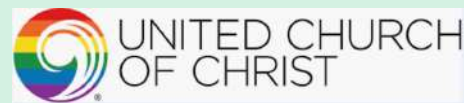


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An Open and  
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## From The Pastor

Rev. Nada Sellers

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Dear Dreamers,

Some of you will remember that late last year, during a worship service last November, I invited worshippers to join in an activity about the dreams people have for our church.

The "Dream Statement Activity,"\* shared as a pen and paper exercise that morning in our Sanctuary, is a visioning method, designed to encourage people who are a part of spiritual communities, to lay aside doubts and excuses about making big decisions. The format looked like this:

**I.** What is a dream statement?

A ***dream statement***, or theological vision statement, describes the ***part*** of God's dream you want to help come true in the next 3-5 years.

**II.** Crafting a dream statement:

"We will chase God's dream for \_\_\_\_\_  
(*specific group of people or part of creation*)

so that \_\_\_\_\_  
(*what it looks like when God's dream comes true for them.*)

\_\_\_\_\_."

If you didn't have a chance to try this out, feel free to fill in the blanks on your own and maybe discuss this with someone who cares about you.

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## From The Pastor *(continued)*

A review of the November submissions made it clear that, as a congregation, we are committed to finding new ways to expand our support for marginalized communities and to learn more about the complex social justice concerns involved: ***More than two thirds of your “dreaming” pointed to hopes for assisting immigrants, LGBTQI+, those who are unhoused, hungry and those struggling to make ends meet.***

I hope the cares of yesterday and today, whether personal or having to do with the violent state of our country and our world, have not curtailed further opportunities for “dreaming God’s dream”. If things have been challenging for you, I have an invitation: Over the next two weekends in March, on 3/8 (don’t forget: Spring forward 1 hour), and 3/15 we are looking to offer Second Hour conversations about the “new directions” our church could decide to choose. Please be there and share your thoughts – it’s essential that all of us take part in guiding church decisions. As we weigh the months and years ahead, your observations matter! We’ll be looking at our budgeting process for 2026-2027; hearing about state of the “Making All Things New” 2026 generosity campaign and continuing to dream.

See you there,

*Pastor Nada*

P.S. As the preacher said once, “Friday’s here... but Sunday’s a-coming!” Lent devotional materials, Pause & Pray circle on Weds. evenings and Easter is coming on April 5<sup>th</sup>!

\*As found in *Innovating for Love; Joining God’s Expedition through Social Innovation* by K. Dean (Market Square Books, 2022:162) - used with permission from The Changemaker Church Movement

### **Pause & Pray** – A Weekly Vesper Service for Lent



*Be still and know that I am God...Psalm 46:10*

Join us on **Wednesdays** at **7pm**, during Lent, for Pause and Pray in the Sanctuary, until Holy Week activities which will include services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Join Pastor Nada for devotional moments of calm during your busy week! Peace be with you...

Hopefully everyone is getting some relief from the never-leaving snow. Soon, our new solar panels will be able to take advantage of some sunlight. We are close to being able to power the system on. There are just two more hurdles to jump over: we have to have the system pass inspection from the township, and then the power company has to approve the final build, so that the system can be energized. At that point, we'll be able to take advantage of the electricity cost savings and our smaller footprint on our environment.

This fits well into our stewardship theme of making all things new. Another new item is seeing our own Grace Modla become ordained and called to the Keyport church, where she has been filling in. Be sure to join us for our two exciting Second Hours on March 8 and March 15, where we'll be discussing the direction for our church, both spiritually and financially. (All good on both fronts!)

-Matt

## Generosity Campaign Update



Friends, we have had to make a few adjustments to our plan due to unforeseen circumstances. Our second hour program called "New Directions" has been moved to Sunday, March 8, after coffee hour. Join us for a guided conversation seeking input about our new vision.

On Sunday, March 15, after coffee hour, we will conduct a review of our Narrative budget telling our church's story through numbers and sharing a Community Conversation about our church's purpose.

Join us for these important discussions about the future of our church.

