

October 18, 2026

CROP Walk Sunday



HOLMDEL COMMUNITY, UCC
*on the land of Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk
(Lenni-Lenape)*

Holmdel Community United Church of Christ
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.*

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

❖ *Rise in body or 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

...Creation is not a commodity but a communion of
interdependent life entrusted to our care..."

- Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt
General Secretary, Lutheran World Fellowship

PRELUDE

Walking With You

Lorie Line

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ **GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

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

INTROIT

Guide My Feet

Spiritual
Alt text: SFDavies

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by Psalm 96*)

Lynn Nelson

Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!
Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.

Sing a new song unto the Holy One.
Join with all creation in praise and reverence!
We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.

Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!
Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.
Come, Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.
Come, Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me...
Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."
Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Let us worship this God of living waters!

❖ **OPENING HYMN**

For Beauty of Meadows

No. 696

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ **GLORIA**

**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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC *God, Who Built this Wondrous Planet*
Dave Mackey, trombone

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17

Lynn Nelson

Psalms 72:1-7, 15-17

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SERMON “A Sacred Partnership”

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

MUSIC *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

No. 661

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Lynn Nelson

Offering

Moment for Mission

CROP Video

❖ **DOXOLOGY** (*Tune: 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 & Concerns (Please note: change in format as per Pastor Nada)

Pastoral Prayer ending with The Lord's Prayer...

(Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus' version)

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** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
(Live...Work...WALK...Sing)

No. 614

◆ BENEDICTION

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

Guiseppe Verdi

*We invite you to join us here, in Fellowship Hall,
after the service for coffee hour.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get acquainted
and for our members to connect with each other.*

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Portions of liturgy adapted from *Season of Creation Celebration Guide* 2026,
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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. 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!).

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

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

Reminders and Information



Holmdel Community UCC is part of a cooperative of churches that support the **Calico Cat Food Pantry** located in Middletown. During the months of September and October, we are collecting **rice, beans, peanut butter and soup** to donate to the **TODAY for CROP Walk!**

NURTURING CHILDREN & YOUTH @ HCUCC

If you have a heart for mentoring the next generation but feel like you don't have the time to plan a lesson, we have great news. Our **Children's & Youth Ministries** are growing, and we are looking for Small Group Leaders! You don't need to be a biblical scholar or a professional teacher—**absolutely all materials, lessons, and supplies are provided for you every week.** All you need to do is show up, build relationships, and invest in a small group of amazing kids. Chat/Talk with Amanda or email her at [**YouthMinister@HolmdelUCC.org**](mailto:YouthMinister@HolmdelUCC.org) to find out how you can make a lifelong impact with zero lesson planning required.

Pastor Rev. Nada Sellers
Minister of Music Susan F. Davies
Children's Minister.....Amanda Spagnolia
Nursery Caregiver.....**Seeking Employee**
Office Administrator Lynn C. Hudzik

Church Office Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday – Friday
(732) 946-8821; Administrator@HolmdelUCC.org
www.HolmdelUCC.org

Pastor's Office Hours: 10am – 3pm Tuesday,
10am-1pm Thursday
and as arranged
ALL ARE WELCOME

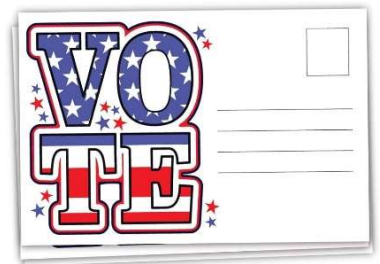
It's time to gear up for midterms.

Postcard Writing to Swing State Dates:
EVERY MONDAY

9:15-11:15am.

Bell Works, at tables behind
Honeybell Coffee.

Urgent need for stamps or cash for stamps.



BALLOT ISSUES and VOTER REGISTRATION:

The midterm elections are less than 2 months away! We need to educate ourselves on all of the issues! The UCC has sent out information on 11 issues – **today, read about AFFORDABLE HOUSING (usher handout)**. We will be giving you information on one issue each week.



Victor DeMeo getting Baptized by Pastor Nada with his family surrounding him



Youth Group!

Friday, October 23rd!

It's time to decorate for the Trunk or Treat!

Contact Val at valthansen@gmail.com or

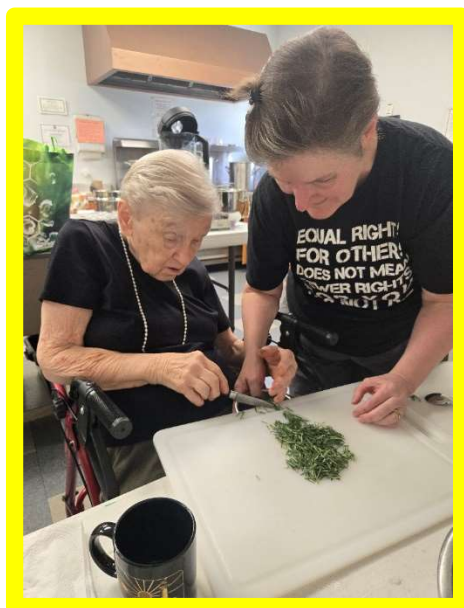
Tara at tmhennessey81@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 25th is Trunk or Treat! Come to church in your favorite costume and head over to Fellowship Hall after the children's message for a ghoulish fun time!



