

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 24, 2026 – *Pentecost Sunday*

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40 W. Main Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733

*Our mission is to deepen our relationship with God,
follow Jesus in service to our community,
and work for justice and peace.*

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

bold type denotes collective response

❖ means please rise in body or in spirit.

Large print bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Hearing enhancement devices are also available.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

Words for Meditation:

Faith gives you capacity to believe "this current state isn't the end." ...We're not talking about blind optimism or toxic positivity here. We're talking about the cognitive and emotional framework that lets you stare directly at how bad things are while STILL organizing toward how things could be...What gives you practice believing transformation is possible when every piece of evidence says otherwise?

- Liz Bucar in *Religion Reimagined*

PRELUDE

Spirit Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Don't forget to turn around and wave to our church family online!)

INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Now Outpoured

John W. Peterson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by John 7:37-38)*

Tammy Yesalonis

Holy God of wind and fire, flow through us!

Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace.

Living Water, quench our thirst; fill us from the wellspring of your love.

**Immerse us in the vastness of your kin-dom,
like drops in the ocean.**

We live in awe of your majesty and in humility
at your presence among us.

**Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your
church in resurrection power.**

❖ OPENING HYMN *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

No. 277

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

*Adapted from UCC's Movement for Palestinian Solidarity (UCCMPS)
prayer for Pentecost, by Rev. Sarah Ofner-Seals*

❖ GLORIA

to the tune of **No. 35**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, Amen. Amen.

FOOD PANTRY DEDICATION

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

When Jesus met with his friends in the upper room, he shared common meal items -- bread, water, wine -- and he made them holy. May we, in kind, participate in the holy act of sharing these simple items so that all may be nourished, both in body and spirit,

at God's great table. Food is a holy and humbling mystery, a shared sacrament that unites us all. God's love is present in the food we receive. God's love is present in the food we give.

God, inspire us to lovingly, joyfully, share with our neighbors.

OFFERING OUR FOOD (*Please come forward to leave your food in front.*)

DEDICATION OF FOOD

Tammy Yesalonis

Bless this food so that all who receive it may be nourished in both body and spirit by these gifts. We feed others, for what we do for the least of our neighbors, we do for you.

Bless the receivers.

Bless those who have grown, harvested, packaged, and distributed it.

Bless the workers in the fields and factories.

Bless those who have given this food and all who will distribute it.

Bless the givers.

We dedicate this food in the name of our Creator,
our Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be the God who is our daily bread.

God be with us all. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy Spirit, Come Today

Joseph Martin,
Jonathan Martin
& Victor Johnson

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Amanda Spagnolia

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 7:37-44 (NIV)

Tammy Yesalonis

Music

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

No. 248 v.3

**Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
with your enlivening ways;
come, shed abroad the Savior's love,
and teach our hearts to praise.**

Numbers 11:1-32 (*shared reading*)

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SERMON

“Abiding Spirit”

❖ HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

No. 583

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Tammy Yesalonis

Musical Offering

Spirit, Sing Through Me

Herb Frombach/
Mary McDonald

❖ Doxology (*Tune is Old Hundredth*)

No. 48

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ending with the *Casa del Sol* version of *The Lord's Prayer*

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.**

**May we know your presence; may your longings
be our longings in heart and in action.**

**May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.**

**Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.**

**Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.**

**For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* **No. 633**

❖ **BENEDICTION** Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE *Firedance* David Lanz

*After the Postlude, you are invited to join us next door.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us
to connect with one another; coffee and refreshments served!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for visiting with us today! It is a pleasure to have you here. Feel free to get information about our church from the table by the church entrance. Please sign our guest book by the door, so that we can send you our monthly newsletter and other information (make sure to include an email address!).

This week’s **flowers** are given by Carol Schreier: “In celebration of Caleb & Taylor Schreier's first anniversary”.

Thanks to today's **Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Tammy Yesalonis, Liturgist;
Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music; Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister;
Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer; Susan Shaw, Greeter/Usher;
Carrie Virgilio, Sound Board Operator

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Celebrate 250th Anniversary of our County
with Monmouth County! Scan the QR Code
at right to participate in the HCUC
Contribution to this wonderful and fun
event throughout the month of May!



We're Hiring!