Additionally, due to the recent storm we have decided to add one more Sunday of messaging and conclude our campaign on March 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are off to a pretty good start towards our goal of \$250,000 in pledges but we need all of us to prayerfully discern our commitment to this financial effort that will help us meet our goals, fund our budget and minimize the impact on our endowments. Thank you for supporting our beloved church.

- Don Pope, Michelle Ucciferri, Jared Cazel and Heather McGoldrick

*Have you heard the Good News?*

Welcome to March at Holmdel Community UCC. Spring is *almost* here, although with all this snow you would hardly know it! But I have faith, don't you?

Join us this month as we continue our preparation for Easter. Pastor Nada shares the Good News through our worship series "Tell Me Something Good" as created by *A Sanctified Art*. We are revisiting some of the parables of Jesus through scripture, music, and various activities. We also invite you to join Pastor for our weekly gathering, "Pause and Pray", on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary, starting at 7pm.

In addition to Lent, we have two wonderful celebrations this month. On Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Ordination of Grace Losso Modla! And on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> we welcome our confirmands as we celebrate Confirmation!

We end the month on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we wave our palm fronds, then learn more about the Passion of Christ. We will gather on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in Fellowship Hall for a communal meal and fellowship-style communion. And then we gather in the sanctuary for our traditional Good Friday service on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

On Easter morning, April 5<sup>th</sup> we gather around the bell at 7am for our "Almost Sunrise" service, and then again at 10am in the sanctuary for our traditional family celebration.

We will also have our monthly Food Dedication on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, please check your bulletin for this month's special collection items.

Our meeting this month is on TUESDAY March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the conference room of Fellowship Hall. We are happy to have you join our team, as an usher, a reader, a slide changer, or even as the person who runs the sound board. Grab a friend and train together, and get community service hours while you are at it!

Please remember that we want everyone to be safe and to be well, so if the weather is bad, or if you are not feeling well, please stay home and watch us online. And take a few minutes to watch a video anthem or message from our collection while you're there!

We appreciate your support, and I have a special request: If you are praying for snow, please STOP!



**MOCA Meeting -- Monday, March 9 from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Holmdel Library.**

This organization is part of the Indivisible movement, and coordinates with local partners seeking justice. Attend to meet other like-minded individuals and learn what is going on locally, and at the state and national levels.

**Make Your Voice Heard! [5Calls.org](https://5Calls.org)**

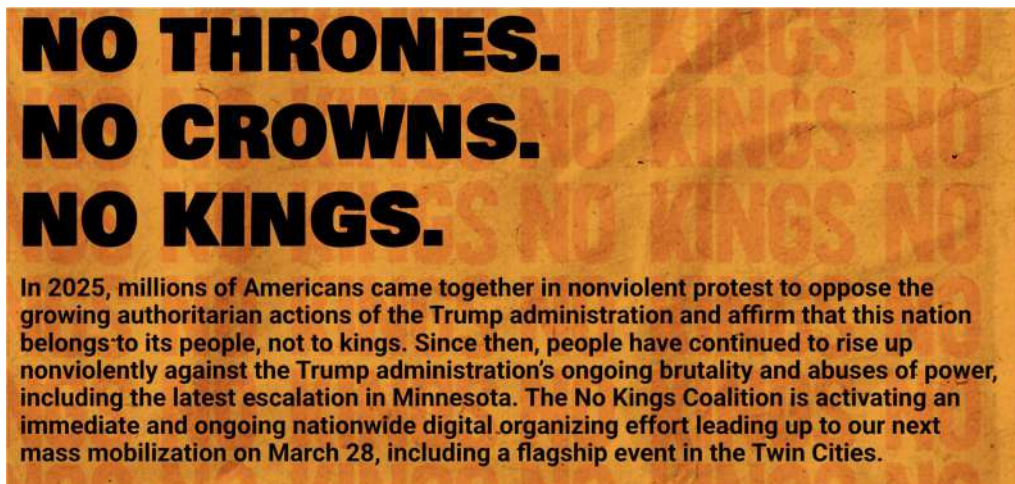
This is a wonderful resource for those wishing to call their elected representatives and wanting more information on issues they are concerned about. Open the website and you will see a wide-ranging list of issues -- Iran, ICE, Roxbury Detention Center, anti-vaxxer Surgeon General, SAVE América voting act, resignation of Kash Patel, etc. Then, it gives you the names and phone numbers of your elected officials (House and Senate) and a suggested “calling script” for each of these issues. Use the website and make the calls!!

