



# DEFINING MOMENTS



**Haddonfield**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SUNDAY**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 9 AM**  
**Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall**

**Worship Song** *God So Loved*

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Cricket Denton

**Worship Songs** *Goodness Of God*  
*Good Good Father*

**Prayer** Rev. Yeeun Kim

**Scripture** Luke 4:14-21 Brad Hathaway

**Sermon Series Trailer Video**

**Sermon** Proclaim Good News! Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert  
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

**Invitation for Offering** Rev. Cricket Denton  
See page 8 for ways to give.

**Closing Song** *Ain't Nobody*

**Closing** Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert



# Sunday, January 18, 2026

## Traditional Worship Service

5pm (Saturday) Brown Chapel, 8am Brown Chapel, & 10:30am Sanctuary

### Prelude

*Prelude on St. Martin's*

Mark Fax  
Matt Smith, organist

### Welcome

Rev. Yeeun Kim

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Yeeun Kim

L: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

**P: We are anointed to proclaim good news.**

L: To the brokenhearted and those who are bound:

**P: We are anointed to proclaim good news.**

L: In a world of do-nothingness and despair:

**P: We are anointed to proclaim good news.**

L: By the way of love and the power of peace:

**P: We are anointed to proclaim good news.**

**A: Gracious God, you have called us to be faithful to you and to serve as your agents for love in this world. Grant us the courage to follow Jesus beyond the walls of this sanctuary, to feed the hungry, seek justice for the oppressed, and become the very good news our world so desperately needs. Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

UMH No. 519

### Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

Jeffrey Ludlam and Easton Ludlam

UMH pg. 39



**Baptismal Responses** (10:30)     *Jesus Loves Me*     UMH No. 191

**Ministry of Music**     (8:00) *The Lord Has His Hand On Me*  
music by Allison Gilliam, arr. by Anthony Burger  
Matt Smith, pianist

(10:30) *There Is A Balm In Gilead*  
by William L. Dawson  
Chancel Choir; Wilma Shakesnider, soloist

**Pastoral Prayer**     Rev. Yeeun Kim

**\*Hymn**     *I Will Trust in the Lord*     UMH No. 464

**Scripture**     Luke 4:14-21     Nancy Saunders (8:00)  
(NT pg. 61)     Charlene Kronk (10:30)

**Sermon**     Proclaim Good News!     Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert  
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

**Invitation for Offering**     Rev. Yeeun Kim  
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**Offertory** (10:30)     *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?*  
African American spiritual, arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist

**\*Doxology**     No. 95





**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Yeeun Kim

**\*Hymn**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Verses 1-5, 7

UMH No. 57

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

**\*Benediction Response (10:30)**

*Send Us Now Away*  
by John Ness Beck  
Chancel Choir; Matt Smith, organist

**Postlude**

*Scherzando*

William B. Cooper  
Matt Smith, organist

\*Please stand if able.

*The Congregation is dismissed after the Benediction Response.  
Feel free to stay and quietly enjoy the postlude.*

*Hearing-assistance devices are available in the Narthex.  
Please see an usher for assistance.*

*The center altar arrangement is given "in loving memory of Elaine Noll and  
in honor of Elly Winter from Bob and Joan Shaffer."*

*Acolyte: John Dunn  
Saturday pianist: Susan Boyd*





## PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS!

Sermon Notes for Sunday, January 18, 2026. Based on Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert's sermon.

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." — Luke 4:18–19 (NRSV)

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1. In his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Dr. King identifies a tension between the \_\_\_\_\_ of the complacent and the hatred of the frustrated.
2. Dr. King wrote that Jesus was an \_\_\_\_\_ for love and nonviolent resistance.
3. Too often, the church tends to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel, focusing on the soul while ignoring the physical needs of the neighbor.
4. The Hebrew covenant was designed to address both spiritual and \_\_\_\_\_ needs, including land, food, and just economic practices.
5. In his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus' message was a \_\_\_\_\_ for his public ministry of healing, feeding, and liberating.
6. The way of love does not \_\_\_\_\_ between people based on political affiliation, visa status, or tribe.
7. To be a disciple of Jesus is to choose a \_\_\_\_\_ that challenges injustice through the active presence of love.

