



Haddonfield
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Deep Roots



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
KICK OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song

Worship!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Cricket Denton

Blessing of the Backpacks and Educators

L: Gracious God, we thank you for each child and young person standing before us today. As they begin a new school year, be with them in the classrooms, hallways, lunchrooms, and all the places this year will take them.

P: May you know that you are loved, that you are never alone, and that God is with you wherever you go.

L: God, we also ask your blessing upon these backpacks and all that they will carry.

P: May these backpacks remind you that your church family loves you, prays for you, and is cheering you on.

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Vacation Bible School Video

Special Music

Vacation Bible School Children

I've Got A Gift

Worship Songs

I Know A Name
Reckless Love

Prayer

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-35

Julia Dunn

Sermon Series Bumper Video

Sermon

All It Takes
See page 8 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

Invitation for Offering

See page 10 for ways to give.

Rev. Cricket Denton

Closing Song

Ain't Nobody

Closing

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert



Sunday, September 13, 2026

Traditional Worship Service

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

Prelude

Prelude on ST. ANNE

Alan Gray
Matt Smith, organist

Welcome

Rev. Yeeun Kim

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Yeeun Kim

L: We come together today, bringing whatever faith we have—even if it feels as small as a mustard seed.

P: Root us, O God, in your abiding love.

L: In a world that often feels chaotic and unsettled, we gather to plant our hearts in the warmth of God's grace.

P: Root us, O God, in your abiding love.

L: God takes our smallest willingness, creates space for life to grow, and expands our horizons.

A: Root us, O God, in your abiding love which knows no limits and no bounds. Your name be praised, Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH No. 117

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Ministry of Music

(8:00) *Ain'-a That Good News*
African-American spiritual, arr. by Clayton White
Wilma Shakesnider, soloist; Matt Smith, pianist

(10:30) *Jubilate, Sing Joyfully*
words and music by Dave and Jean Perry
Chancel Choir; Marisa Tkachuk, pianist

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Yeeun Kim

Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH No. 368



Scripture	Matthew 13:31-35 (NT pg. 14)	Nancy Clasby (8:00) Edith Mello (10:30)
Sermon	All It Takes See page 8 for Sermon Notes.	Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
Invitation for Offering	See page 10 for ways to give.	Rev. Yeeun Kim
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Cornerstone</i> Stephen Dagrosa, soloist; Matt Smith, organist	Lari Goss
*Doxology		No. 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Yeeun Kim
*Hymn	<i>You Are the Seed</i> Verses 1 and 3.	UMH No. 583
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert
Benediction Response	<i>Send Us Now Away</i> Chancel Choir; Matt Smith, organist	John Ness Beck



Postlude

(8:00) *Allegro in D Major*
(10:30) *Toccata*

Carlo Calegari
Anne Wilson
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 Charlotte Hartman,
'Happy Birthday, Charlotte, Lots of love from your entire family!'"*

*The Chapel flowers are given "in memory of Jack Saunders,
husband, father, grandad, great grandad, and great great grandad
from his loving family."*

Saturday Night Pianist: Matt Smith



ALL IT TAKES

Sermon Notes for Sunday, September 13, 2026. Based on Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert's sermon.

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. – Matthew 13:31-32

1. The power of a seed is not found in its size but in its _____
(or _____).
2. Jesus was teaching the crowds that your faith doesn't have to look like the _____
_____ to be powerful or produce fruit.
3. Roots actually grow deeper when they are in _____ in
search of water.
4. Instead of being perfectly placed by a gardener, nature often _____
seeds into unexpected places.
5. A seed must be _____ if it is ever going to grow roots and bear fruit.
6. Orchids don't hate water, but if overwatered, they die from
_____.

Questions for Reflection

1. What "small seed" of faith, potential, or opportunity do you currently hold that feels inadequate or insignificant, and how can you surrender its outcome to God?
 2. Are you currently experiencing a "dry season" in your life, and how might God be using this difficult period to encourage your roots to grow deeper in search of God?
 3. In what ways have you felt scattered or placed in an unexpected or imperfect environment, and what is one practical step you can take this week to "bloom where you are planted"?
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Weekly Prayer Focus - September 13, 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.

Shauna Earley Gantt

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.

Linda Brees	Kirk Stuart	Pray for complete	Marcyann Williams' s
The family of Janet Ash	Mick Coffman III	healing from cancer	Father
Family of Jean Black		and renewed strength	Don Barnett
Gloria Straub		and health	Jasmine Cabrera
Linda Sydell		Walt McCleary	Zaza Mcstravick

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!

TODAY IS KICK OFF SUNDAY!



The Haddonfield UMC program year begins today, Sunday, September 13! We'll begin the year with a Blessing of the Backpacks and Educators for students and teachers during worship, hot breakfast returns in Propert Café at 8am (free, donations welcome), and Sunday School and Children's Worship resume their regular schedules. Our new sermon series, *Deep Roots*, will also begin, focusing on taking our tiny seeds of willingness and allowing God to form deep roots. Help us celebrate the beginning of a new season of worship, small groups, fellowship, and service and allow your faith to take root in God's abiding love.

THIS AFTERNOON: HUMC KIDS FAMILY BBQ

Sunday, September 13 | 1-3pm | North Lawn

Families with school-aged children are invited to start the church program year together! Join us after worship for food, lawn games, face painting, and time to connect with other HUMC families as we launch a brand-new season of HUMC Kids ministries. In case of inclement weather, this event will be in Fellowship Hall. Register your family at haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code to let us know you're coming!



TONIGHT: HUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES KICK OFF PARTY

Sunday, September 13 | 6-8pm | North Lawn

Middle and high school students are invited to the North Lawn for a high-energy

Ways to Give

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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

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29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield,
NJ 08033



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evening of food, games, music, outdoor fun, and special treats as we launch the new season! Bring your friends and your energy—it's a night you won't want to miss. Register through the link at haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code.



NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING

New small groups are forming now! We offer a variety of ways to connect through Connect Groups, Grace Groups, Support Groups, and Spiritual Practices groups. If you are interested in being connected to a small group, please fill out the form at haddonfieldumc.org/small-groups, scan the QR code for the form, or visit the "Study" section of the Haddonfield UMC mobile app, and we'll get you connected.



SAVE THE DATE: 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).

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

HUMC's United Women in Faith is beginning a new year, and we would like you to join us! We welcome you to stop by our table in the Welcome Center to gather information about United Women in Faith and meet with us to answer any of your questions.



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STEPHEN MINISTER 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.

Due to the popularity of this regional event, early registration is strongly encouraged! Cost is \$15 per person with an optional lunch available. Register online at stephenministries.org/celebrateNJ or call 314-428-2600 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/4A6Pxlq> or scanning the QR code by September 27. You can also contact the visitation team at vistiati@haddonfieldumc.org.



NEW OCTOBER CLASS: CALLED TO FREEDOM

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

This October, 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 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. Visit haddonfieldumc.org/classes or scan the QR code to register.



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



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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!



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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: theshirt.dr.chipply.com/HUMB101PeterPan

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

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.

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.



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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 has updated their list of needed items, with the most pressing needs being: **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 | 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.
- **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



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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.

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.



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
Jessica Thomas	Director of Modern Worship
Matthew Smith	Organist & Choirmaster
Julie Robertson	Director of HUMC Kids
Jennifer Douglas	Director of HUMECC
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- Daily Reflections are available on our app or online at <https://haddonfieldumcblog.wordpress.com/>

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