**Tuesday, March 24 -- Interfaith Rise Health Fair, Asbury Park**

Several people have expressed interest in volunteering with Interfaith Rise in Asbury Park. They are sponsoring a health fair from 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please let Liz Mueller know. ([lizmueller11@gmail.com](mailto:lizmueller11@gmail.com)). We will carpool from the church or meet you there!



**No Kings 3 -- Saturday, March 28 -- Location and Time for Local Rallies TBD but MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



As we journey together through Lent and into spring, we are excited to share upcoming events, opportunities for our youth, and ways for the whole church family to grow in faith.

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## 2026 Climate Hope Art Contest

We invite our church youth to participate in the **2026 Climate Hope Art Contest** hosted by the United Church of Christ!

**Submission Window:** February 6 – March 22

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to express their faith, creativity, and care for God's creation.

More details can be found [here](#):

Additional information will be shared during Sunday School and Youth Group.

If your child is interested in participating, please reach out to Amanda for a copy of the submission template.

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## Parenting Resource

### **How to Talk to Your Kids About ICE and Immigration Enforcement**

We are sharing a helpful article with supportive resources for families navigating these important conversations with children. Link available [here](#):

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## Youth Group & Confirmation Updates

### **Youth Group Outing – March 15**

After church on March 15th, the Youth Group will head to Yestercades in Red Bank for fun and games together! 1PM start at Yestercades in order to accommodate the Second Hour conversation.

### **Confirmation Sunday – March 22**

We look forward to celebrating our confirmands and this meaningful milestone in their faith journey.

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## **Acolyte Ministry**

Our Acolyte Ministry is in need of volunteers, particularly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month. Parents, please contact Amanda via text or email.

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## Mardi Gras Celebration Recap

Our Mardi Gras Party on Sunday, February 15th was a roaring success! The children enjoyed cooking and snacking together, playing bingo, and wearing their festive masks and beads. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration so joyful!

Enjoy our celebration through these pictures!



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## Palm Sunday – March 29

Amanda is preparing for our Sunday School children to sing on Palm Sunday. She is coordinating with Susan on music selections, and rehearsals will begin at the start of Sunday School in the coming weeks.

If you haven't already, please let Amanda know if your child would like to participate!

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## **Lent: February 18 – April 2**

This year's Lenten program includes new and engaging Children's Messages and updated Sunday School materials. These resources will be incorporated into our Christian Education programming throughout the season.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with our youth.

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## **Visio Divina Meditations**

Visio Divina meditations are held on Saturdays at 10:00 AM and are led by Grace Modla.

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## **Adult Education & Bible Study**

Interested in learning more about our adult studies and Bible study groups?

*Wednesday Pause & Pray has begun!*

Reach out to the Christian Education Committee or contact Lynn for links and current meeting times. We welcome all who are interested in growing deeper in faith and community.

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**HCUCC  
NEW DIRECTIONS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hours  
March 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

re-imagining 2026 & beyond

And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
"See, I am making all things new." Rev 21:5a





**Bayshore Lunch Program** – Due to the storm, Bayshore lunch was cancelled on February 23, 2026. We will resume serving on the fourth Monday, **March 23rd**. The location is at the Community Church of Keyport from 10 AM to ~12:30 PM. I would ask that you consider joining our team for this very worthwhile mission. **We need you!** Contact Judy L. Bacon (617-849-2530) for more information.

**QUESTIONS ... WANT TO LEARN MORE???** Please contact Judy Bacon for more information about our projects. Phone: 617-849-2530.