### Reflection Questions

1. In the midst of a "deluge of bad news" in the headlines, where would you currently identify yourself leaning more toward between complacency (doing nothing) or despair (frustration and anger)?
  2. In what ways have you "spiritualized" the Gospel in your own life to avoid the difficult physical work of seeking justice for others?
  3. How can you "own your anointing" this week to bring physical relief to someone in your community?
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# Weekly Prayer Focus - January 18, 2026

## January Focus: Defining Moments

*Lord, as we step into a new year, help us see how You are at work in the moments that shape our lives. When life feels uncertain or scattered, give us eyes to recognize Your guidance. Lead us forward as we trust You to connect every defining moment in love.*

## Prayer Focus Areas

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| • Healing and hope for those in need     | • Our pastors, staff, and ministry leaders |
| • Comfort for the grieving and lonely    | • Blessing on our community and world      |
| • Strength for those who care for others | • Peace for those in war and conflict      |

## This Week's Prayer Focus — New List

*Lord, we lift them to You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.*

<i>The Black Family</i>	<i>Gratitude for the leadership</i>	<i>Bud &amp; Pat Del Camp</i>
<i>Family in Michigan &amp; Nebraska</i>	<i>and inspiring messages shared</i>	<i>Mark Wilby</i>
<i>Healing and peace for our world</i>	<i>in our faith community</i>	<i>Ian Sydell</i>

## This Month's Prayer Focus — Listed for 4 weeks unless renewed

*Lord, we lift them before You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.*

<i>The family of Thomas Wojtylak</i>	<i>Lynn Ferguson</i>	<i>Carlos Lucerno</i>	<i>Wayne Richmond</i>
	<i>Karen Cox</i>	<i>Maddy Lucerno</i>	<i>Harriet Richmond</i>
		<i>Judy Baker</i>	<i>Bob Clark</i>
		<i>Michelle</i>	<i>Sherry Schlagle</i>
		<i>Larry T Parr</i>	

## Long Term Prayer Focus — We pray through our prayer chain!

*Lord, we hold in prayer those with ongoing needs within our church family. Surround them with Your healing presence and fill them with peace and hope. For the name list, scan the QR code or visit the Welcome Center.*



## Submit a Prayer Request — We're here to support you!

*Submit your prayer or pastoral care request at [haddonfieldumc.org/prayer](https://haddonfieldumc.org/prayer), scan the QR code, or email [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org).*



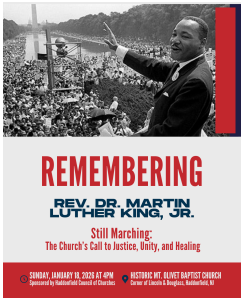
*Those requesting prayer are included in our pastoral care and prayer chain.*



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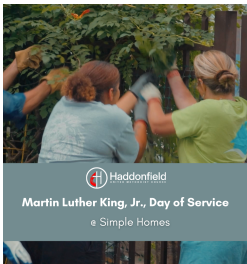
Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE–TODAY



The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting a community worship service in celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 18. This year's theme is "Still Marching: The Church's Call to Justice, Unity, and Healing." Join this community celebration at Mount Olivet Baptist Church (corner of Lincoln and Douglass Avenues in Haddonfield) at 4pm.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY OF SERVICE–JANUARY 19, 2026



Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by joining us for a morning of hands-on service. While the community response has been incredible, **most of our projects are now full.** We have one critical area where your help is still needed: **The Simple Homes project.** We are looking for volunteers to help promote justice and dignity through this specific initiative.

## Monday, January 19: Schedule of Events

- **8:30 am:** Check-in, instructions, and reflection at the church.
- **9:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Service at the **Simple Homes** project site.
- **12:30 pm:** Return to the church for lunch and a short film on Dr. King's legacy.