OCTOBER

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am Worship Service with Food Dedication 11:15am Festival Sale 2pm CROP Walk in Red Bank Youth Group Pizza Party after CROP Walk	4:30pm- 7:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm New Directions Group	7:15pm Scouts	7:30pm Justice & Peace 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir	Trunk or Treat & Halloween Set-up FONT COLOR KEY Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other	5:30pm-9pm Line Dancing 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10am Worship Service 10:15am Trunk or Treat 11:30am Marketing Meeting 7pm Girl Scouts	6:30pm Bread & Wine Fellowship	7:15pm Scouts	7pm Bible Study Group 8pm Lifeline Group of AA			



Sue Field & her
mom, Maureen,
(Left) &
JoLyn Lam
(Right) prep for
the Annual Food
& Craft Festival



TODAY!



Sunday, October 18, 2026

Red Bank Regional HS

1pm Register

2pm Walk/Run

*Help my
TEAM HERE*

crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj



Youth PIZZA PARTY after the CROP Walk

Come join us for **pizza & fun** after the CROP Walk!
Bring your scary decorations to share for setting up
Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 26th.
Contact Val at valthansen@gmail.com or
Tara at tmhennessy81@gmail.com

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST -
*A community of friends who care for each other
and the world.*

Join us for **Line Dancing**

Easy Steps · Great Music · Good Vibes

OPEN to the PUBLIC

Whether you're a beginner or just love to move, our line dancing has something for everyone



partnering with Billy & Lisa of BTK Entertainment

\$10/person
Limited to 60
50/50
BYOB



October 24 and
November 14



Lessons 6pm;
Dancing 6:30pm - 9pm

40 Main Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733



RSVP: (732) 946-8821 OR
administrator@holmdelucc.org



Holmdel Church "Fellowship Hall"

Holmdel, NJ

Site ID - 6058310

Energy Report | September 2026


Our September
Solar Energy Usage!



Produced

2.0 MWh

27% lower*

7 Sep :111.2 kWh

Max production day



Consumed

2.6 MWh

33% lower*

13 Sep :163.6 kWh

Max consumption day



Grid energy

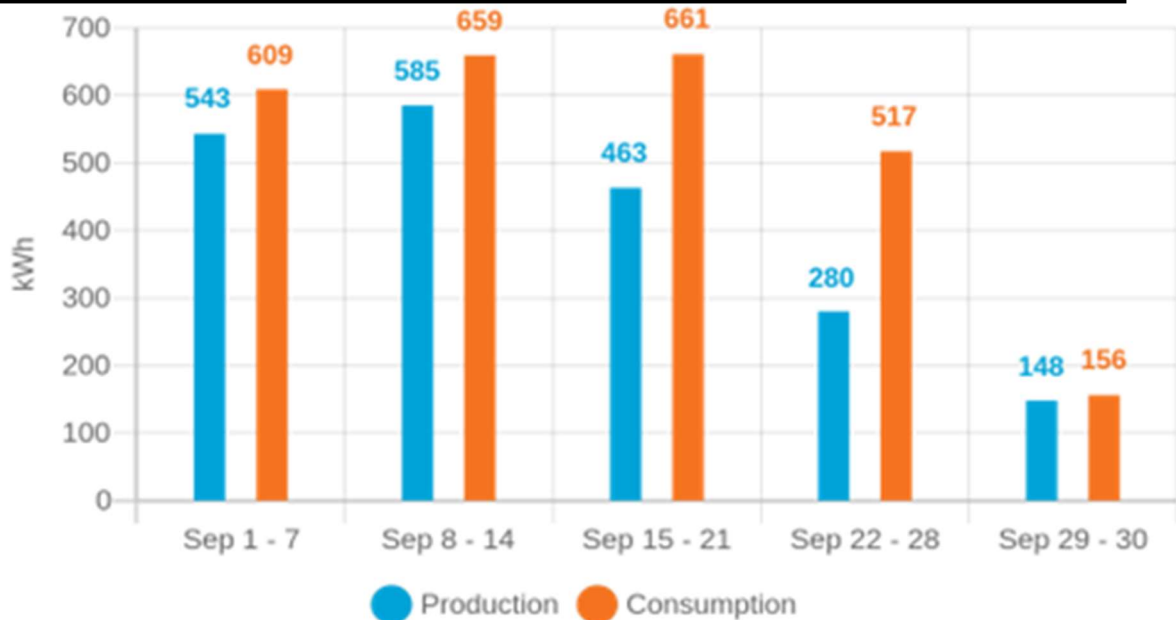
1.7 MWh Imported

1.1 MWh Exported



Off Grid

0 days 0 hrs



CO2 reduction

1.5 ton

Offset equivalent
to 24 trees



Grid Dependence

65%

For this month, 65% of your
energy consumption is supplied
by the utility grid

Min Grid Dependence

6 Sep 46%

Year-to-date production

19 MWh

Max Energy Independence

6 Sep 54%