## Christian Care

Val Hansen, Co-Chair, [valhansen@gmail.com](mailto:valhansen@gmail.com)

Kiff Barnes, Co-Chair, [kiff.barnes@gmail.com](mailto:kiff.barnes@gmail.com)

### If I need some help, who might I reach out to?

The HCUCC Christian Care Committee is here to offer comfort and practical support to our members and friends who are dealing with mental or physical illness, recovery, or any kind of loss. Please feel free to get in touch with us for prayers, rides to the doctor’s office, meals when you’re feeling under the weather. We’re also often asked to offer our prayers for various situations.

Here’s a list of the Care Team members and their contact information:

	Valerie Hansen	(732) 977-8642	
	Kiff Barnes	(972) 571-6538	
	Susan Shaw	(609) 317-5984	
	Karen Chesney	(908) 577-6370	
	Jen Brill	(540) 449-2044	

This month, we continue our journey through the season of Lent as well as focusing on our responsibilities as stewards of this church and community. The two actually go hand in hand. Our Lenten series is called, "Tell Me Something Good," and our 2026 Stewardship Campaign is coordinated around the theme, "Making All Things New." In the year since Pastor Nada joined us, we have been exploring new, good possibilities and directions. I am hopeful that we can be generous in supporting our church, and I am grateful to all who give their time, talent, and money to support our music ministry as a thriving, important part of our community.

**The Joyful Noisemakers** (our Sunday School-aged children) will be singing on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. They have already begun rehearsing our favorite Palm Sunday Introit, and they will be singing a second song with the Adult Choir. Encourage your children to participate! Music is a gift that lasts a lifetime!

**Adult Choir:** The **Adult Choir** sang beautifully for the **Ash Wednesday** evening service. Thanks to all who participated and helped create a spirit of invitation to this season. We are now working on some of the most beautiful music of the year. Please plan to join us at the **Good Friday service on April 3**, which will set the tone for an even more joyous Easter Sunday! The **Adult Choir** is open to all who are interested in singing and can join us at least somewhat regularly. We have room in every section. Our rehearsals are every Thursday night promptly at 7:30pm in fellowship hall and last until 9:00. As we approach Good Friday and Easter, our rehearsals may extend a little later for those who can stay, but I will do my best to give advance notice if we need that option.

I wish to thank the choir for their incredible generosity, which helped me make the trip to see my brother in Minneapolis in February. It was a meaningful and important visit, and I'm very thankful that I could do it at this time.

Please consider our music ministry, in addition to all the ministries in our church community, as you make your pledge.

Thank you all for all the ways you support our music ministry!



*Announcements*



*With joy and thanksgiving, the Holmdel Community UCC, in conjunction with the New Jersey Association and on behalf of the United Church of Christ invites you to celebrate with us!*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**  
**11:00 AM**

*Service of Ordination*  
for

**Grace Losso Modla**

*"In the beginning, God created..." Genesis 1:1*

**Light Luncheon Celebration to follow**

For more information, please contact  
Don Pope: [wellfitnj@gmail.com](mailto:wellfitnj@gmail.com) or 609-317-5208

**Holmdel Community UCC, 40 Main Street, Holmdel, NJ**

## Announcements (continued)

# A Taste of Holmdel

## SAVE THE DATES



### Italian Night! - March 21

Mar 21, Reservations by Mar 15  
3 seatings - 4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm

**Takeout is available!**



### Cooking Workshop - Italian Night Prep

Tues, Mar. 17, Thurs, Mar 19, Fri Mar 20 evenings



### Earth Day at Bayonet Farm - April 26

Sandwich Selling on Apr 26

### Cooking Workshop - Sandwich Prep

Saturday, April 25, 9am - Noon



### Mother's Day Brunch - May 10

### Father's Day Brunch - June 21



**Questions & More Information:**  
**Email Sue or Diane at [crafts@holmdelucc.org](mailto:crafts@holmdelucc.org)**

Announcements (continued)

**A TASTE OF HOLMDEL**  
**ITALIAN NIGHT**  
**SAT MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> RESERVE TODAY**  
TO BENEFIT SYLVIA'S CHILDREN AND THE OPERATING FUND

*Saturday, Mar 21st, Three Seatings: 4:30, 6:00, 7:30*  
Reserve by March 15th!