Register: Online at [bit.ly/humc-mlk](https://bit.ly/humc-mlk) or [haddonfieldumc.org/serve](https://haddonfieldumc.org/serve) or in the "Serve" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app.

### Ways to Give

#### Text

Text GIVE to  
856-499-5566

#### Online

Visit our giving website &  
select your fund  
[haddonfieldumc.org/give](https://haddonfieldumc.org/give)

#### Scan

the QR code with  
your smartphone



#### Checks/Envelopes

Mail/Deliver to  
29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield,  
NJ 08033



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## NEURODIVERSITY CONFERENCE–SATURDAY, JANUARY 31



On Saturday, January 31, we will host our Neurodiversity Conference, designed to equip and expand understanding. The day begins with a Resource Fair and Breakfast at 9am, followed at 10am by keynote speaker Michael Hannon, PhD, LPC, BC-TMH, NCC. Dr. Hannon specializes in culturally relevant and affirming care, with an emphasis on serving Black boys and men and fathers of autistic people.

Throughout the conference, you'll hear from experts and advocates, explore practical tools, and join breakout groups. Lunch is included, and the conference wraps at 1pm. Register for the conference at [haddonfieldumc.org/neurodiversity](https://haddonfieldumc.org/neurodiversity)!

## REVIVE US AGAIN WEEKEND–SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7–SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8



Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal featuring guest speaker Rev. Matt Rawle, part of the Harold Paul Sloan Speaker Series. An international speaker and author of *The Pop in Culture* series, Rev. Rawle is known for connecting pop culture with the Gospel.

- **Saturday, February 7:** Service of Revival, 7pm in Fellowship Hall and live-streamed.
- **Sunday, February 8:** Rev. Rawle preaching at all morning worship services.

## SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP QUARTERLY

We are gathering our small group leaders for a time of connection, encouragement, and vision as we look ahead at where God is leading our small group ministry. Join us for conversation, prayer, and shared leadership as we begin the new year together.

- Saturday, January 24, 9–10:30am
- Casual chatting and coffee begins at 8:30am
- Location: Proport Cafe

All current small group leaders are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in becoming a small group leader, you are warmly welcome to join us.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 3

Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS) opens Tuesday, February 3 at 6pm. Children age 3 through those entering fifth grade are invited to join us for VBS this August 10-14 from 9am to 12pm each day! This year's theme is Cokesbury's *Snowball*



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*Mountain Challenge*, centered around the Scripture verse “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). Please note that children attending our program must be fully potty-trained. Space is limited. For more information, visit [haddonfieldumc.org/vbs2026](http://haddonfieldumc.org/vbs2026).

To volunteer during our event, contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

### ASH WEDNESDAY–FEBRUARY 18

Join us as we begin the Lenten season with a powerful Service of Ashes on Wednesday, February 18, at 7pm. We are excited to worship in fellowship with our friends from St. Andrew’s UMC of Cherry Hill, Centenary UMC of Berlin, and Fellowship UMC of Haddon Heights, gathering together in the Haddonfield UMC Sanctuary. The message will be offered by Rev. Josh Shuster. We invite you to reflect on the upcoming Lenten journey as a combined community. You may attend the service in person or join us online at [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org).

### HUMC KIDS BIBLE CLASS & PRESENTATION

HUMC Kids will host Bible Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Children need only attend one class to learn about the features of the Bible and its use on our faith journeys. The in person class is Sunday, February 1, from 1–2pm, and a virtual class will be hosted on Zoom on Sunday, February 8, from 1–2pm. Children will receive their own Bible on Sunday, February 22, during the worship service of their choice. To register, contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

### HUMC KIDS SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Get ready for the Lenten Season at our HUMC Kids Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, from 5:30 to 7pm in Fellowship Hall. This family event will feature breakfast for dinner and fun activities for children and parents to gather in community and fellowship. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [haddonfieldumc.org/kids](http://haddonfieldumc.org/kids) and look for the Shrove Tuesday sign-up form.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – JANUARY 21

You are invited to Wednesday Night Dinner on January 21 at 5:30pm in Propert Café. The menu includes: roasted chicken, baked potato, vegetable du jour, salad bar and cake for dessert. The kid’s menu is the same. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children





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ages 4-12, children 3 and under are free. Contact Leslie Robinson at [dinner@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:dinner@haddonfieldumc.org) or 856-261-2798 by Sunday, January 18 to make your reservation. Find more information and make online payments at [haddonfieldumc.org/wednesday](http://haddonfieldumc.org/wednesday).

