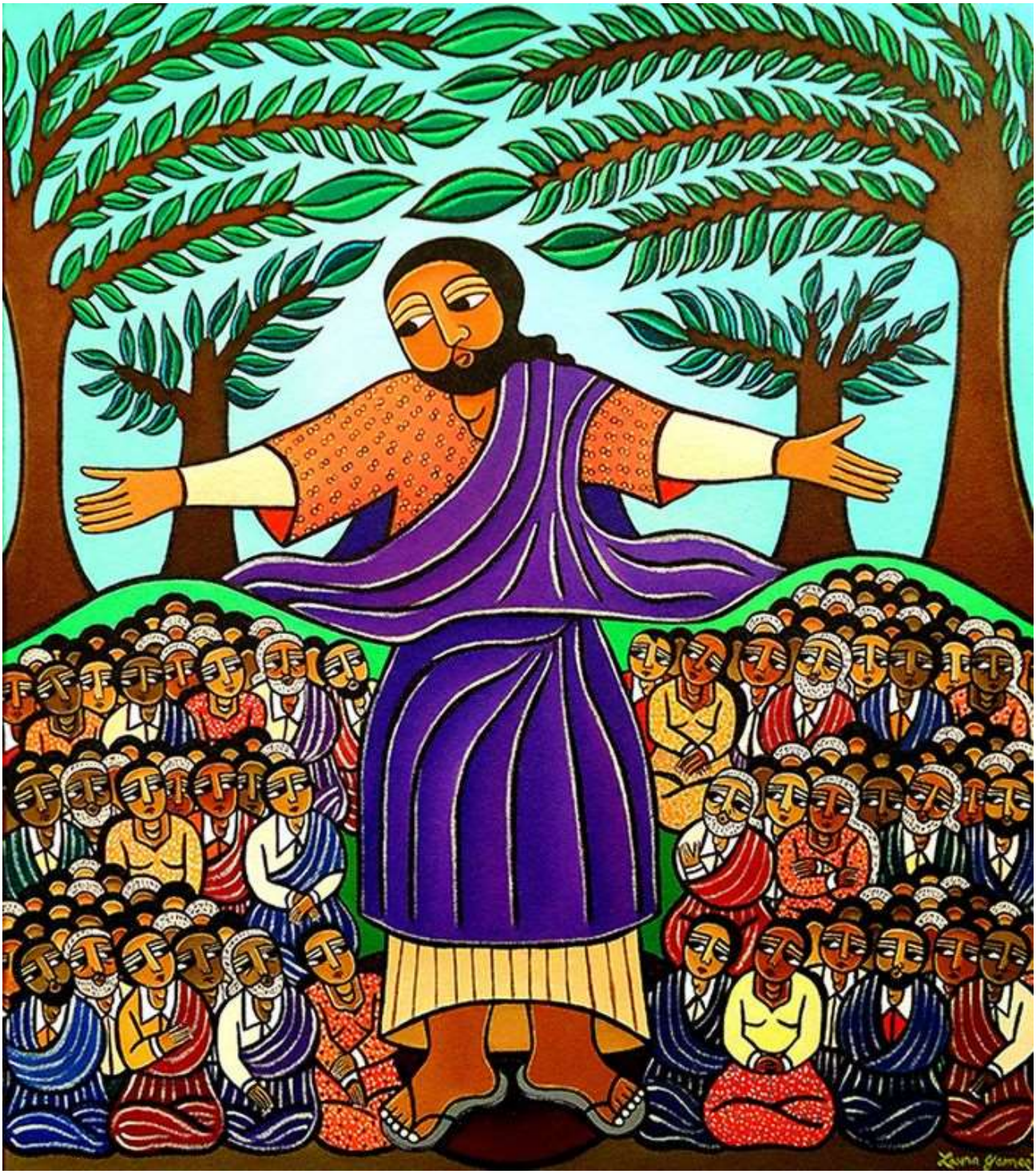
November 1, 2026
All Saints Day



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.

November 1, 2026 — All Saints Day/
Twenty-Third 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

"What will separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths – nor anything else in all creation – will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior."

- Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus
Romans 8:35, 38-39

Open invitation to share pictures and small items as you arrive for worship.
Please feel free to come up front to place pictures & small items on side tables...
remember to retrieve your items following the service!

PRELUDE *Riding Heaven's Wave* Suzanne Ciani

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 *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* James M. Black

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Peterson

We come to worship today, to reaffirm our trust in God's love and grace.
We reaffirm this trust.

We come to the table today to remember the cloud of witnesses.
We are grateful that their lives are a part of the fabric of Love itself.

We bring both joy and grief, just as the disciples felt at the thought of losing Jesus, their Teacher and Friend.
All our feelings are held in the love of God.

One thing is true: no matter how different we may seem,
we all grieve those we have loved yet are no longer present in body.

