



Haddonfield
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Deep Roots



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song

Praise

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Cricket Denton

Small Group Video

Small Group Testimony

Marsha Reed

Worship Songs

Give Me Joy
Goodness Of God

Prayer

Rev. Cricket Denton

Scripture

Luke 13:6-9

Sean Fogarty

Sermon Series Bumper Video

Sermon

Not Ready To Give Up Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
See page 7 for Sermon Notes.

Invitation for Offering

Rev. Cricket Denton
See page 9 for ways to give.

Closing Song

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Closing

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert



Sunday, September 20, 2026

Traditional Worship Service

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

Prelude

Canzone in C Major, from Fiori Musicali, F 12.27
Girolamo Frescobaldi
Matt Smith, organist

Welcome

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Small Group Testimony (10:30)

Hannah Boyd

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Yeeun Kim

L: We come into this space with our struggles, our doubts, and the parts of our lives that feel worn or unfruitful.

P: Ground us, O God, in your patient grace.

L: God does not discard us, but tends to us with patience, care, and holy encouragement.

P: Ground us, O God, in your patient grace.

L: Come, let us yield to the soil of God's endless mercy, where second chances are cultivated and life is restored.

A: Ground us, O God, in your patient grace. We praise your name for ever and ever, Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

O For a Heart to Praise My God

UMH No. 417



Sacrament of Baptism	(10:30)		UMH pg. 39
		Ryan Charles Lafferty	
Baptismal Response	(10:30)	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	UMH No. 191
Ministry of Music			
			(8:00) <i>Tree Song</i> music and words by Ken Medema Cathy Wright, soloist; Matt Smith, pianist
			(10:30) <i>Christ Hath a Garden</i> music by Gerald Near, words by Robert Bridges after Isaac Watts Chancel Choir; Matt Smith, organist
Pastoral Prayer			Rev. Yeeun Kim
Hymn		<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> Verses 1, 3, and 4	UMH No. 381
Scripture		Luke 13:6-9 (NT pg. 76)	Charlene Barth (8:00) Betty McMichael (10:30)
Sermon		Not Ready To Give Up See page 7 for Sermon Notes.	Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
Invitation for Offering		See page 9 for ways to give.	Rev. Yeeun Kim



Offertory (10:30)

Tree Song
music and words by Ken Medema
Drew DuBoff, soloist; Matt Smith, organist

***Doxology**

No. 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Yeeun Kim

***Hymn**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
Verses 1-4

UMH No. 383

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

Benediction Response

Send Us Now Away

John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir; Matt Smith, organist

Postlude

Finale in F Major, Movement VI from Organ Symphony No. 4, Op. 13 No. 4
Charles-Marie Widor
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 altar flowers are given “in honor of the Floral Arts Guild’s Anniversary when it began in the late fall of 2001. We celebrate the beginning of 25 years of Sunday altar arrangements, weddings, funeral flowers and church dinners, let alone decorations for Christmas and Easter. We applaud them for their faithful quality work for the HUMC congregation from Rev. David E. VanSciver, Founding Director Emeritus.”

The two side altar flowers are given “in loving memory of Jerry Powel on his September 26th birthday by his wife Winnie and family.”

Saturday Night Pianist: Matt Smith

Baptism Assistants: Henry and Edith Mello





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NOT READY TO GIVE UP

Sermon Notes for Sunday, September 20, 2026. Based on Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert's sermon.

He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." - Luke 13:8-9

1. Dead wood and unhealthy habits in our lives take valuable _____ away from spiritual growth.
2. In Jesus' parable, God is the vineyard owner, we are the _____, and Jesus is the _____.
3. People of faith who don't produce fruit can cause _____.
4. The Apostle Paul reminds us that mature faith requires moving from spiritual _____ to spiritual _____.
5. We know less about life under the soil than we do the floor of the ocean or the surface of _____.
6. Growing into a mature faith requires both pruning back what has died, but also nurturing the _____ of our hearts.
7. Genuine faith always moves us outward beyond ourselves to love our _____ and care for God's creation.

