praying daily during the week we are in Florida.**

**A team of 22 youth and 7 chaperones are traveling to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida, to spread the love and joy of Jesus to children with life altering**





Bottom Photo L to R: Rev. JiSun Yang, Joanna Lawless, Sophia Vicari, Elizabeth Dempsey, Mackenzie Clark, Chloe Rusc, Mikaela Watson, Grace Wojtylak, Charlie Armstrong, Rev. Chris Heckert, Kristi Edmonds

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBERS

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we welcomed six confirmands as they took the next step on their faith journey, becoming members of Haddonfield UMC.

Participating in weekly classes since December 2021, performing community service, and worshipping with the community culminated in a special blessing at the 9am Contemporary service and the Confirmation ceremony at the 10:30am Traditional service.

This year's confirmands are: Charlie Armstrong, Mackenzie Clark, Elizabeth Dempsey, Chloe Rusc, Mikaela Watson, and Grace

Wojtylak. We are proud of each of them and will continue to support them on their faith journey!



### SPRING MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Matt Smith, Organist & Choirmaster

The month of May saw some wonderful events fill the Sanctuary of HUMC with music.

Dr. Jason Vodicka made a fantastic debut with the NJ MasterChorale on Sunday, May 1 in that group's performance of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*. Additionally, the Chancel Choir gave an hour-long performance on the afternoon of Sunday, May 22, which featured some favorite anthems from the past program year.

To think that, in May 2021 we had not yet reinstated communal worship into our church services, it reminds me to trust in God's timing and not toil too much for our own plans. A year later, concerts and musical groups have returned to rejuvenate the spiritual life of HUMC. Here's to more blessings and more worship for the coming program year, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

## YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

### Kick-Off Sunday: Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our biggest Kick-Off Party for Student Ministry! Join us on Sunday, September 11 from 5-7:30pm in the church parking lot for a night to remember with a Kona Ice Truck, s'mores and a bonfire, games, and a few surprises. Bring your friends! Let's welcome in the new school year by loving God and doing something about it as we journey together in discipleship. Our Student Ministry is a Reconciling Ministry for all students in 6th-12th grades.

### Ignite Conference 2022 - God Is Limitless

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to the Ignite 2022 Conference. This high-impact event takes place in Wildwood, NJ, September 30-October 2. Deepen your faith journey as you experience worship, entertainment, mission, and more while praising our God who is "Limitless"! Contact Kristi Edmonds for more information and to register at [kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org).



Clockwise from top: May's MasterChorale Concert; Matt Smith conducts the Chancel Choir; May's Chancel Choir Concert; Dr. Jason Vodicka conducts the MasterChorale Concert in May.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

July 4 | Independence Day (office and building closed)

July 18 | Church Council Meeting

Aug. 8-12 | Vacation Bible School

Aug. 21 | Tri-State Jazz Concert

### UPCOMING - SAVE THE DATE!

Sept. 5 | Labor Day (office and building closed)

Sept. 10 & 11 | Kick-Off Weekend

Sept. 20 & 21 | Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale Donation Drop Off Days

Sept. 22 & 23 | Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale

SAVE THE DATE 09.11.22  
Kick-Off Sunday





# SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



From L to R: Bonnie Ford, Rev. JiSun Yang, Amber Kopp, Dan Gendron, Michael Persons, Lou Schopfer, Janice McNally, Rev. George Morris

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

HUMC offers an initial Stephen Ministry training every other year, and we were blessed to commission six new Stephen Ministers on June 12, including Bonnie Ford, Dan Gendron, Amber Kopp, Michael Persons, Virginia Rixon, and Lou Schopfer. After the training, Michael Persons shared, "I knew about Stephen Ministry before but wasn't sure if it was a ministry for me. But I'm glad I was asked and grateful for the community we built together. I look forward to growing more in faith as a Stephen Minister." We are thankful to God for each person ready to walk with those in challenging life seasons by providing one-on-one Christian care.

## MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### UKRAINIAN RELIEF DONATIONS

"The crowd kept asking Him, 'What then are we supposed to do?' John told them, 'Give food to the hungry, clothe the poor, and bless the needy.'" (Luke 3:10-11)

Thank you for your generosity in support of the ongoing efforts in Europe for Ukrainians and Ukrainian refugees by supporting The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Together we have raised over \$22,348!