**DINNER MENU**  
SERVED FAMILY STYLE  
PENNE & MEATBALLS  
MARINARA, VODKA  
OLIVE OIL & GARLIC  
SALAD~GARLIC BREAD  
DRINKS ~ BYOB  
HOME MADE DESSERTS  
VEGAN & GF OPTIONS

**SENIORS**  
**\$15**  
PER PERSON

**ADULTS**  
**\$25**  
PER PERSON

CASH~CHECK  
CC\*~VENMO  
@UCCHOLMDEL

**KIDS \$10**  
KIDS UNDER 6 FREE

**ALL TAKE OUT**  
**\$25**

\* CC HAS 5% CONVENIENCE FEE  
**PICK UP FOR TAKE OUT IS 30 MINS AFTER START OF SEATING TIME**



**HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UCC CHURCH**  
40 MAIN ST, HOLMDEL  
**FOR RESERVATIONS: 732 946 8821**  
OR CRAFTS@HOLMDELUCC.ORG

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## Announcements (continued)



TRANSGENDER RIGHTS  
COALITION  
NEW JERSEY



### A Unified Voice to Build Collective Power

**TRC-NJ needs you!** We're calling on community members and organizations statewide to join us in this coalition to turn our individual efforts into one collaborative force for transgender equity, safety, and joy. Through shared purpose, resources, and expertise, we will shift the narrative and secure foundational legal protections for the transgender and nonbinary community. **We are stronger together than we could ever be alone.**

#### JOIN THE COALITION:

[tinyurl.com/TRCNJ](https://tinyurl.com/TRCNJ)

#### FOLLOW US:



@transrightscoalitionnj



@trcnj



# Announcements (continued)

## Lunch Break | Life Skills COMPUTER & FINANCIAL LITERACY

Attend 80% or more of the class offerings and receive a special gift!



### EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

- JANUARY 13
- JANUARY 27
- FEBRUARY 10
- FEBRUARY 24
- MARCH 10
- MARCH 24
- APRIL 7
- APRIL 21
- MAY 5
- MAY 19



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH CLASSES ON THE SAME NIGHT!

### FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS SERIES 5:30PM - 6:30PM

#### TOPICS COVERED

- Savings & checking Accounts
- Budgeting & Managing Debt
- Credit: How to Build & Protect
- Recognizing & Preventing Scams
- Saving for the Future
- First-time Home Ownership
- Home Buying Resources
- IRA's & 401K's
- Understanding Consumer Protections
- Identity Theft Identifying & Preventing

### COMPUTER LITERACY CLASS SERIES 6:45PM - 7:45PM

#### TOPICS COVERED

- Getting to Know My Device: What are Those 9 Little Dots & 3 Little Lines
- Setting up Gmail accounts; sending emails, & more...
- Review
- Google Docs Exploration I: Wow! Who Knew? And So Much More!
- Mid-Way Review I: "How do you do that again?"
- Mid-Way Review II: "How do you do that again?"
- Google Sheets: "I can do that?"
- More Google Magic
- Social Media: How To's



While things might look different from our beginnings in 1927, who we are at our core hasn't changed. Now, nearly a century later, we're excited to debut our refreshed brand while still maintaining our who we are - who we've always been: real people, offering real solutions. We're not just bankers; we're partners invested in your success. We're here to transform aspirations into achievements and dreams into reality.



**JOEL RYAN**  
Founder & CEO, Perspective Omni Media

Joel Ryan is the founder (2007) and CEO of Perspective Omni Media, servicing small to mid-sized businesses in the tri-state area, Canada, and the Caribbean. Mr. Ryan is a Senior Systems Engineer and Technical Architect, specializing in IT consulting and cybersecurity. He has taught computer literacy and web design to both adults and children. With in-depth expertise and extensive knowledge of numerous operating systems, applications, and platforms, Mr. Ryan brings a technologically based instructional unit to the Life Skills program.

