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WHEN CRISIS TAKES US BACK TO SCHOOL

By now everyone has heard of post-traumatic stress. But, have you heard of post-traumatic growth? It is now understood that people can experience significant personal and spiritual growth after experiencing a crisis or hardship. Starting on the 21st anniversary of September 11, 2001, we will look at what we can learn from 9/11, two years of a pandemic, and personal hardship through the lens of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

SEPT. 11

What's the Point?
Ecclesiastes 1:1-14, 2:15-26
Rev. Chris Heckert

SEPT. 18

The Importance of Rhythm
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Rev. Chris Heckert

SEPT. 25

Love What You Have
Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Rev. Chris Heckert

SPOTLIGHT: EMBRACING CHILDREN



by: Phil Fizur, HUMC Kids parent

Being a parent means being flexible. Whether you think you have your newborn's sleep schedule down or your teenager's interests sussed out, they are going to change, and you will need to adapt.

Even the most flexible parent was not prepared for the changes the pandemic brought. When all normalcy and routine was taken away, HUMC's dedication to kids and their parents persisted. Sunday school went to Zoom, Children's Time was incorporated into online services and taught both science and faith, and Mom's

Group met online to keep each other sane.

Fall may look more "normal" this year, but I am happy and encouraged to see that the ties and novel ways of serving the pandemic gifted us will continue.

COVID taught us what flexibility really means. I am excited to see Sunday School, Ignite, missions trips, and more return reinvigorated by the lessons learned in our toughest times, prepared for whatever is next, and posed to do God's work locally, nationally, and globally.

As we celebrate the return of HUMC Kids programming, all students are invited to attend the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9am (Modern Worship) and 10:30am (Traditional Worship). Bring a backpack and receive a special backpack tag as a reminder of the love and care expressed by our community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND ALL OUR HUMC KIDS PROGRAMS BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPT. 11:
Contact Julie Robertson | jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org

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

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

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

Kick Off Sunday - September 11

We're beginning the new program year on Sunday, Sept. 11 with a look at what we can learn from 9/11, two years of a pandemic, and personal hardship through the lens of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Join us at all worship services!

Book of Ecclesiastes Study with Pastor Chris

Ever wonder what the point of leading such a busy life is? The Book of Ecclesiastes asks similar questions! Pastor Chris will launch a new Bible Study in September, exploring this amazing wisdom book of the Bible. Watch for sign-up details, coming soon in email and the church bulletin.

Choir and MasterChorale Resume Rehearsals

Both NJ MasterChorale and Chancel Choir excitedly resume weekly rehearsals Thursday, Sept. 8. MasterChorale rehearses 6:30-8pm in the Music Suite, and Chancel Choir rehearses 8:15-9:30pm in the Sanctuary with a kickoff rehearsal from 7-9pm on Thursday, Sept. 1. Love singing? Deepen your faith with music and fellowship! Contact Erica Rose Smith (njmc@haddonfieldumc.org) for NJ MasterChorale or Matt Smith (msmith@haddonfieldumc.org) for Chancel Choir.

Your Saving Grace Child Care Nights

Your Saving Grace is an evening child care program where children are invited to enjoy dinner and fun with friends under the care of experienced child care providers. Join us on Fridays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 7 from 6-9pm. The cost for the evening starts at \$20. For detailed pricing and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.

Steeple Club Luncheons

On Monday, Sept. 12 at 12pm the Steeple Club returns with Rev. JiSun Yang reflecting on her recent Wesley pilgrimage! RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9. The following Steeple Club luncheon, "Breakfast for Lunch," is Monday, Oct. 10. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 7. Make reservations to Leslie Robinson at ljinobinson527@gmail.com.

Bereavement Support Group

Haddonfield UMC hosts an interdenominational Bereavement Support Group, led by Rev. Kathleen Morris, a certified Bereavement Counselor and spiritual director. All are welcome, especially those who have experienced a loss in the last two years. The group meets from 7-8:30pm on Tuesdays starting Sept. 13 in Sayre Pavilion for 6-8 weeks. Contact office@haddonfieldumc.org to register.

Thrifty Treasures Rummage & Bake Sale

The Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale returns on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 6-9pm and Friday, Sept. 23 from 9am-7pm in Fellowship Hall. Drop off donations Monday, Sept. 19-Thursday, Sept. 22 from 9am-5pm. Please no: larger pieces (including furniture, computer & exercise equipment), magazines, used shoes for anyone over 5 years old, or combustible materials. Interested in volunteering? Contact Kathleen Bandaruk at kathleen.bandaruk@gmail.com.