Visit [haddonfieldumc.org/give](https://haddonfieldumc.org/give) and select "Humanitarian Responses in Ukraine-UMCOR" to give directly to relief efforts.

### THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Over 2,844 items have been collected for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry this year! Thank you for your continued efforts to help alleviate food insecurity for our neighbors.

Along with non-perishable food items, current needs are cake mix, fruit cocktail, canned ravioli or pasta, diced tomatoes, detergent, applesauce, and raisins.

Thank you also for those who volunteer and work behind the scenes at the Pantry. Our next hands-on mission opportunity will be in mid-September.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members who have received training to offer care to people who are hurting. The parent organization, Stephen Ministries St. Louis, was founded in 1975 and can now be found in 130 Christian denominations in over 30 countries. Haddonfield UMC has provided one-to-one Christian care for those going through tough times for over 20 years as part of the Stephen Minister program.

If you are experiencing a tough time in life (grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation) and would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. JiSun Yang at [jyang@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jyang@haddonfieldumc.org) to get connected with one of our congregation's Stephen Ministers.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*"Is your heart as true to mine as mine is to yours?" Jehonadab answered, 'It is.' Jehu said, 'If it is, give me your hand.'" - 2 Kings 10:15*

One of my many sidelined plans for 2020 included participating in a Methodist heritage pilgrimage to England. By March, I had signed up for, made a deposit on, and begun to get excited about finally getting to visit not only the country of England but several key places that I have read, studied, preached, and learned about through my career as a Methodist pastor. Some of the places would include Aldersgate Street, where John Wesley had his conversion experience that gave the Methodist movement its spirit power, and Epworth, where the rectory was located that burned down with John Wesley still inside when he was a boy.

Another site to be visited on this trip was Oxford, where students John and Charles started the Holiness Club, which was really a small group where these pastors-in-training would live out their faith life in relationship with one another. The trip would conclude with visiting

Wesley Chapel in London, John's final home and primary pulpit by the end of his life.

Now, two years later, Pastor JiSun and I are finally going on this pilgrimage in July. I am excited about taking this pilgrimage, not just because we will get to travel and visit new places, but because of the parallels I see between the climate of the world in 18<sup>th</sup> century England and today, as well as the parallel between the power of the early Methodist movement and the need for such a spiritual revival now. When the Methodist movement was born, there was political turmoil with disputes over who was the rightful heir to throne of the King of England with different parties and factions embattled against one another. England was plagued with the injustices of slavery, child labor, unlivable conditions for the impoverished, and other social ills.

The early Methodist movement

was not a church as an institution but an organic organization of small groups and communities committed to loving God and doing something about it. The early Methodists of Great Britain helped bring an end to slavery, adopt child labor laws, and were in significant ministry with factory workers and people living in poverty. All of the good they accomplished was an extension of people living out Christian discipleship in their daily lives. This is what I believe is needed today now more than ever – at Haddonfield UMC, in South Jersey, in the United States, and in the world.

Stay tuned as I am excited to share from our travels and what we learn with you in the coming months.

Many blessings,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

## GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

**Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.**

**In memory of:** Bob Smyth from Merrie & Phil Bender, Luanne & Ed Bohn, Lora & Wes Carr, Lois & Ned Donaway, Kathy & John Donch, Eloise Douglas, Audrey Frank, Deborah Garwood, Carol & Ed Hann, Charlotte Hartman, Amy & Bill McElwee, Kathy Miller, Larry Parr, Jean Williams, Norie & Frank Wisniewski

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- Online at [haddonfieldumc.org/give](https://haddonfieldumc.org/give)
- By mailing a check to 29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033

**Please include the person's name with your gift.**

# Thrifty

## TREASURES

### Rummage Sale

September  
22-23



Drop off days: September 20 & 21



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## Vacation Bible School August 8-12, 2022

Support our community event by donating:

- Paper Towels
- Vegetable Oil
- Vinegar
- Large Popsicle Sticks
- Colored Paper
- Kid Scissors
- Tissue Packs
- Cases of Small Water Bottles
- Liquid Glue Bottles
- White Card Stock
- Glow Bracelets
- Single-Use Table Cloths
- Fishing Wire
- Food Themed Decorations

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