For more information, contact Birgit Mondesir at [bmondiesir@lunchbreak.org](mailto:bmondiesir@lunchbreak.org) | 732-747-8577 ext. 3302  
121 Drs. James Parker Blvd., Red Bank | Use the Life Skills Entrance, Door #9. Please ring bell.

## Lunch Break | Life Skills

### SIGN UP FORMS FOR VARIOUS LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS

#### English As A Second Language (ESL)

The ESL Program opens doors to new opportunities through improved language skills. It is designed to help non-native English speakers achieve a basic understanding of the English language through a conversational method.

The next session will run weekly from September 2025 to May 2026.\*



Starting September 2026

#### Computer Literacy

This program provides the fundamentals of Google Docs and Microsoft Office. It will allow for the creation of resumes, projects, spreadsheets; general knowledge and navigation of computer basics.

#### Financial Literacy

This program prepares you to make financial decisions and achieve your financial goals. Topics covered include budgeting, managing debt, saving for the future, building and protecting credit, first time investing and home buying, and more.

Upcoming sessions for both will run bi-monthly from September to December 2025 and January to May 2026.\*



Starting January 2026

#### Employment Preparation

Jump start your career with confidence. We offer hands-on support with resume building, job applications, and mock interviews to help you succeed in every opportunity. You'll also have the option to receive business attire through Suited Up for Success, to look your best, along with guidance on effective post-hiring and promotional practices.



Monthly

\*Specific dates: TBD | Classes take place at Lunch Break Life Skills (2nd floor)  
For more information, contact Birgit Mondesir at [bmondiesir@lunchbreak.org](mailto:bmondiesir@lunchbreak.org) | 732-747-8577 x3302

## Announcements (continued)

The logo for 'ICE OUT FOR GOOD' features the words 'ICE OUT' in white, bold, sans-serif font on a red rectangular background, with 'FOR GOOD' in black, bold, sans-serif font on a yellow rectangular background below it.

Enter into your browser or click on the link below to be directed to a training video on documenting ICE activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/zqka9fUTwdA?si=gJcuOSPIjs7V27tj&t=743>

### **Tuesday, March 24 -- Interfaith Rise Health Fair, Asbury Park**

Several people have expressed interest in volunteering with Interfaith Rise in Asbury Park. They are sponsoring a health fair from 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please let Liz Mueller know.

([lizmueller11@gmail.com](mailto:lizmueller11@gmail.com)).

We will carpool from the church or meet you there!

A vertical poster for a Women's Health Fair. At the top, there is a 2x3 grid of six red squares, each containing a white icon: a uterus, a magnifying glass over a cell, a pregnant woman, a person with a heart, a bra, and a clock. Below the grid is the Interfaith Rise logo, which consists of a stylized house icon and the text 'INTERFAITH RISE'. The main title 'Women's Health Fair' is in a large, bold, blue font. Below the title, the date and time 'Tuesday, March 24th | 10AM - 2PM' and the location '1003 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ' are listed. At the bottom, a red oval contains the text 'FREE AND OPEN TO ALL'. The poster is decorated with various floral and leaf motifs in shades of blue, red, and white.

# NJ Rapid Response

## If You See ICE, Call Us.

- Give an exact location.
- Time of sighting.
- Send us photos and videos, if possible.

Spirit of Liberation  
**201-616-2816**  
(call or text)

**DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST ICE**



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK AT HOME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Know the law for Migrant Workers, Domestic Workers, No matter of legal, organizing, & community resources.

Have yourself updated on Immigration Customs or social media: @newjersey @red\_2816



**Organize with us, join today!**

Resistencia en Acción  
**640-466-2386**  
(call or text)



We need additional volunteers in these areas.



Cosecha New Jersey  
DIRE & New Labor,  
**888-347-3767**  
(call or dm social media accounts)

El Pueblo Unido  
**609-200-1030**  
(call or text)

**We are ordinary people in solidarity to get #ICEoutofNJ.**

## Announcements (continued)



**TAKE ACTION!**

<https://act.faithinaction.org/a/tell-your-senator-vote-no-on-the-save-act?emci=80d5a115-3013-f111-a69a-000d3a57593f&emdi=2c699bf1-3f13-f111-a69a-000d3a57593f&ceid=216131>

Once you've taken action and signed, will you forward the link to five people you trust?

