

# CONNECT

## THE WINDS OF CHANGE

The question of identity is a life-long journey, as we constantly face the winds of change, whether we're ready or not. While change is both essential and inevitable, it leads to growth on the other side. How can we live through this season in the fullness of God? Join us as we explore how to find peace with ourselves and each other through the stories of people in the Bible who faced life's challenges in different seasons.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE:

#### MAY 4

Seasons of Life  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,  
Rev. JiSun Yang

#### MAY 11 | Mother's Day

Exodus 2:1-10, Rev. Chris Heckert

#### MAY 18

Prodigal Son  
Luke 15:11-24, Rev. JiSun Yang

#### MAY 25

Job 1:13-22, Sophia Vicari

## SPOTLIGHT: Partnership with Simple Homes



*Participating Churches:* Haddonfield UMC, St. Andrew UMC – Toms River, Butler UMC, FMC Moorestown, Trinity UMC of South Amboy / Sayreville

On Saturday, March 16, a group of 19 volunteers from five United Methodist churches across the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference came together in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia for a one-day mission project. Partnering with Simple Homes, the team spent the day removing debris from inside and outside a long-abandoned row home.

Simple Homes is a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that renovates blighted properties to increase access to affordable homeown-

ership. They follow a Habitat for Humanity model, with future homeowners working alongside volunteers to help rebuild their home. Simple Homes holds the mortgage at 0% interest, allowing families to make affordable payments and build long-term stability.

Volunteers reflected on how poverty, like a natural disaster, can leave long-term devastation. Viewed through the lens of disaster response, poverty demands the same kind of urgent compassion and community-driven recovery. This project wasn't just about demolition—it was about rebuilding hope, one home at a time.

We're working toward an ongoing partnership with Simple Homes that will offer regular service opportunities. If you are interested in future mission days, contact Rev. Cricket Denton at [cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org).

### INTERESTED IN FUTURE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES?

Contact: Pastor Cricket at [cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org)  
Check out mission opportunities at [haddonfieldumc.org/serve](http://haddonfieldumc.org/serve)

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAYS

@ 5pm | Brown Chapel with Communion

### SUNDAYS

@ 8am | Brown Chapel  
@ 9am | Fellowship Hall  
@ 10:30am | The Sanctuary

## ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

### LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP

@ 9am & 10:30am | Every Sunday

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### SATURDAYS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUMC

## National Day of Prayer Breakfast



The Haddonfield Council of Churches' National Day of Prayer Breakfast is **Thursday, May 1, at 8:30am** in Propert Café, with guest speaker Dr. Luka Ilic, an author, adjunct professor at United Lutheran Seminary, and former pastor in Haddon Heights. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door or by visiting [haddonfieldumc.org/now](http://haddonfieldumc.org/now).

## United Women in Faith Fellowship Opportunities



Join the United Women in Faith for these exciting programs of fellowship and fun:

•Catered dinner **Thursday, May 1, at 6pm**—The Floral Arts Guild will give a hands-on demonstration, with attendees creating their own small floral item to take home. Cost is \$11. RSVP by Monday, April 28.

•Spring Salad Luncheon **Thursday, June 5, at 11:45am**—Bring your favorite salad to share; desserts provided! Harriet Richmond will demonstrate her talents as a stained glass artist. Cost is \$3. RSVP by Monday, June 2.

Please send all RSVPs to Ginny Dengler by calling 856-904-5563!

## Your Saving Grace Child Care Nights

Our last Your Saving Grace Child Care Nights of the season are **Fridays, May 2 and June 6, from 6-9pm**. Spend a night out while your children enjoy dinner and fun with friends under the supervision of our child care team. The cost for the evening starts at \$20. For details and reservations, contact Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

## Steeple Club Luncheons

Join the Steeple Club for two upcoming luncheons at noon in Propert Café, each costing \$5:

•**Monday, May 12**—Enjoy a Tea Party with special guest the Balance and Core Directory from The Mabel Kay house.