Questions for Reflection

1. What "dead wood" (such as unforgiveness, self-pity, or old habits) might God be inviting you to prune away in this season?
 2. The gardener gives special attention to the unseen soil around the roots. What spiritual practices or habits help nourish your hidden, internal life with God?
 3. In what specific ways is your faith encouraging you to look beyond yourself and bear fruit in your local community this week?
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Weekly Prayer Focus - September 20, 2026

September Focus: Deep Roots

Faithful God, as we enter a new season, deepen our faith in your abiding love. When life feels uncertain or unsettled, keep us grounded in your presence. Strengthen us through prayer, worship, and trust, and help us grow deep roots that hold firm through every challenge. 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.

Kristi Edmonds
Neal and his family

Valerie Rose Lawlor
The family of Thama Unger

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.

Shauna Earley
Gantt

Linda Brees
The family of Janet Ash
Family of Jean Black
Gloria Straub
Linda Sydell

Kirk Stuart
Mick Coffman III

Pray for complete
healing from cancer
and renewed
strength and health
Walt McCleary

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.



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Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

NEXT WEEK: DIVINE DONATIONS RUMMAGE SALE

September 24–26 | Fellowship Hall



Shop, donate, or volunteer! 100% of proceeds directly support Haddonfield UMC mission projects.

Sale Hours

- **Thurs., Sept. 24 (5–9pm):** Shopping opens! (\$10 Early Bird entry 5–6pm).
- **Fri., Sept. 25 (12–7pm):** Open all afternoon and evening.
- **Sat., Sept. 26 (10am–3pm):** Bag Sale (1–3pm)! Bring a bag from home and fill it: \$10 (S/M bag) or \$20 (L/XL bag).

Donations Accepted Now: Collecting furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, antiques, and books. (No mattresses or damaged items).

Volunteers & Bakers Needed! Help with setup, shifts, cleanup, or bake sale treats.

Contact: Kathleen Bandaruk (kathleen.bandaruk@gmail.com) or Courtney Melvin (courtney.herrman@gmail.com).

SMALL GROUPS AT HUMC

Small Groups are a great way to connect, grow in faith, and share life with others. You're welcome to join one of our existing Connect Groups, Grace Groups, Support Groups, or Spiritual Practices, and this fall we're also launching an online group for out-of-state members and a group for families with young children.



Interested in learning more? Stop by the Welcome Center or the Small Group table near Propert Café this Sunday. We'd love to help you find a group that's right for you!

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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JOIN THE VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

Our Visitation Ministry is looking for caring people to help our church family feel remembered, supported, and connected. Team members may visit or check in with homebound members, those in long-term care, people who are lonely or grieving, and families raising children and youth. This fall, we are also beginning a new Young Family area within the Visitation Ministry to offer intentional care and connection for parents and families with children and youth.

The commitment is simple: usually one visit or one phone call each month, along with prayer and staying connected.

- **Visitation Team Information Meeting:** Sunday, September 27 at 12pm in Sayre Pavilion
- **Visitation Team Training:** Sunday, October 11 at 12pm in Sayre Pavilion

Interested in learning more? Stop by the Welcome Center this Sunday or contact visitation@haddonfieldumc.org.

FAITH EXPLORERS: INTRODUCING A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTION

Faith Explorers is a new Sunday School option in a welcoming space where children can explore and discover their faith in ways that work for them. Located in the Sensory Friendly Room (next to the Youth Room on the third floor), the option will be available during the 9am Modern Worship Service, and children are welcome to stay for the whole Sunday School hour or come and go as needed, offering an alternative to a traditional Sunday School classroom. Using the Universal Design for Learning, along with tactile learning and a multi-sensory approach, the space provides opportunities for children to learn through hands-on activities, movement, creativity, conversation, and exploration. Faith Explorers is open to all children and may be especially meaningful for kids who benefit from flexible, hands-on ways of learning. Two teachers will be available to support children and help create an environment where every child can participate, explore, and grow in faith.