See what Congress is doing:  
<https://www.congress.gov/search>

Friends,

The SAVE (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility) Act is moving quickly in Congress. If passed, it would require documentary proof of citizenship - like a passport or birth certificate - every time someone registers or updates their voter registration.

On paper, it may sound administrative. In practice, it could create real barriers for millions of eligible voters - especially seniors, married women whose names have changed, students, and under-resourced communities.

This is not about party affiliation.

It is about participation.

It is about protecting access to the ballot.

It takes less than two minutes.

Silence creates space for policies like this to move unchecked. Collective action changes that.

With resolve,

Rev. Nicole M. Barnes  
Director of Civic Engagement  
Faith in Action



# Announcements (continued)



## MEDITATION: VISIO DIVINA

### “DIVINE SEEING”

Please join our Zoom meetings on Saturdays at 10am for a refreshing hour that includes a short, guided meditation, creative prayers, poems, lively discussion on the art-quote-word of the day, and a lot of laughter in a caring space. All are welcome!

## MARCH 2026 FLOWERS

Every day is special when there are beautiful flowers to enjoy!

Why not remember a special occasion or a special someone with a **FLORAL DEDICATION?**

Simply order a bouquet from our florist **OR** bring in an arrangement of your own to share on Sunday. Contact Vera Kradjel with your desired date to secure your spot. You can take your flowers home with you after church and enjoy them or deliver them to a friend or neighbor and brighten their day.



**March 15: Pru Frechette- “In memory of Bill Frechette ”.**

You may reach Vera directly at: **(732) 673-8588** OR via email [verakradjel@gmail.com](mailto:verakradjel@gmail.com)

And let’s not forget, **Easter is April 5<sup>th</sup>!** **Bring Your Own Blooms** to decorate our sanctuary, and bring some fresh-cut flowers to help decorate our beautiful cross.

*Thank you!*

We all love Coffee Hour! It’s a vital part of fellowship and a nice way to meet people. We need some new team members as well as substitutes. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Regina at [regcris35@gmail.com](mailto:regcris35@gmail.com) or (732) 320-6210.



This month’s Calico Cat Food Pantry collections: **pasta and/or sauce in plastic containers or cans.** We will dedicate food on the 4th Sunday, March 22nd. On that Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring forward their offerings to the worship table and kids can stay down front for the Children’s Message that immediately follows.

## Announcements (continued)



FREE UCC courses online: <https://frontlinefaith.org/>

We have a variety of collections: eye glasses for New Eyes (bin in Fellowship Hall kitchen), books for Legal Books Bin and clothing next to the book donation bin in the parking lot.



### *Virtual Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.*

We will start live streaming the service at 9:55 a.m. via this link: <http://bit.ly/hcucclive>. We start early, so that you can be sure your technology (internet connection, audio, video) is working properly. We'll display our pre-service announcement slides for five minutes until the service starts, at around 10am.



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Please follow our YouTube channel as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtmDSw0RSSbtDPqXfZaLuuw>

# Caught on Camera

Valentine's Day Baking  
02/07/2026



How many trips to unload the car does it take for Valentine's Baking Day?



Sue Field, Pru Frechette, Jolyn Lam & Judy Bacon (back) keep busy in the kitchen



Most of the Baking Crew, not all: Diane Paquet, Debbie Lakshman, Mary Beth Jones, Matt Almeda, Kiff Barnes and Jolyn Lam (center)



Thank you to the Worship & Music Team who created this **beautifully** decorated door!

