



Celebrating Fathering Sunday

“Fathering refers to the practice of fatherhood and nurture of a child...”

“...the influence of father love on children's development is as great as the influence of a mother's love. Fatherly love helps children develop a sense of their place in the world, which helps their social, emotional and cognitive development and functioning.”

- American Psychological Association

June 21, 2026 @ HCUCC

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

PRELUDE

Father and Son

Cat Stevens

Shared by Don Pope & Liam Muhler

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

Psalm 145

Charma Davies Lepke

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Yesalonis

Leader God is good,

People All the time!

Leader All the time,

People God is GOOD! (repeat)

❖PRAYER LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

One For fathers everywhere,
 who have given us life and love,
 that we may show them respect and love.

All Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

One For fathers who have lost a child through death,
 that their faith may give them hope,
 and their family and friends support and console them.

All Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

One For men, though without children of their own,
 who acted like fathers and have nurtured and cared for us.

All Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

One For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and
 joy, who have loved the children of another as their own,
 and created a new family.

All Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

One For adoptive fathers,
 who have claimed the orphan and loved the once unwanted
 as a precious gift from God.

All Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

One For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or
 addiction.
 For those who do harm, and for those whom they have
 harmed.

All Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

One For new fathers, full of hope.

For long-time fathers, full of wisdom.
For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

All Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers everywhere.

One Abba God, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless those who are fathers to children,
strengthening them in faith and love.
Grant that we, their children, may cherish them always.

**All Grant this through the power of your Child, Jesus.
Amen**

❖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.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC

*God Wouldn't Bring You
This Far to Leave You*

Tom Trenny

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 10:24-31, 40-42

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

MESSAGE

“A Cup of Cold Water”

❖HYMN

Come to the Water

John Foley, S.J.

*O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.*

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Brian Yesalonis

Musical Offering

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page

❖ **Doxology** (*Tune is Old Hundredth*)

No. 48

(words by Mary Luti)

**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

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer

(a version by John Philip Newell)

**Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirit endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Trees of the Field

Words by Steffi Geiser Rubin

Music by Stuart Dauermann

SLIDES

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

CHOIR BENEDICTION

An Irish Blessing

James Moore

***After the Postlude, you are invited to join us next door for a special brunch honoring fathers.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us
to connect with one another; please join us!***

Liturgical Resources: Front cover info found at:
www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/. Litany adapted from prayer by Robb McCoy
at *Fat Pastor* blog.

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Land Acknowledgement: Our buildings stand on the ancestral land of the
Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape). We acknowledge these
Indigenous Peoples and decry the unjust taking of their land, the unfulfilled
promises of U.S. treaties granting land access, and the still unresolved traumas of
forced migration, genocide, and theft. We acknowledge and affirm Native
American values and Indigenous cultures while holding space for atonement
and healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for visiting with us today! It is a pleasure to have you
here. Please feel free to take information about our church from the
table by the church entrance. And 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!) Thank you again
for stopping by, and stop in again!

***Today’s flowers are given by Amanda Spagnolia: “Happy Father’s Day and Belated Happy Birthday to Tim!”**

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

Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Brian Yesalonis, Liturgist;
Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music;
Amanda Spagnolia, Children’s Minister;
Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer; Susan Shaw Greeter/Usher;
Robin Paneque, Sound Board Operator

Pastor Rev. Nada B. Sellers
Ministers Members of the Church
Minister of Music Susan F. Davies
Children’s Minister Amanda Spagnolia
Office Manager Lynn C. Hudzik

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 2:30pm

Pastor’s Office Hours: Tuesday, 10am – 3pm
; Thursday, 10am– 1pm
and as arranged

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Celebrate 250th Anniversary of
our County with Monmouth
County! Scan the QR Code at
right to participate in the
HCUCC Contribution to this
wonderful and fun event
through July 4th!



UPCOMING MARKETING “PRE-COUNCIL RETREAT” Meeting

You're invited to come and get the latest scoop
on our marketing efforts!

Give Sylvia Allen a call at (732) 241-1144 or email Pastor Nada at
revnsellers@homdelucc.org.



