



Haddonfield
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song	<i>The Father's House</i>	
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Cricket Denton	
Worship Songs	<i>Another In The Fire</i> <i>God I Look To You</i>	
Sacrament of Baptism	Vincent Paul Casale	
VBS Volunteer Commissioning		
Prayer	Rev. Yeeun Kim	
Scripture	Matthew 14:22-33	Tom Hirata
Sermon	Savior, Not A Superhero See page 6 for Sermon Notes.	Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
Invitation for Offering	See page 8 for ways to give.	Rev. Cricket Denton
Special Music	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	
Closing Song	<i>Good Grace</i>	
Closing	Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert	



Sunday, August 9, 2026

Traditional Worship Service

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

Prelude

Praeludium in E-Flat Major

A. Herbert Brewer
Matt Smith, organist

Welcome

Rev. Yeeun Kim (8:00)
Rev. Cricket Denton (10:30)

VBS Volunteer Commissioning

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Yeeun Kim (8:00)
Rev. Cricket Denton (10:30)

L: We come to worship not as perfect believers, but as imperfect disciples,
stepping out of the boat to follow Jesus.

P: Lord, give us courage to walk toward you.

L: When the winds howl and our faith falters, Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I;
do not be afraid."

P: Lord, give us courage to walk toward you.

L: When Peter doubted and began to sink, Jesus immediately reached out
his hand to catch him.

P: Lord, give us courage to walk toward you.

L: Come, Let us worship the One who holds us when we stumble and who
will not let us go. Amen

***Hymn of Praise**

How Firm a Foundation
Verses 1-3, 5

UMH No. 529



Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)	Kathryn Bri Felderstein	UMH pg. 39
Baptismal Response (10:30)	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	UMH No. 191
Ministry of Music	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. by Jack Schrader Kym Weiler, soloist; Matt Smith, pianist/organist	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Yeeun Kim
*Hymn	<i>Stand By Me</i> Verses 1-3, 5	UMH No. 512
Scripture	Matthew 14:22-33 (NT pg. 16)	Kathy Overholt (8:00) Kristen Armstrong (10:30)
Sermon	Savior, Not A Superhero See page 6 for Sermon Notes.	Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
Invitation for Offering		Rev. Yeeun Kim (8:00) Rev. Cricket Denton (10:30) See page 8 for ways to give.
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Offertoire Pour Grand Orgue, CG 628</i> Charles Gounod Matt Smith, organist	
*Doxology		No. 95



***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Yeeun Kim (8:00)
Rev. Cricket Denton (10:30)

***Hymn**

My Hope Is Built

UMH No. 368

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

Postlude

*Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major, BWV 560,
from 8 Short Preludes and Fugues
att. to J. S. Bach
Matt Smith, organist*

*Please stand if able.

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

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

*The center and two side altar flower arrangements are given "in loving
memory of Nancy and Millard Banker, III, by their family and friends,
may they rest in peace."*

*The baptismal font ring of flowers is given "in honor of the baptism of
Kathryn Bri Felderstein by her family."*

Saturday Night pianist: Jackie Williams



SAVIOR, NOT A SUPERHERO

Sermon Notes for Sunday, August 9, 2026. Based on Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert's sermon.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." – Matthew 14:27-28

1. _____ solve our problems and restore balance while we remain spectators.
2. Rather than treating Jesus's miracles merely as supernatural acts we could never replicate, we should see them as invitations to deepen our _____ and participation in God's work.
3. Jesus recognizes the divine _____ stamped on every human soul from creation and our greatest potential.
4. Peter began to sink when his own _____ took over when the wind blew.
5. Jesus offers immediate comfort by telling the disciples, "Take heart, it is I; do not be _____."
6. Our primary role as followers of Christ is not simply to stand in awe and worship from a distance, but to actively engage in lifelong _____.
7. John Wesley taught that Christian perfection is the process of growing more fully into our spiritual potential through the power of God's _____.
8. Following Jesus means to reclaim our own identity as made in God's image with _____ as our ultimate goal.

Questions for Reflection

1. In what ways have you seen Jesus more like a "superhero" who fixes your problems rather than a Teacher who calls you to step out and act?
 2. What specific fear or doubt is currently acting as the "strong wind" in your life, tempting you to stay in the safety of the boat instead of trusting where Jesus is calling you?
 3. Reflecting on Wesley's concept of Christian perfection (growing into God's image stamped on your soul), what is one practical step or spiritual discipline you can practice this week to grow deeper into your potential as a disciple?
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Weekly Prayer Focus - August 9, 2026

August Focus: Steadfast Faith Through the Summer

Steady God, as summer continues and routines remain unsettled, keep our hearts rooted in your love. When our attention drifts and our days feel scattered, draw us back to prayer, worship, and trust. Strengthen us with your presence and form in us a faith that remains through every season. Lead us onward with grateful hearts. Amen.