# Caught on Camera

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

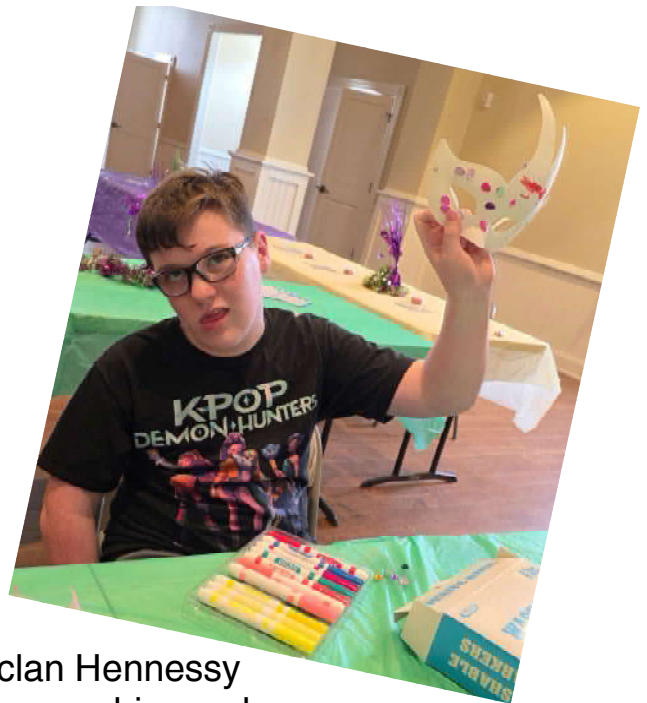
02/15/2026



Sierra Colella & Madison DeFelice take some time to eat and catch up



Bill Liebenow catches up with Sam Beck-King and Matthew Salzano



Declan Hennessy showcases his mask, showing his creative side



James Puryear enjoys some  
Mardi Gras snacks



CJ & Carter Spagnolia don  
their masks for the camera



L to R: Madyn Mortenson, John DeFelice,  
Nolan Mortenson, Madison DeFelice,  
Reverie Cazal, Oliva Spatola, Anthony  
Spatola, Declan Hennessy



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am Service with Communion  Soup Sale #2		7pm Worship & Music  7:15-9:15pm Scouts	7pm Pause & Pray  8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		11am Ordination Service for Grace Modla Losso  12pm Celebration for Grace
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am Service  2nd Hour: New Directions for HCUCC  Daylight Savings Time begins	7:30pm Council	7:15-9:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team  7pm Pause & Pray  8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		10am Visio Divina Meditation with Grace
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10am Worship Service (OGHS)  2nd Hour: New Directions for HCUCC  1pm Youth at Yestercades		7:15-9:15pm Scouts    St. Patrick's Day	7pm Pause & Pray  8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir	Pasta Dinner Prep	10am Visio Divina Meditation with Grace  4:30pm, 6pm, 7:30pm Pasta Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10am Worship Service with Confirmation (& Food Dedication)  Pledge Sunday	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	7:15-9:15pm Scouts	7pm Pause & Pray  8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		10am Visio Divina Meditation with Grace
29	30	31				
10am Worship Service  11:30pm Easter Egg Hunt  Palm Sunday	6pm Men's Bible Study & Fellowship	7:15-9:15pm Scouts				Font Color Key: Conference Room Fellowship Hall Zoom or Other Sanctuary

# Church Leadership

Pastor	Rev. Nada Sellers	Justice & Peace	Liz Mueller
Moderator	Matthew Snodgrass	Missions	- Open -
Head Trustee	William Field	Pastoral Support	Tracy Mackey
Treasurer	Judy Bacon	Personnel	Carrie Virgilio
Council Secretary	Lynn Nelson	Worship & Music	Carol Schreier
Pledge Secretary	Dave Mackey	Buildings & Grounds	
Christian Care	Valerie Hansen	Trustee	Diane Paquet
	Kiff Barnes	Contracts & Insurance	
Christian Education	Allie Colella	Trustee	Brian Yesalonis
	Amy DeFelice	Stewardship Trustee	Don Pope
Fellowship	Regina Criscione		

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**TEXT:** Just text "test" to (732) 410-5950 to receive instructions on giving electronically.

**ONLINE BANKING:** Set up regular payments to "Holmdel Community UCC" via your online banking service.

**BY CHECK:** Dave Mackey will be collecting checks from the church weekly or email him at [pledge@holmdelucc.org](mailto:pledge@holmdelucc.org).

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