***Cleaning Supplies are not
allowed to be purchased
with WIC (Women, Infant,
Children) Program dollars.***

Holmdel Community UCC is part of a cooperative of churches that support the Calico Cat Food Pantry located in Middletown. During the summer, we are collecting Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels & Cleaning Supplies! Donations will be offered up on Food Dedication Sundays, June 28th, July 26th and Aug 23rd.

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!





SAVE THE DATE!!! JUNE 28th Bring Your Bike to Church Day

It's a relaxed after-church bike-safety and skills activity. Bring your bike, we'll check it over, divide by ability, and practice a few basics like starting, stopping, turning, and using stop and yield signs. It's meant to be fun, welcoming, and helpful for beginners as well as more comfortable riders. ANYONE, of ANY AGE, who is riding a bike MUST wear a HELMET!



Are you interested in joining a book/bible study?

Please complete this survey below.

<https://bit.ly/4gajAY0>

TODAY!!



You're invited to join us for Brunch on Fathering Sunday, June 21st, starting at 11:15am immediately after church! A great menu provided by Taste of Holmdel guru, Sue Field. Come to Fellowship Hall and join us!

Free Will donations are gratefully accepted.

Bayshore Lunch Program Meal Prep & Serve

Please join us in providing nutritious meals and fellowship in a safe and caring environment to our neighbors in need.

**Monday, June 22nd
at 10am**

Community Church of Keyport,
42 Elizabeth Street, Keyport

Judy at judybacon52@gmail.com



Do you have a Facebook page?

If yes, we need your help!

The American Red Cross has trusted us to run 3 more blood drives for them. Please post the following on your Facebook page and make us look good! If you want the flyer graphic, email or call Lynn.

A graphic featuring a rainbow and transgender flag background. In the center is a red blood drop shape containing the text "PRIDE IN EVERY DROP" and the American Red Cross logo.

American Red Cross Blood Drives
Held at
Holmdel Community United Church of Christ
40 Main Street
Holmdel, NJ
Friday, June 26, 2026
12p to 5p

Appointments preferred, please scan QR Code to make an appointment or call 800 RED CROSS

A square QR code used for appointment booking.

**Make summer shine for patients in need.
Come to give blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!**

RedCrossBlood.org/LGBTQ | 1-800-RED CROSS | Download the Blood Donor App

We're hosting a blood drive on Friday, June 26th, from noon to 5pm. To donate blood, make an appointment by calling the American Red Cross, 1-800-RED-CROSS or call Lynn in the church office, 9:30am – 2:30pm, Tuesday – Friday. Thanks so much for helping us solve the desperate need for blood in the summer.



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.

WHAT IF THE WORD **HOMOSEXUAL**
WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE IN THE BIBLE?

1946

THE MISTRANSLATION
THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

JOIN US!

JUNE 25th at 5:30pm

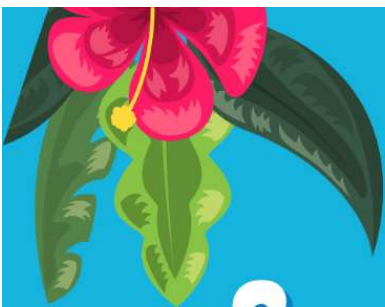
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Potluck & a movie!

administrator@holmdelucc.org

RSVP with Office

1946 is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice.



HCUCC Youth⁺
Group

Summer Bash — **BBQ** —



BRING YOUR APPETITE AND GOOD VIBES!

06.28.2026
1:30PM

RSVP at
tmhennessy81@gmail.com



JUNE						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Service /Children's Summer Church School Begins/ Hawaiian Shirt Day/ Choir Sunday 11:15am Fathering Day Brunch	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	11am Eastern Termite 7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA	2pm Care Team 5:30pm-9pm 1946 movie and Potluck	12pm-5pm American Red Cross Blood Drive	10am Meditation with Grace Worship & Music Planning Meeting
JUNE			JULY			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am Service with Food Dedication 2nd Hour: Bike Clinic with Howard Kradjel 1:30pm End of Year Youth Party		7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA Christmas in July for Sylvia's Children begins		FONT COLOR KEY Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other NOTES	 250th Anniversary of Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10am Service with Communion		7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA	5:30pm-6:30pm Waterspirit Meet & Greet		12pm-6pm Hall Rental
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am Service 11:15am Marketing	7:30pm Council	10am-11:30am Monmouth Housing Coalition 7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team 8pm Lifeline Group of AA			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am Service	1pm-6pm American Red Cross blood drive	7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA			