•**Monday, June 9**—Linda Herman from the American Cancer Society will talk about the programs she is involved with, including Relay for Life.

Make reservations with Leslie Robinson at [lrobinson527@gmail.com](mailto:lrobinson527@gmail.com) by the Friday before each event.

## HUMC Kids Summer Programming Begins



HUMC Kids Summer Sunday Programming begins **Sunday, May 25**. A one-room Summer Sunday School is 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 worship services.

## Recognition Sunday-June 8



We'll honor 50-year members and graduates (8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, and college) during worship on **Sunday, June 8**.

•**50-Year Members:** If you're celebrating this milestone—or missed a past recognition—contact the church office with your name and membership start year.

•**Graduates:** Send the student's name, school, next year's school (if applicable), and a photo to [office@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:office@haddonfieldumc.org) by June 3.

## Chancel Choir End of Choral Season

**Sunday, June 8**, marks not only Pentecost but also the conclusion of Chancel Choir's program year. After June 8, the choir will switch to a "pickup" schedule for the remainder of June and July. Rehearsals will only happen at 10am on Sundays in the Music Suite, with no mid-week meeting. If you are curious to try out singing in choir for a Sunday, please reach out to Matt Smith at [msmith@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:msmith@haddonfieldumc.org).



# CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION



On **Sunday, June 8**, we'll welcome 15 students as full members through Confirmation, marking the end of a journey to deepen their faith and connect with the church community.

They've explored United Methodist history and values through field trips, a retreat, and service in ministries like Worship, Tech, Floral Arts, Ushering, and Communion. These experiences have helped them grow in faith and, as they approach Confirmation, transition from participants to active members of our congregation. This milestone marks not only their spiritual growth but also their deeper commitment to serving the church and its mission.

We give thanks for this milestone and look forward to supporting these young disciples as they continue to serve and grow.

## JUNE PREACHING SCHEDULE:

### JUNE 1

**Already Free**—Acts 16:16-34, Rev. JiSun Yang

### JUNE 8 | Pentecost

**Calling on Fire**—Acts 2:1-21, Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

### JUNE 15 | Father's Day

**The Power of 3**—Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15, Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

### JUNE 22

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

### JUNE 29

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert

*Sunday, June 1, through Sunday, June 15, will be a mini-series about the birth of the church. Sunday, June 22, and Sunday, June 29, will be stand-alone sermons.*

# HUMC WELCOMES REV. YEEUN KIM



Story originally from [gnjumc.org](http://gnjumc.org)

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi recently announced the appointment of Rev. Yeeun Kim as the associate pastor to Haddonfield United Methodist Church, effective **July 1, 2025**.

Pastor Yeeun serves as the pastor

of the Community Church of Hoboken. She grew up in South Korea, where she holds a Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology from the Methodist Theological University of South Korea. She also graduated with a Master of Divinity from Drew Theological School in May 2024. Yeeun has created a new outreach adult ministry with Potluck in the Parsonage, along with starting a new youth group.

She is married to Daekyung Ko, and they are excited to come serve in the Delaware Bay District and in Haddonfield.

## COMING SOON

### FRESH EXPRESSION: KARAOKE CHURCH



Join us for Karaoke Church—a fresh

expression of faith where music brings us together! All ages are welcome to Bobby Ray's Black Horse Tavern (13 S Black Horse Pike, Mt. Ephraim) on **May 3 from 1-3pm** for an afternoon of karaoke, community, and connection. Grab a mic, sing your heart out, and enjoy the freedom to be yourself in a welcoming space.

While you sing, take a moment to reflect or share your thoughts with those around you. Special opportunities will be provided to spark conversation and deepen the sense of community—because faith can emerge in the most unexpected ways. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Come as you are—no judgment, just joy!

### GREATER NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Annual Conference is a yearly gathering

for clergy and lay members of Greater New Jersey to worship, celebrate ministry and mission, and handle Conference affairs. This year's conference is **May 18-20** in Wildwood, NJ. Keep our HUMC clergy and lay members in your prayers as they participate. Visit [gnjumc.org/ac2025/](http://gnjumc.org/ac2025/) for details.





# SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

## Celebration Moments

– **Men's Ministry Gathering** (top left): A great moment of fellowship as men from our community came together to connect and enjoy time with one another.

– **Gratitude for David Grayson** (middle left): We give thanks for David's faithful service running lights in the Sanctuary for over 30 years.

– **20 Years of Dedication** (middle right): Congratulations to Jaime Charlton, who marked her 20<sup>th</sup> work anniversary as Office Manager and Assistant to the Senior Pastor on April 18!

– **Chancel Choir on the Move** (bottom left): Members of our Chancel Choir brought music and joy to residents of United Methodist Communities Collingswood.

– **Shrove Tuesday Fun** (top right):

Our HUMC Kids enjoyed pancakes and served up joy at their Shrove Tuesday dinner.

– **Thank You, David VanSciver** (bottom right): After 22 years, David retired as Managing Editor of the Floral Arts Guild, which he helped co-found.

– **RE:Connect Weekend** (below): 50 students from seven youth groups came together for worship, service, and cross-church connection—partnering with Eastern University and serving with Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens.



## I BELIEVE-SPRING NJ MASTERCHORALE CONCERT

Join the New Jersey MasterChorale and Essence of Harmony Choral Society for *I Believe*, a concert featuring Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* and other works, performed by the combined choirs, soloists, piano, organ, and gospel band. Beyond Ray's *Gospel Mass*, each choir will present a collection of shorter anthems that speaks to the strengths of each choir.

Led by conductors Jason Vodicka and Cherisse Bonefont, this concert is **Sunday, May 4, at 4pm** in the Sanctuary. Please note the change in time. Stay afterward for a reception recognizing this special collaboration and NJMC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.

Essence of Harmony Choral Society is an inclusive community ensemble, which highlights choral pieces written by composers from diverse backgrounds. Maestra Bonefont delighted the audience in last year's NJ MasterChorale concert, *Reconciliation*, available to watch again on YouTube.

*Tickets are required and still available for free at [haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale](http://haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale).*





# YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

## Vacation Bible School Information Meetings



Help us put on a meaningful and fun event for our children and community! Volunteers are needed for our Vacation Bible School this **August 11-15, from 9am-12pm** each day. We will welcome over 150 children for a week of Bible lessons, worship, games, crafts, science and more centered around the Scripture verse: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Is this your first time volunteering? Find out ways to get involved at one of our Volunteer Interest Meetings:

- Sunday, June 8-12:30pm in Proport Café
- Wednesday, June 11-6pm on Zoom

Previous volunteers are welcome, but not required, to attend. For more information, email Julie Robertson at [jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org).

All volunteer information, including mandatory Safe Sanctuaries training, will be communicated through email over the summer.



Above: New Jersey MasterChorale with Essence of Harmony's Maestra Cherisse Bonefonte (see story to the left). Below: An Evening in Italy information (see story to the right).



## AN EVENING IN ITALY FUNDRAISER

Join us for a delightful evening of food, fun, and community at "An Evening in Italy," our annual youth mission trip fundraiser! On **Saturday, May 17**, enjoy a delicious Italian dinner, live performances from local talent, and a silent auction full of exciting items. Doors open and auction bidding begins at 5pm in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, available after worship or online at [haddonfieldumc.org/now](http://haddonfieldumc.org/now). All proceeds support our youth as they prepare to serve with U.M. ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth)—a service-based organization that empowers youth and adults to make a difference through home repair and outreach.

Want to help make the evening even more special? We're accepting silent auction donations and sign-ups for the talent show! Whether you're a singer, dancer, magician, or have a great item to contribute, we'd love to include you. Visit [haddonfieldumc.org/now](http://haddonfieldumc.org/now) by May 4 to get involved.



## IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 | National Day of Prayer Breakfast, United Women in Faith Dinner

May 2 | Your Saving Grace

May 4 | NJ MasterChorale Spring Concert & Reception

May 11 | Mother's Day

May 12 | Steeple Club Luncheon

May 16 | NJGMC Concert

May 17 | Youth Pasta Dinner

May 18 | Tri-State Jazz Concert

May 25 | Farewell Celebration for Pastor JiSun

May 26 | Memorial Day (church office & building closed)

May 29 | HUMC Kids Taco Night

June 1 | A Decade Makes a Difference: Celebration for Pastor Chris

June 2 | Church Council Meeting

June 5 | United Women in Faith Luncheon

June 6 | Your Saving Grace

June 8 | Recognition Sunday & Confirmation

June 8 & 11 | VBS Information Meetings

June 9 | Steeple Club Luncheon

June 15 | Father's Day

June 19 | Juneteenth (Office and Building closed)

June 23-27 | Youth Mission Blitz

# MINISTRY & MISSION

## 50 YEARS OF NJ MASTERCHORALE



The New Jersey MasterChorale has turned 50! “Where words fail, music speaks” – Hans Christian Andersen. We couldn’t have said it better ourselves. The NJ MasterChorale has been privileged to make music that speaks many profound thoughts on our behalf for more than 50 years: A desire for peace. Joyful worship. Awe.

A lot has changed in the world since 1974 when our predecessor group, The Haddonfield Oratorio Choir, was formed, but we are still singing together, week after week. Watch our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy video and hear for yourself what NJ MasterChorale means to a few of our members, new and old, at [haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale!](http://haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale!)

## YOUTH MISSION BLITZ



All youth are invited to join us for a Mission Blitz—a week of hands-on service, faith, and fun from June 23 to June 27! Each day offers a new project, from cleaning up Petty Island to working in community gardens and helping with food sustainability at the Neighborhood

Center in Camden. Youth will also kayak with Urban Trekkers to clean up local waterways and end the week with a beach cleanup and zipline adventure!

Most days run 9am–12:30pm, with the beach day lasting all day. Whether you come for one day or all five, you’ll make a difference and grow in faith alongside friends. This is a powerful way for youth to live out their faith in action and experience the joy of serving others. Sign up by filling out the form at <https://bit.ly/missionblitz2025!>

## MISSION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FUND

In December, the Escobar family joined our community, and it’s been a blessing to witness such generous hospitality—providing housing, furnishings, and support as they settled into their new home. The Refugee Resettlement Team aims to raise \$5,000, with half already donated.

Can you help us reach the goal? Place your gift in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or give online at [haddonfieldumc.org/give](http://haddonfieldumc.org/give). Be sure to designate your gift as “Refugee Resettlement.” Thank you for your generosity!



Cherry Hill  
Food Pantry

### THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your efforts to curb food insecurity in our community. Items continue to be collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. Needed items include:  
**nonperishable food items, coffee, laundry detergent, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, jelly, and toilet tissue.**

You may also support the Cherry Hill Food Pantry through monetary donations made on our website, on our church app, or by mailing a check to the church office with “Cherry Hill Food Pantry” on the memo line.

## CELEBRATING PASTORAL MINISTRY

### Farewell to Rev. JiSun Yang Sunday, May 25



Rev. JiSun Yang will begin her new appointment at Middletown United

Methodist Church in Middletown, NJ, on July 1. As our Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, she has worked tirelessly for our congregation since 2019. Celebrate and give thanks for her time with us, while wishing her well in her new role, on Sunday, May 25 after the 8am, 9am, or 10:30am services. Pastor JiSun will greet members of the congregation after each service in the Welcome Center and Sayre Pavilion where light refreshments and beverages will be available. No RSVP is necessary. If you wish to donate to a Love Gift for Pastor JiSun, visit [haddonfieldumc.org/give](http://haddonfieldumc.org/give), scan the QR code, or drop off a check to the Church Office with “Love Gift—Rev. JiSun Yang” noted in the Memo Line.