Ignite Conference 2022

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Ignite 2022 in Wildwood, NJ, for a high impact weekend of worship, entertainment, mission, and more! Ignite is Friday, Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 2. This year's theme, "LIMITLESS," focuses on Isaiah 55:9. The weekend costs \$185/person and final payment of \$85 is due Sept. 18. Contact Kristi Edmonds for more information at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org.

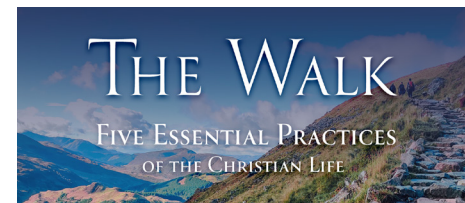
United Women in Faith Luncheon

There will be a catered luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 11:45am. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Rev. Jisun Yang will share about the Wesley pilgrimage she took in July with Pastor Chris. RSVP to Ginny Dengler (856-904-5563) by Monday, Oct. 3.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Interest Meeting

The Building Up Mission Trip to Los Cocos, Dominican Republic offers time to share, learn, and deepen your faith experience while living and working with wonderful Dominican friends. If you want to join the 2023 team, there will be an informational meeting on Sunday, October 23 at 12pm. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.

COMING SOON



OCTOBER 2022 – THE WALK
Navigating the road of life seems to be getting trickier and trickier – having to dodge the potholes of polarization, the broken bridges of severed relationships, the closed ramps of division, and the stumbling blocks of poverty and violence. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is more about how we walk our faith into daily life than just what we believe. Jesus models ways to walk the talk that help us transcend and even transform the rocky road of life.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

OCT. 2 | Worship
Psalm 97:1-7 & Thessalonians 5:16-18 | Rev. Chris Heckert

OCT. 9 | Study
Psalm 119:97-106 & 2 Timothy 3:14-17 | Rev. JiSun Yang

OCT. 16 | Serve
Joshua 24:14-15 & Matthew 20:20-27 | Rev. Chris Heckert

OCT. 23 | Give
Matthew 6:19-21 & Acts 20:32-35
Rev. Chris Heckert

OCT. 30 | Share
Matthew 4:18-20, 5:14-16, 28:19-20,
Rev. Chris Heckert

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP



by Sera Wong, Give Kids the World Mission Trip Participant (July 2022)

Arriving at my first Give Kids the World Mission, I had been nervous to meet the families and travel to a foreign area by myself; never could I have imagined the monumental impact the trip had on me. These

MISSION PARTNERS



SEPTEMBER: CHILDREN'S WELFARE PARTNERS

Acenda, Respond, Inc., Neighborhood Center, Prison Fellowship (Angel Tree), UrbanPromise, Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC)

OCTOBER: FOOD SECURITY

Cherry Hill Food Pantry, UrbanPromise, Neighborhood Center

OCTOBER: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 2 and supports graduate racial-ethnic scholarships in the US and around the world.

To support by check: include the mission partner's name

Mail to: 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033

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

OCTOBER: ENVELOPES OF HOPE FOR BUILDING UP

Support the Dominican Republic mission by selecting an Envelope of Hope from the table in the Welcome Center Sundays in October and returning it with your gift. Donations will be used for building homes and supporting the Community Center.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR GEORGE:



I am abounding in thanksgiving and gratitude for having been given the privilege

of serving as your Pastor of Visitation.

I am thankful for Pastor Chris, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and each one of you for welcoming, embracing and encouraging me in this ministry.

As one of your former Sr. Pastors, I stand amazed as I see our ministry thrive, even in the most challenging time of all our lives. We are fortunate to have excellent and visionary pastoral leadership!

It is a special blessing for me to witness firsthand the contributions to the ministry of our church made by each one of our staff members. We are a blessed congregation to have the team we have!

Many have asked me about my future. With respect to church, HUMC is our spiritual home, and we will be around. It is my intention to volunteer on Tuesdays at the Welcome Desk. The rest is up for grabs!

Thanks to everyone for the generous love gift! Thank you, one and all, for granting me this season of ministry!