Amanda is looking for a
Nursery Caregiver for
Sunday Mornings and
anyone interested should
contact her directly at





2nd Hour, May 31 Seeking the Way of Welcome: Reflections from a Pilgrimage along the Camino Sanabrés

This spring I completed a seven-day bicycle pilgrimage along Spain's Camino Sanabrés, an ancient route leading to Santiago de Compostela.

On May 31, I will share a special second hour with photographs, stories from the road, and reflection on what the pilgrimage taught me about welcome, humility, gratitude, and spiritual growth in everyday life. I hope you will join me as we consider how these simple practices can shape our lives of faith and our life together as a church community.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bring Your Bike to Church Day

Sunday, **June 28**, after worship in the HCUCC parking lot. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to bring their bikes for a safety check, then separate into groups by comfort level to practice starting, stopping, and basic maneuvering skills. For newer riders who are not yet balancing and pedaling, we will offer a small figure-8 traffic loop with stop & yield signs to build confidence in a fun, low-pressure setting.



Only 3 spaces left on the November 5-18 trip to Uganda with Sylvia's Children! This is a wonderful trip as you will participate in the ground-breaking for a health and wellness clinic that will be a prototype for 3rd and developing world countries. PLUS participate in a Christmas party with 600 children who have never seen Santa or Mrs. Claus and finish the trip with a 3 day safari (elephants, lions, hippos ... the works!) Total trip ... all expenses except airfare, Visa and malarone ... is only \$3600. Air fair is usually less than \$1500. This is Sylvia's 38th trip ... why not make it your first! Call her at 732-241- 1144 or email sylvia@SylviasChildren.org. **It will change your life!**

American Cancer Society

fundraiser

Natasha Beck-King is running the Philadelphia Marathon on November 22nd with the American Cancer Society. This fundraiser helps continue ACS's work to end cancer. After losing two grandparents to cancer, this fundraiser is incredibly personal. Every mile ran is a mile for both her Granny and Pepa.

Please consider donating what you can to the link below. With your help, we can reach our goal of ending cancer forever!

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/BK>



Open and Affirming Statement of 2009

We rejoice in the good news that in Jesus Christ we find that we are all God's children through faith without distinction. (See Galatians 3:26-28)

God calls all faithful people together to be a community of justice and peace. We lament that throughout history, and even in our own time, churches have silently allowed or actively called for hatred, hostility, and exclusion, and have failed to live up to God's call to inclusion and sanctuary.

Therefore we, the members of Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, covenant together to welcome and embrace all people into the life and ministry of our congregation regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical condition, race, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status. With God's help, we promise to be a church of open arms and open doors, and to celebrate the diversity that reflects the glory of God's creation. We seek to live as a compassionate community united by faith and diverse in its expression.

Join Us



Sunday June 14 after service

**Franks, burgers, veggie burgers, and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.**

RSVP to Regina 732 320-6210 regcris35@gmail.com

MAY						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am Service with Food Dedication Strengthen the Church Offering	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	12pm-9pm Fiscal Feasibility Meeting 7:15pm Scouts	9am-9pm Fiscal Feasibility Meeting 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	9am-9pm Fiscal Feasibility Meeting 7:30pm Choir	9am-12pm Fiscal Feasibility Meeting	10am Meditation with Grace 10:30am-11:45am Sanctuary Rental 11:45am-12:30pm Hall Rental
MAY	JUNE					
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am Service 2nd Hour: Howard Kradjel's Pilgrimage: Seeking the Way of Welcome		7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir	7pm-9pm Girl Scouts	10am Meditation with Grace Font Color Key Conference Rm Fellowship Hall Zoom or Other Sanctuary
JUNE						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Service with Communion 11am-5pm Asbury Park Pride Fest 2:30pm-4:30pm Sanctuary Rental	7:30pm Council Meeting	7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		10am Meditation with Grace



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ASBURY PARK PRIDE PARADE & FEST

June 7, 2026

12pm: Parade starts at
Asbury Park City Hall

11am-6pm Festival

We need:

- volunteers to staff the table
- marchers to represent us in the parade
- donations of giveaways for the table - think rainbow-themed stuff like beaded necklaces, candy, pencils etc....

Celebrate the
Freedom of Love

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