### A Decade Makes a Difference Sunday, June 1, at 4pm



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon honoring Pastor Chris’ incredible ten-

year journey of leadership and his remarkable achievement of earning a Doctorate! This is not just a celebration; it is a tribute to a decade filled with dedication, sacrifice, and profound knowledge. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 1, at 4pm, followed by a delightful reception. Reserve ad space for the keepsake program or secure your spot by purchasing tickets at [haddonfieldumc.org/graduation](http://haddonfieldumc.org/graduation) (or scan the QR code) or by calling the church office at 856-429-0403.





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...." - Ecclesiastes 3:1*



I still remember arriving early for my first meeting with the Staff Parish Relations Committee at

Haddonfield UMC six years ago and walking around the building in prayer. I was nervous, unsure if I would fit into such a large church, but that silent prayer brought me a deep sense of peace and trust that God would carry me through.

Change is part of life – whether we like it or not. Children grow, and seasons shift, and we find ourselves moving from place to place, job to job. Change is a defining theme in my life this

season—I'll be welcoming a new baby and beginning ministry at Middletown UMC in July. It can feel overwhelming, but I trust God will continue to lead me and carry me through as God always has.

I cannot say thank you enough for my time at HUMC. It has been an incredible blessing to work with such excellent church staff and dedicated leaders. From you, I've learned what love, forgiveness, and faithfulness truly look like. I experienced the power of prayer once more when my mother was diagnosed with cancer a year and a half ago. I felt your care and support when I shared my struggles to grow our family and

later announced my pregnancy. You wept with me. You rejoiced with me. You became my family.

Change is never easy. It calls us to let go of what has been in order to embrace what lies ahead. But we continue the journey with God, who has been faithful—and will remain faithful—every step of the way. I thank God for each of you and for the many ways you've been an important part of my life. My prayers will continue to be with you, your family, and this beloved community.

Rev. JiSun Yang, Associate Pastor

## SIDEKICK PROGRAM



We believe every child is the hero of their own story with a unique adventure ahead of them—and even the greatest heroes sometimes need a little extra support on the journey! That's why we're introducing Sidekicks, where kids in Sunday School can be paired with a friendly and encouraging youth mentor to help them feel more confident, engaged, and at ease.

Whether your child could use a buddy to help with transitions, reminders to stay on task, or just someone to offer reassurance and a steady presence, our Sidekicks are here to help. This one-on-one support fosters connection, encouragement, and a more meaningful Sunday School experience for everyone!

If you'd like to learn more or see if the Sidekick program would be a good fit for your child, reach out to Pastor Cricket at [cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:cdenton@haddonfieldumc.org). We'd love to partner with your family because every good hero needs a sidekick!

## GIFTS IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

**Haddonfield UMC gratefully acknowledges donations.**

In memory of: *Gene Kosich*  
from *Charlotte Hartman*

In memory of: *Jeanne Bender*  
from *Donna Boyles*

In memory of: *Roberta "Bobbie"*  
*Vance from Bowman and Co.*

Gifts may be made in memory or

honor of loved ones and friends:

- On the Haddonfield UMC mobile app
- Online at [haddonfieldumc.org/give](https://haddonfieldumc.org/give)
- By mailing a check to 29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033

# Welcome

NEW MEMBERS!

**Dan Arcaini**

**Lindsi Arcaini**

**Sadie Campbell**

**Lisa Clanet**

**Susi Coley**

**Lucille Corriero**

**Kathy James**

**Dan Mabry**

**Conor McDonough**

Nine new members were welcomed during worship on Sunday, April 13, and Saturday, April 19. We warmly welcome them and offer support as they continue on their Christian journey.



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ESSENCE OF  
HARMONY  
CHORAL SOCIETY

# I BELIEVE

The New Jersey MasterChorale & Essence of Harmony Choral Society Present:

## Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*

MAY 4, 2025 | 4PM

Guest Soloists

Other Musical Selections

Gospel Band



Funding has been made possible by a grant from the Burlington County Board of Commissioners, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



Location: **Haddonfield UMC Sanctuary** & Live-streamed: [haddonfieldumc.org](http://haddonfieldumc.org)  
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