- **Check In:** Outside the Youth Room or register at the main KidCheck station on Sunday morning, and our team will direct your child to the room.
- **Contact:** Reach out to Rev. Cricket Denton at cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org for more information

HELP CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4

On October 4 we join Christians across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. We would like to include those who are homebound in this celebration. We need people to help deliver Communion that day to members of our community unable to come to church. If you are able to deliver Communion to the homebound OR if you would like to receive Communion on October 4, please fill out our form by visiting <https://bit.ly/4A6PxIq> or scanning the QR code by September 27. You can also contact the visitation team at visitation@haddonfieldumc.org.



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FORUM FOR AGING PARENTS & ADULT CHILDREN

Wednesday, September 23 | 7pm | First Baptist Church

Join American Legion Post 38 for a free community panel on navigating difficult family conversations regarding elder care, legal planning, finances, and downsizing.

- **Location:** 124 Kings Hwy East, Haddonfield
- **Questions:** Rodney Thomas (609-500-4165 | rodneythomas321@comcast.net)

STEPHEN MINISTERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 26 | Paul VI High School



You're invited to a special day of encouragement, fellowship, and learning as Stephen Ministries celebrates 50 years of caring ministry! This inspiring event will be held at Paul VI High School on Saturday, September 26, featuring Dr. Kenneth Haugk and the Stephen Ministries teaching team from St. Louis. All are welcome—Stephen Ministers, care receivers, pastors, church staff, family, friends, and anyone passionate about building a more caring world.

Cost is \$15 per person with an optional lunch available. Register online at stephenministries.org/celebrateNJ or call 314-428-2600 for more information.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 1 | 11:45am | Propert Café



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith will host their first catered luncheon of the season on Thursday, October 1, at 11:45am in Propert Café. The guest speaker will be Melissa Padin, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the WOW Center in Merchantville. In support of the WOW Center's mission to help women thrive, United Women in Faith will be collecting toiletries at the event. The cost to attend is \$11. Please RSVP to Ginny Dengler at 856-904-5563 by Monday, September 28.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER—RESUMES OCTOBER 7

Wednesdays starting October 7 | 5:30pm | Propert Café



You are invited to Wednesday Night Dinner on October 7 at 5:30pm in Propert Café. The menu includes: chicken francaise, baked stuffed potato, salad bar, vegetable du jour, and ice cream with fixings. The kid's menu is chicken fingers and french fries. The cost is \$15 for adults (please note price change for adults); \$5 for children ages 4-13; and children 3 and under are free. Contact Leslie Robinson at dinner@haddonfieldumc.org or 856-261-2798 by Sunday, October 4, to make your reservation.

NEW OCTOBER CLASS: CALLED TO FREEDOM

Wednesdays, October 7-28 | 7pm | Theater Room and Zoom

Join Pastor Yeeun Kim and Tayler Necoechea for a four-week Bible study on the Book of Exodus, offered alongside our *Called: A Series on Moses* sermon series. Together, we'll explore how God hears



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the cries of the people, calls Moses, leads Israel toward freedom, and forms them into a new community. Each week will include Scripture, conversation, and reflection on what the story of Exodus still has to say about our faith and calling today. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Theater (Room 302) and on Zoom beginning October 7.



Register: haddonfieldumc.org/classes or scan the QR code for the registration form.

MI WHA LEE MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL: *INTERSTELLAR 10* TOUR

Friday, October 16 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary & Online



Join us for an extraordinary evening with internationally acclaimed organist Roger Sayer! Best known as the original organ soloist on Hans Zimmer's iconic, Oscar-nominated soundtrack for Christopher Nolan's film *Interstellar*, Sayer brings his global *Interstellar 10* tour to Haddonfield UMC. Experience dramatic cinematic sounds alongside spectacular classical organ masterpieces on our historic instrument. Admission is free and open to all. Can't attend in person? Watch the live stream at haddonfieldumc.org.

THE CHOSEN SEASON TWO DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays, October 19 – December 7 | 7–8:30pm | Theater (Room 302)

Join us for an eight-week series as we watch and discuss Season 2 of *The Chosen*. This is a guided, discussion-based group—not a lecture—designed for honest questions and personal reflection. No prior Bible knowledge is required; all are welcome!



Register: haddonfieldumc.org/classes or scan the QR code.

TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL: TRUNKS AND CANDY NEEDED!