June 20th is [World Refugee Day](#), a day where we lift up those who have fled their home countries in the midst of horrendous conditions. Yet we must do more than just remember their plight. We must act for refugees, the stateless, and the displaced today. Those forced from their homes and rebuilding their lives in a new country should not then be met with more hardship.

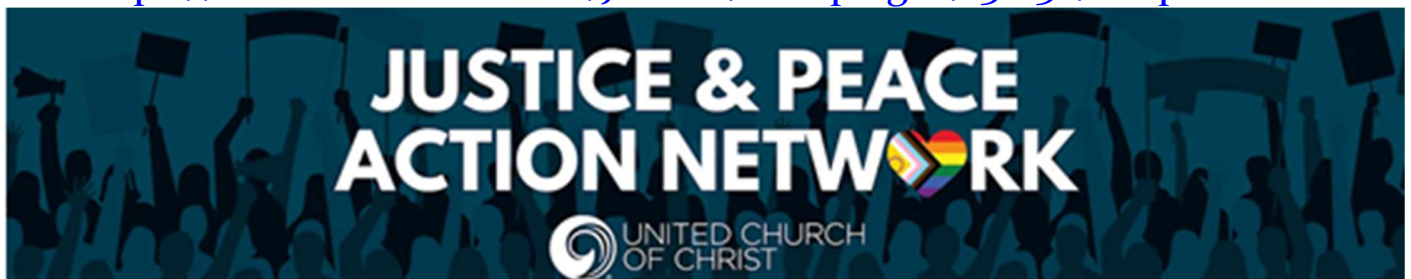
Leviticus 19:34 reminds us of our duty to care for refugees, saying, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt." Time and again throughout the Bible we are called to love one another. Jesus even goes so far as to tell us how to love each other in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in."

Turning away people in desperate need is not consistent with our faith. Nor is it right for our nation to fuel the very instability abroad that drives people to flee in the first place. The current budget reconciliation bill strips funding from SNAP and Medicaid for refugees while redirecting those resources toward detention and deportation efforts. Meanwhile, the administration has suspended the refugee resettlement program and canceled thousands of already-scheduled flights for people awaiting resettlement.

Let this World Refugee Day serve as a renewal of our commitment to each other in our hardest times. Our actions speak volumes about our beliefs. If we are to call ourselves Christians, then we must back that up with the actions we take to feed, clothe, house, and share fellowship with refugees, while working towards a just and peaceful world for all.

Urge our government to restart the refugee resettlement program and support the bipartisan U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) and the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts (CARE).

<https://www.votervoice.net/JAWM/Campaigns/138132/Respond>



JOYS & CONCERNS

Please call or email the church office at (732) 946-8821 / administrator@holmdelucc.org to add or remove a person to the prayer list.

Lauren (sister of Natasha Beck-King)	Eleana, Chris & New Baby (Mindy
Maria (sister-in-law of Matt Snodgrass)	& Jenn DeVries' daughter
John DeFelice	& family)
Ella DeMeo	Dave & Tracy Mackey
Lila DeMeo	Riley, Josh & Tracy birthdays
Jonathan Gilpatrick	Pride Fest Marchers & Attendees
Madyn Mortenson	Cupcake Royale
Megan (Tracy Mackey's daughter)	Maureen Orton (Sue Field's mother)
School Children over the summer	Daisy, in utero (Sadie McGoldrick's
Discernment of truth (radio, TV, press)	cousin)
New York Knicks	Amanda Spagnolia
Sam Beck-King	Bill Liebenow
James Puryear	Val Hansen
Sadie McGoldrick	Kris Hansen
Declan Hennessy	Tara Hennessy