### CALLED TO JOURNEY, CALLED TO WELCOME: JANUARY 2026 STUDY



Scripture commands God's people to care for the foreigner more than 90 times. Hospitality is not a side note in the Bible—it is central to faithful living.

Join us for *Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration*, a three-week study exploring immigration through Scripture and the lens of our faith as part of the United Methodist Church. Rooted in our Social Principles and created by the General Board of Church and Society, this study invites thoughtful, prayerful conversation grounded in compassion and justice. Facilitated by Pastor Cricket and Ben White, chair of our Church & Society Team, this study will help participants recognize the call to hospitality, understand God's blessing beyond borders, and navigate faithful risk and sacred welcome. The class will meet on Wednesdays, January 21, and 28 at 7pm in the Theater Room (Rm 302) and on Zoom. Visit [haddonfieldumc.org/classes](http://haddonfieldumc.org/classes) or the "Study" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app to sign up.

### FEEL SAFER WITH HUMC CHECK-IN MINISTRY

Check-in ministry continues at HUMC. If you live alone or with someone who is unable to call for help in an emergency, please consider signing up for our check-in ministry. You will call or text Bonnie Ford every morning; if she doesn't hear from you, she will try to reach you, if she hasn't heard back from you within an hour, she will reach out to the person you have designated as your emergency contact to let them know that you have failed to check in. Feel safer with this simple step. Check-in forms can be found in the Welcome Center. Fill out the form online by scanning the QR code or visiting: <https://bit.ly/3vw7F1m>.



### THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry is low on all items except for bread, with the most pressing needs being: **nonperishable food items, canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing**



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**mix, laundry detergent, pasta, pasta sauce, soup of any kind (especially cream of mushroom and chicken but no tomato soup, please), brownie mix, napkins, coffee, and bar soap.** Items are collected in the bin in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. The Food Pantry also has an Amazon Wish List where items purchased can be sent directly to the pantry. Find the link at [haddonfieldumc.org/serve](http://haddonfieldumc.org/serve).

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COLLECTION

Want to contribute to February's Dominican Republic mission without traveling anywhere? Simply donate to our wish list by bringing in some of these items or ordering from our Amazon Wish List from through Sunday, January 25. Items will be delivered during our mission trip in February 2026. We need: **unsharpened #2 pencils, cap or wedge erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons and markers, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small toothpastes (3oz. or less), and antibiotic bandages.** Access the Amazon Wish List by visiting [haddonfieldumc.org/serve](http://haddonfieldumc.org/serve), scanning the QR code, or tapping the link in the "Serve" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app!



### PERSONAL CARE COLLECTION FOR INTERFAITH HOMELESS OUTREACH COUNCIL



United Women in Faith are collecting personal care items for Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) through Sunday, March 1. Please place new warm socks, hand towels, wash cloths, travel and regular sized toiletries (dental, hair, soap, shaving, and feminine products—no large sizes, please) in the Welcome Center boxes. All are encouraged to pack a box full of the requested items! Empty boxes are available in the Checkerboard Square vestibule. During this collection, please consider donating old calendars and unused Christmas cards, which will be used for an additional outreach project. See the full list of items and find an Amazon Wish List for needed items at [haddonfieldumc.org/serve](http://haddonfieldumc.org/serve) and through the "Serve" tab of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app.

### INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Looking for a flexible volunteering opportunity? Interfaith Caregivers provides supportive services to seniors and people with disabilities. There are no required hours, and you can volunteer on your schedule. Applications are available online on our website [giftofalift.org/volunteer](http://giftofalift.org/volunteer) or call the office at 856-354-0298.





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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and reopen on Tuesday, January 20.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to include something in the worship bulletin? Please email your complete, written announcement (no more than four sentences, please!) to Jaime Charlton at [jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org) at least two weeks before the weekend you'd like it to appear. Please include the title, date, time, location, and contact information. Space is limited—announcements are first-come, first-served and may be gently edited for clarity or length.

Visit **[haddonfieldumc.org/now](https://haddonfieldumc.org/now)** for more information on events, digital connect card, digital bulletin, and sermon notes! Scan the QR code on your smartphone to access it any time.





## 2ND ANNUAL NEURODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Join us for our second event focused on education, connection, and community within the Neurodiversity and Autism communities. Enjoy our keynote speaker, participate in breakout discussions on specialty topics designed to foster deeper education and conversation among all stakeholders, including those who identify as Autistic. Explore our resource area, where local organizations and institutions will share valuable information about their efforts to support and strengthen the Autism community.



### Keynote Speaker



#### **Michael Hannon, PhD, LPC, BC-TMH, NCC**

**Keynote Speaker. Father.**

Associate Professor of Counseling,  
Montclair State University

- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in New Jersey
- Board Certified Telemental Health Counselor (BC-TMH)
- National Certified Counselor (NCC)

Through his private practice, MDH Counseling & Consulting, LLC, Dr. Hannon specializes in working with adolescents and adults, with a particular emphasis on serving Black boys and men and fathers of autistic people, and is committed to providing culturally relevant and affirming care to clients as they confront typical and unique challenges that may require additional support.

REGISTRATION:

**SCAN THE QR CODE**



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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026**  
**9 AM-1 PM**

Join us in Fellowship Hall or Online  
29 WARWICK RD, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033





# Rev. Matt Rawle

## Revive Us Again

Harold Paul Sloan  
Speaker Series

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026**

Revival Service at 7pm  
Fellowship Hall &  
Live-streamed

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026**

Guest worship leader

All are welcome!

[haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org)





## WORSHIP SERVICES

### In-person Worship

- **5pm Saturday** - Casual Communion Service in Brown Chapel
- **8am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in Brown Chapel
- **9am Sunday** - Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall
- **10:30am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

### Virtual Worship - worship with us anytime at [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org), YouTube, or Facebook

- **9am Sunday** - live-stream of Modern Worship
- **10:30am Sunday** - live-stream of Traditional Worship

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is an active and inclusive group for students in grades 6-12 to have fun and grow in faith together. Our youth group meets Sundays from 6-8pm on the 3rd floor in the Youth Room. A wide variety of snacks is provided along with gluten-free and vegan options. A sensory-friendly room is attached to the Youth Room for those who may need a sensory break.

## STARBUCKS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the Welcome Center at 10:30am and walk to Starbucks with their teachers each Sunday for Starbucks Sunday School. Students can purchase snacks or drinks if they wish, but it is not required.

## HUMC KIDS

- **Child Care** (under 3 years of age) - 9-11:30am
- **Children's Sunday School** - 9-10am
- **Children's Worship** - 10:30-11:30am

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert	Senior Pastor
Rev. Yeeun Kim	Assoc. Pastor for Caring Ministries
Rev. Cricket Denton	Pastor of Student & Mission Ministries
Jessica Thomas	Director of Modern Worship
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Roy Lee	Custodian

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- **Audio only live-streams** are available by calling: 856-213-2015.
- **Our Weekly Sermon Podcast** is available any time on our app (available on Amazon Apple Appstore, and Google Play) or on your favorite podcasting platform (search Haddonfield United Methodist Church).
- **Daily Reflections** are available on our app or online at [haddonfieldumc.org/daily-reflections](http://haddonfieldumc.org/daily-reflections).

### Remember HUMC in your will!

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