Saturday, October 24 | 2-3:30pm | HUMC Parking Lot

Our Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival is Saturday, October 24, from 2 to 3:30pm! Wear your costumes and visit decorated car trunks in the church parking lot to trick or treat. Stay for our fall festival activities, which include pumpkin painting. The rain date is Sunday, October 25, from 3-4:30pm. Want to help support this community event?



- Decorate your car trunk**—You can register your trunk at haddonfieldumc.org/trunk-or-treat or scan the QR code
- Donate candy** (individually-wrapped, nut-free)—An Amazon Wish List is available to help with donations: <https://a.co/fS7UsIA> or scan the QR code. A labeled bin can be found in the Welcome Center for candy donations brought to the church.
- Make a monetary donation**—You can give a gift at haddonfieldumc.org/give using the fund "Children's Ministries: Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival Donation."
- Volunteer during the event!** If you would like to volunteer during the event with food or pumpkin painting or want to assist with set-up/clean-up, contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org for more information.



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HUMC DRAMA MINISTRY MERCH STORE IS OPEN!



Show your HUMC Drama Ministry pride and celebrate our upcoming productions of *Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS* and *Peter Pan JR.* with official show merchandise!

T-Shirts • Hoodies • Show Gear & More!

Whether you're part of the cast, a family member, or simply a fan of HUMC Drama Ministry, there's something for everyone!

Shop Online: Scan the QR code in the image or use the address:
theshirtedr.chipply.com/HUMB101PeterPan

Thank you for the support of our Drama Ministry productions and kids!

KOINONIA ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Koinonia Class, taught by Rev. Dr. William McElwee meets 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.

LECTIO DIVINA: TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER & MEDITATION

Lectio means reading, and *Divina* means holy. Holy Reading is an ancient Christian practice of slow meditative scripture reading and prayer meant to help people draw closer to God and let the Bible transform hearts and not just minds. Our church's Lectio Divina Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8am on Zoom. To register, contact Pastor Yeeun Kim at ykim@haddonfieldumc.org, the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org, or sign up at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups. Our leaders are Rev. Diane Gilbert and Pastor Yeeun. Join us and draw near to God.

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

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry has updated their list of needed items, with the most pressing needs being:



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nonperishable food items, bar soap, coffee, jams and jellies (brand names only), laundry detergent, and canned tuna. 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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ARTISAN FAIR FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 21 | 10am–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.
- **HANDMADE DONATIONS NEEDED:** Artificial Thanksgiving/Christmas decor, soaps, candles, quilts/baby blankets, pottery, woodwork, etc., homemade preserves or jams for our church table.

Contact: Susi Coley at SusiColey47@gmail.com

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WINTER ITEMS COLLECTION

The United Women in Faith are collecting all sizes, new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves and scarfs for men, women, and children in need, now through December 3. Please place items in marked collection boxes in the main entrance breezeway outside, and inside the Welcome Center. Thank you for your support.

SEND FALL SCHEDULES TO CHURCH OFFICE

If you lead a group, committee, or class, send your fall schedule to Jaime Charlton in the church office by emailing jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org. Having all dates on the calendar helps us avoid room conflicts and ensures smooth planning for everyone.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY–NOVEMBER 1

Join us Sunday, November 1, as we remember and give God thanks for the saints of this congregation. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like them remembered during our All Saints Day Services, please email a picture of them with their name to office@haddonfieldumc.org by Friday, October 16.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Visit **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.





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Divine Donations

RUMMAGE SALE

Beautiful finds. Bigger purpose.

Shop with heart.



Sept.
24-26,
2026



29 Warwick Rd
Haddonfield, NJ
Fellowship Hall



Thurs 5PM-9PM
Fri 12PM-7PM
Sat 10AM-3PM

Enjoy refreshments while you shop—freshly brewed coffee and homemade baked treats await at our café.

Proceeds from the sale benefit mission projects
of Haddonfield UMC!



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

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	Associate Pastor
Rev. Cricket Denton	Pastor of Student & Mission Ministries
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- Daily Reflections are available on our app or online at <https://haddonfieldumcblog.wordpress.com/>

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