Prayer Focus Areas

- Healing and hope for those in need
- Comfort for the grieving and lonely
- Strength for those who care for others
- Our pastors, staff, and ministry leaders
- Those in national leadership roles
- Healing and peace for our world

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.

Please pray for our Vacation Bible School
Jack Deal *Lou Kenerley*

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>For our planet, environment and all those who are suffering.</i>	<i>Linda Brees Gretchen Huntzinger Millie & Ed Kaliss</i>	<i>Michael Persons</i>	<i>Alice Williams</i>
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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, scan the QR code, or email office@haddonfieldumc.org.



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!

August 10-14 | 9am-12pm



This week, we are excited to welcome over 150 children to HUMC for Vacation Bible School! It takes a village to make this week magical for our kids, and we need your help in two key ways:



- **Help Decorate:** Join us in transforming the church on **Sunday, August 9** (12:30pm, meet in Fellowship Hall).

- **Donate Supplies:** Purchase items from our Amazon Wish List or give financially online at haddonfieldumc.org/give (select "Children's Ministries–Vacation Bible School"). Visit haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code to access the Wish List.

BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Through Thursday, August 16 | Welcome Center Bin

Help students head back to school with confidence! Through Sunday, August 16, we are collecting new backpacks, school supplies, and children's socks/underwear to support our mission partners (UrbanPromise, Acenda Health, Neighborhood Center, and partners in the Dominican Republic).



- **How to Give:** Drop items in the Welcome Center bin, shop our Amazon Wish List online, or give financially at haddonfieldumc.org/give (select "Mission–Backpack Drive").

- **Full Supply List & Links:** Scan the QR code or visit haddonfieldumc.org/serve.

NJ MASTERCHORALE SUMMER SING-IN

Thursday, August 27 at 7pm | Sanctuary

Love to sing? Join the New Jersey MasterChorale to close out the summer with our annual Summer

Ways to Give

Text

Text GIVE to
856-499-5566

Scan

the QR code with your
smartphone



Online

Visit our giving website &
select your fund
haddonfieldumc.org/give

Checks/Envelopes

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



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Sing-In! Choir members, prospective members, and anyone who loves to sing are invited to gather in the Sanctuary to sing through beautiful choral music by American composers and Americana folk-song arrangements. Afterward, head over to the Proport Café for ice cream, refreshing treats, and fellowship!



Help us prepare music and treats: let us know you're coming by registering at haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale (or scan the QR code).

DOUBLE THE FUN: CHILDREN'S MUSICAL AUDITIONS!

Sunday, August 30 | 12-5:30pm

Our Drama Ministry is taking an exciting step forward with a double-feature format this season!

We are staging two incredible shows, allowing kids of all ages and experience levels to shine:



- **101 Dalmatians KIDS** (Grades K–5)

- **Peter Pan JR.** (Grades 6–12)

Auditions: Sunday, August 30, from 12pm to 5:30pm. *Can't make it in person? Video submissions are happily accepted!*

Performances: January 8–10, 2027.

Whether your child is a seasoned performer or just curious about the stage, there is a spot for them in this joyful, high-energy production. **Ready to join the cast?** Find audition time-slot signups, performer application, video submission links, and all the exciting details at haddonfieldumc.org/drama-ministry

SAVE THE DATE: KICK OFF SUNDAY–SEPTEMBER 13

Mark your calendars – The Haddonfield UMC program year begins Sunday, September 13! Help us celebrate the beginning of a new season of worship, small groups, fellowship, and service as we seek to be deeply rooted together.

YOUTH TRIP TO SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE TRIP

Tuesday, August 25 | 9am-8pm

All middle and high school students are invited to wrap up summer at Six Flags Great Adventure on Tuesday, August 25 (9am – 8pm)! Transportation from the church is provided, but pre-registration is required. Parents are responsible for purchasing their child's ticket online (\$45 daily passes available).

Register & Get Details: Visit haddonfieldumc.org/student-ministry to sign up and view park guidelines (cashless policy, food, etc.).

GNJ EVENT–WE WALK BY FAITH

Thursday, September 10 | 6pm Dinner; 7pm Program

Join United Methodists and Bishop Moore-Koikoi for an evening of learning, conversation, and faithful action alongside immigrant communities and families impacted by detention. Features local leaders, table discussions, and community organization connections.