"For all that has been, thanks! For all that is yet to be, yes!"
(Dag Hammarskjold)

With Heartfelt Affection,
George



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Return October 5 at 7pm
Proper Café



In July, Pastors Chris and JiSun traveled to the United Kingdom on a Wesley Pilgrimage. Clockwise from top left: John Wesley statue (J. Yang), Aldersgate Memorial, Oxford (C. Heckert), Wesley Chapel (C. Heckert), Epworth Rectory (C. Heckert), Baptismal font for Wesley brothers (C. Heckert).

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

PILGRIMAGES, MISSION TRIPS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

This summer, the Floral Arts Guild was accepted into the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) as a Reconciling Ministry.

The Reconciling Ministries Network “envisions a transformed Church that ensures justice, equity, and dignity for all of God’s children in their diverse intersecting identities.”

The Floral Arts Guild mission is to glorify God and delight the congregation through artistic floral arrangements and the decorative arts and is

always looking for new ministry members.

The Floral Arts Guild will host a series of six classes in October and November. Email David VanSciver at TwinOaks206@msn.com for dates and times. Register by Sept. 26!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: FOOD TRUCK PARTY

August 8-12, Haddonfield UMC transformed into a Food Truck Party, this year’s Vacation Bible School theme. Each day, over 130 children and around 70 volunteers gathered in a fun and spirit-filled event. We also collected over 399 items for this year’s Backpack & School Supplies Collection.

This year we learned:

- **God is great!** God provides for us.
- **God is good!** God loves each of us and wants us to share the good things God has given us.
- **We thank God for our food!** We all have gifts from God.
- **By God’s hands we all are fed!** We can be God’s hands and help feed others.
- **Give us, Lord, our daily bread!** God provides even when we fail God.

Thanks to our children, families, volunteers, and donors for making it a special week for everyone involved!

STUDENT & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Student Ministries Kick Off Party

Welcome back to Student Ministries! We are a Reconciling Student Ministry for students in grades 6-12. Join us for an exciting Kick Off Event on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 5-7:30pm in the church parking lot with a joust arena, hatchet throwing, water balloons, food (Kona Ice Truck, walking tacos, s’mores), and more! Bring a friend and get to know our Student Ministries group. RSVP through this link <https://bit.ly/3Qyi42n> or by scanning the QR code. Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org.



Blessing of the Backpacks & Family BBQ

All students are welcome to bring their backpacks for a special blessing for the new school year on Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9am (Modern Worship) and 10:30am (Traditional Worship). After, join us for a Family BBQ on the North Lawn from 1-3pm. Bring a dish to share!



TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family on Saturday, October 29 from 2-3:30pm.

In our safe trick-or-treating environment, children are able to walk from car trunk to car trunk in the HUMC parking lot to collect treats of all kinds.

Stay for our fall festival activities, which will include music and pumpkin decorating. Costumes welcome! This FREE event is rain or shine.

Want to help make this event a success? We’ll need decorated car trunks and candy donations.

Donated candy must be individually-wrapped, unopened, and nut-free. For details, contact Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org.



IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Sept. 9 | Your Saving Grace

Sept. 11 | Kick Off Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept. 12 | Steeple Club

Sept. 13 | Bereavement Support Group Begins

Sept. 19 | Church Council

Sept. 22-23 | Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Ignite Conference

Oct. 5 | Wednesday Night Dinners Begin

Oct. 6 | United Women in Faith Luncheon

Oct. 7 | Your Saving Grace

Oct. 10 | Steeple Club

Oct. 16 | Tri-State Jazz

Oct. 22 | Church Conference

Oct. 29 | Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival



SMALL GROUPS & MISSION



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Life can be challenging – you don't have to do it alone! This fall many of our Connect Groups will resume their schedules. Find current schedules at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups.

We will also be launching a new model of small group this fall. Covenant Discipleship Groups, which are small groups where individuals covenant to walk together for the primary purpose of growing in love, love of God and neighbor, to produce fruits of the Spirit.

If you are interested in joining a Covenant Discipleship Group or learning more, please email office@haddonfieldumc.org.

MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



URBANPROMISE WORK DAY

Wear old clothes and sneakers, and get ready for a hands-on mission experience at this year's Work Day at **UrbanPromise** on **Saturday, Oct. 1!** Join the HUMC team, along with other churches, to help with projects around the UrbanPromise campus. All ages are welcome for this service opportunity! Contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org to register.

Save the date: This year's UrbanPromise Banquet is **Thursday, Oct. 27** at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Collingswood. Contact Kristi Edmonds for details!



THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Since January 1, we have collected and delivered 3,993 items to **The Cherry Hill Food Pantry!** We are currently 80% to our goal of 5,000 items for the year.

The Food Pantry is currently seeking the following items: detergent, fruit cocktail, canned peaches, pancake mix, and syrup.

Items can be dropped off any time in our collection bin located in the breezeway of the church next to the parking lot. To help deliver donated food, contact Kristi Edmonds at kedmonds@haddonfieldumc.org!



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

***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

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" - Matthew 19:14



I hope you have had a fun and blessed summer! One of the most meaningful parts of my summer was traveling to Great Britain with Pastor JiSun to learn more about the deep roots of Methodism during a Wesleyan pilgrimage.

Traveling internationally is something that feels both natural and exciting to me after nine pilgrimages and 25 international trips for work and personal travel. It felt good to get back on a plane and fly across the Atlantic. In many ways this trip made life seem normal again, like things used to be before the pandemic; however, there were constant reminders that things are different. Travel has changed – life has changed.

I experienced this in the airport with the absence of long lines, evidence of the global labor

shortage, and the appearance of iPads everywhere, with almost no people present and just screens and iPad terminals to do things like order food. I realized that technology has taken over everywhere and has changed the way people pay, travel, order, register, and communicate.

Life is quickly normalizing, but it is not the normal of 2019. That is absolutely the same for the Church. This fall we are excited for a new year of programming, sermon series, choir concerts, children's events, and mission opportunities, and yet attendance patterns, how we participate, and even the people who are present has been shaped by the pandemic experience. God calls us to adapt, to be faithful, and to follow Jesus.

Like the world around us, the Church is forever changed. We know people worship with us from around the world at different times, and that is okay. We know people

are part of small groups, attending from home offices on Zoom, and that is okay. We know people move away and remain an active part of our congregation, and that is more than okay. We pray that is the new way of being the Church through technological means.

I am excited for plans in the coming year to:

1. Ignite passionate faith
2. Build up the next generation of faithful leaders
3. Respond to the hurts and needs around us through mission and service

I hope to see you in person this fall, but I strongly encourage you to invest in your faith development and help us to continue to be the church of Jesus Christ in a world that needs light, love, and hope in the way that works best for you.

Rev. Chris Heckert, Sr. Pastor

GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.

In memory of: Bob Smyth from Betty Ann Berry, Dorothy Beyer, Connie & Bob Dilks, Joanne Faust, Susan Froyd & Frank Troy, Deborah Garwood, Kate & John Gillespie, Frieda Hopkins, Bonnie & Andrew Hriniaik, Cecily Laidman, Lorraine Lind, Audrey & John Martin, Nancy & Ed Myer, Janet Neiswender, Ron & Kathy and the Priss family, the Reiners family, Carol & David Restrepo, Elaine & Ron Sandmeyer, Len, Sandy, Michael & Linda Schafer, Charene Scheeper, Barbara & George Semple, Vicki & Bruce Shelly, Cindy & David Sunseri, Elizabeth & Yugo Suzuki, Janet Tag

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Elaine & Ron Sandmeyer, Barb & Jack Tarditi, Debbie & Gary Vermaat, Donna & Bill Widerman

In memory of: Dr. Margaret Wilson from Faye Berlin, Audrey Frank

In memory of: Bill Dengler from Joanne Faust

In honor of: Barbara Smyth's 90th birthday from Lora & Wes Carr

In honor of: Ginny Dengler's 80th birthday from Betty Ann Berry

In honor of: Glenn & Diane's wedding from Elizabeth & John Crandall

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

In honor of: Elaine Sandmeyer's 90th birthday from Bill & Mary Ellen Carrozza, Frank Cahill

For the Floral Arts Guild:

In memory of: Dinny Traver from Ruth Dickey

For the HUMC Music Fund & Friends of Music:

In memory of: Janet Norcross from Frank Cahill, Barbara & Mel Drew, Lynda Glading, Betty & Bill McMichael, Janet Neiswender

In memory of: Robert Smyth from Elva Barnes

In honor of: Barbara Smyth's 90th birthday from Elva Barnes





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Celebrate the return of HUMC Kids Programming with a

Blessing of the Backpacks

Kick Off Sunday | September 11, 2022

9am Modern Worship | Fellowship Hall
10:30am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

Visit haddonfieldumc.org/kids for information about all of our HUMC Kids programs!