- **Register:** epaumc.org/conference-calendar/2026-we-walk-by-faith



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SEEN AND KNOWN: JESUS' ENCOUNTERS WITH WOMEN

Wednesdays through August 26 | 7pm | Zoom

We're mid-way through exploring the heart of Jesus through His encounters with women in Scripture, but you're welcome to jump in anytime! Together, we dive into Biblical stories, original guided insights, and reflection questions. This group meets over Zoom and is open to all ages and genders (and very casual—parents can hop off for bedtime!). Register for the link at haddonfieldumc.org/classes or scan the QR code.



HUMC KIDS SUMMER SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

HUMC Kids Summer Sunday Programming is a one-room Summer Sunday School offered at 9am during Modern Worship for children age 3 through 5th Grade. Summer Children's Worship is hosted at 10:30am during Traditional Worship and continues its usual schedule. Visit our check-in kiosk in the HUMECC entrance (across from the Welcome Center) to check-in and receive room assignments before both services.

KOINONIA ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Koinonia Class, taught by Rev. Dr. William McElwee, continues through the summer each Sunday at 9am in Felten Parlor. If you are unable to get to church, you may participate over Zoom. Email the church office for the Zoom link at office@haddonfieldumc.org.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH YOU



If you're struggling, you don't have to face it alone. Our trained Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care, matching men with men and women with women to offer support, prayer, and encouragement. To learn more for yourself or a loved one, reach out to leaders Janice McNally or Lou Schopfer at office@haddonfieldumc.org.

FEEL SAFER WITH HUMC CHECK-IN MINISTRY

HUMC has a check-in program for anyone who lives alone or with someone unable to call or help in an emergency. You call or text every day; if you fail to, we will reach out to you; if you don't reply, we will contact a relative or neighbor you recommend, to check up on you. Forms are available in the Welcome Center.

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Ongoing

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry is low on all items except for bread, with the most pressing needs being: **nonperishable food items, laundry detergent, pasta sauce, pancake mix, pancake syrup, salad dressing, and baked beans.** 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.



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GREEN TEAM–FRESH EGGS AVAILABLE

Pastor Cricket's chickens have been busy this season—colorful fresh eggs are available for \$5 per dozen, and every dollar goes directly to the Green Team's effort to install a water fill station. Eggs will be available every Sunday in the summer in the Welcome Center between services. Pick up a dozen and support a great cause!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ARTISAN FAIR FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 21 | 9am–3pm | Fellowship Hall

Save the date for our new fall fundraiser! Proceeds support the mission work of Haddonfield United Women in Faith.

- **Vendors Needed:** Reserve a table to sell your crafts.
- **Donations Needed:** Donate homemade preserves or jams for our church table.

Contact: Susi at SusiColey47@gmail.com

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PARENTS THANK HUMC

Sent by Zelenia, the librarian/teacher at the HUMC-sponsored library in Los Cocos: "The children are very involved and happy. Four more from the learn-to-read group are making progress, thanks to your great contribution. The parents of these children are very grateful. You can't imagine how they feel, especially since they don't have to make a financial contribution." (Fees would be impossible for most families.)

The community also sends its gratitude for the picnic tables and plastic chairs recently provided by HUMC, enabling the children to do their summer reading and lessons outdoors, under the shade of a huge, century-old tree, instead of inside the hot library (no air conditioning).

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION OPENING

August 30 is available for altar flower dedication. If you are interested in dedicating the altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at office@haddonfielddumc.org as soon as possible for more information.

SEND FALL SCHEDULES TO 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@haddonfielddumc.org. It's important to have the dates on the calendar to avoid any room conflicts. Having all dates on the calendar helps us avoid room conflicts and ensures smooth planning for everyone. Thank you!

Visit **haddonfielddumc.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.



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, YouTube, or Facebook

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

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	Associate Pastor
Rev. Cricket Denton	Pastor of Student & Mission Ministries
Jessica Thomas	Director of Modern Worship
Matthew Smith	Organist & Choirmaster
Julie Robertson	Director of HUMC Kids
Jennifer Douglas	Director of HUMECC
Megan Martin	Dir. of Communication Ministries
Dr. Jason Vodicka	Artistic Director, NJ MasterChorale
Karen Bertoldi	Business Manager
Jaime Charlton	Office Mngr./Assistant to Sr. Pastor
Kevin Moore	Building Manager
Brent Donaway	Video Content Producer
Aidan Murray	A/V & Livestream Technician
Angel Adams	Evening Building Attendant
Roy Lee	Custodian

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