Help us live in the compassionate truth that we all share in the sorrow as well as the joy.

Come bring your sorrows. Let us worship God together, in the presence of the Spirit. Come!

❖**OPENING HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* **No. 709**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Nada B. Sellers

Holy and Ever-Present God, Lover of all creation and Source of Life, we gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

We gather to share Word and sacrament, acknowledging that we often forget how common and important it is to mourn and to grieve. Help us to learn that loving one another is the way to healing and renewed living. Even when it feels like a difficult thing to do, help us to listen, rather than respond too quickly. Remind us to serve, rather than to judge. Give us the patience to reach out with respect, rather than without offering dignity. Together, may we find comfort in our common struggle of life and death.

In these moments, may we ponder together…

Those we find difficult to love. **Hear our prayer…**
Silence
Those we consider "other." **Hear our prayer…**
Silence
Those who have been hurtful toward us. **Hear our prayer…**
Silence

Jesus, in your name we pray for all those who mourn, knowing that your love is already healing the wounds of grief while making way for joy to return. Amen.

We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith; hear us as we pray…

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency
to live comfortably with injustice,
God forgive us.

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt,
and the self-interest which strangles compassion,
God forgive us.

For those who live their lives in careless unconcern,
who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,
We ask your mercy.

For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,
We ask your mercy.

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,
God forgive us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & TRANSFORMATION

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning, God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a parent embracing you. God watches over you, guiding you each day.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who has saved us from all harm: you are forgiven; now forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖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.

MOMENTS FOR REMEMBERING Revs. Nada Sellers & Craig Peterson

Introduction

Reading Names of Deceased Members from 11-2025 to present, *with chime*
Priscilla Aikman - May 2, 2026

Prayer for Remembering the "Cloud of Witnesses"

Including those who died as a result of ICE enforcement activities or in detention centers related to deportation proceedings. Names to be displayed up in front… those killed in enforcement efforts in 2026 to be read aloud (6 names) along with people who wish to call out the names of those being remembered.

HYMN *When We Are Living* **No. 536 vv. 1 & 3**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC *When for Eternal Worlds We Steer* Early American Religious Ballad, SAILOR'S HOME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 5:11-15, 21-24 Rev. Craig Peterson

Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17 Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SERMON **"Voting with Love"** Rev. Nada B. Sellers with Rev. Craig Peterson

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity Rev. Craig Peterson

Learning About Tithe.ly Carol Schreier

❖**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!

SERVICE OF COMMUNION (*including Joys & Concerns)*

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer - Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
concluding with The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary version by Monica Furlong)

God, who cares for us,
the wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.

Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration & Serving Elements

Bread for the Journey, vv. 1, 2 Bret Hesla

Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy and
we're handing down our heads,
give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.

Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.
Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.
With so many roads before us,
where to go is hard to say.
Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.

Prayer of Thanks

❖**CLOSING HYMN** *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies* Screen
To tune of "*O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"* - NCH #594, vv. 1-3 (M. T. Winter, 1993)

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

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* WORDS: William W. How,
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams

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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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; Rev. Craig Peterson, Guest Minister;
Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music; Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister;
Pru Frechette, Greeter/Usher; Robin Paneque, Sound Board Operator;
Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer



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It's still a work in progress but email us - we'd love to know what you think!

Reminders and Information

Holmdel Community UCC is part of a cooperative of churches that support the **Calico Cat Food Pantry** located in Middletown. We are collecting **canned corn, ramen noodles, side dishes (like in Knorr's packet), Chef-Boy-Dee, mac & cheese cups, dish detergent & paper towels** for food dedication the **November 22**!

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



Can you help the
Village Foster Closet of Holmdel?
They are in need of
size 4 diapers and wipes.

FOSTER CLOSET OF HOLMDEL



Marketing Meeting **TODAY** after worship service at 11:30am in the Conference Room. Contact Sylvia at 732-241-1144.



BALLOT ISSUES and VOTER REGISTRATION:

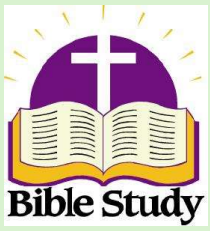
The midterm elections are **TWO DAYS** away! We need to educate ourselves on all of the issues! On this last Sunday before the election, read about

- **DISABILITY & MENTAL HEALTH,**
- **LGBTQIA+ JUSTICE**
- **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE & ABORTION**

(usher handout).

Bible Study Group

7pm Wednesday, **November 11th**
Conference Room
Studying the Acts of the Apostles





New Directions Book Group

6:30pm Monday, **November 16th**
Conference Room
Reading *Finding Phoebe: What New Testament Women Were Really Like* by Susan E. Hylen
Chapters 3 – 7

Bayshore Lunch Program

On Monday, October 26th
66 meals of chicken, stuffing, gravy, mixed veggies and kale salad were served! Thank you, Judy Bacon, Mary Beth Jones, Karen Swift, & Michelle Ucciferri!



THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22nd
4pm



King of Kings Lutheran Church

205 Harmony Road
Middletown, NJ 07748

(732) 671-3348

A Pie Social Will Follow The Service -
bring a pie or two to share!

NOVEMBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am Worship Service with Communion 11:30am Marketing Meeting		7:15pm Scouts ELECTION ★★★DAY NOV. 3	2pm Care Team 7pm Worship & Music 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		COLOR KEY Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am Worship Service	7:30pm Council	7:15pm Scouts Office Closed	7pm Bible Study 8pm Lifeline Group of AA Office Closed	7:30pm Choir		5:30pm-9pm Line Dancing 

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
BYOB

November 14

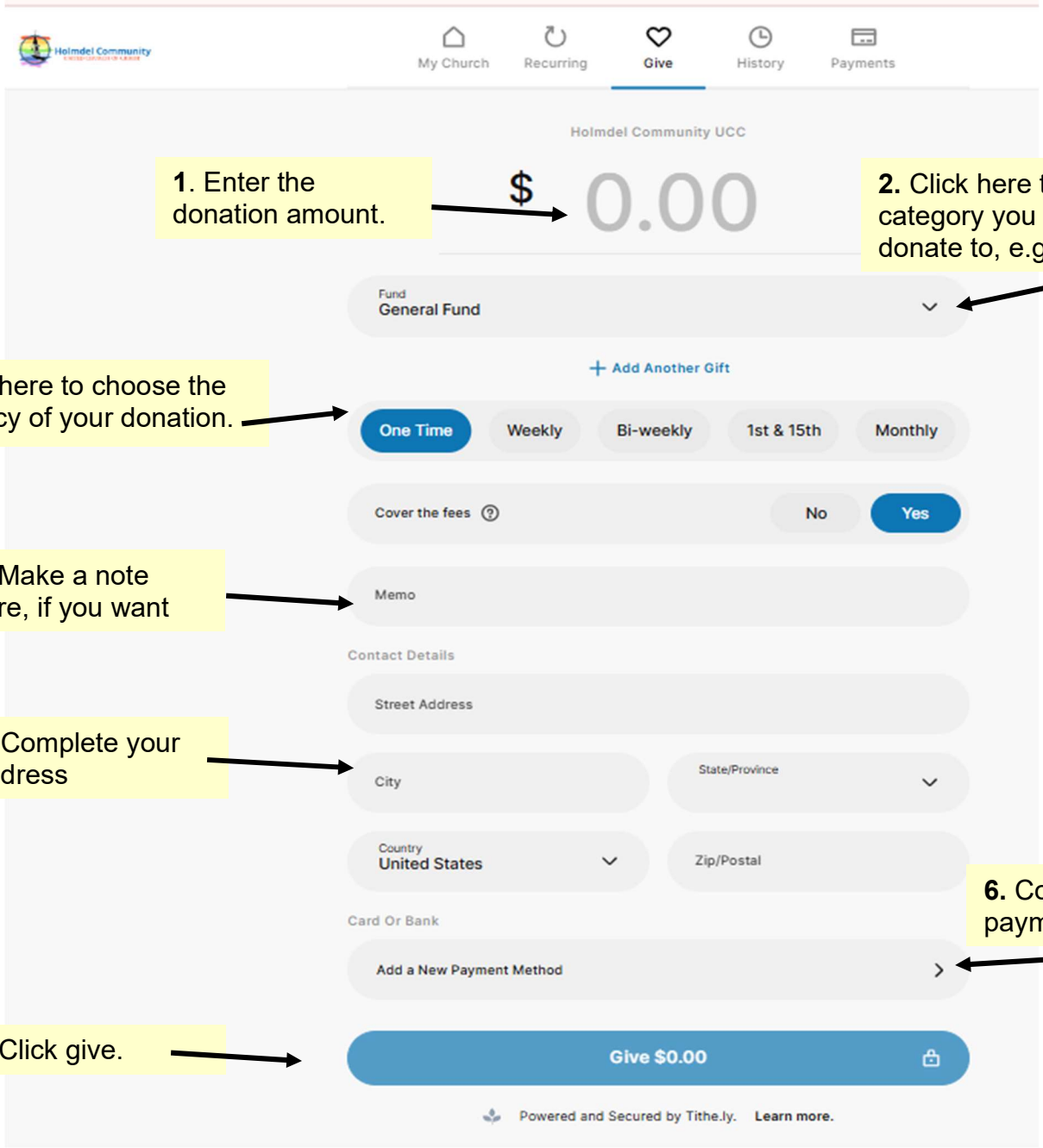
Lessons 6pm;
Dancing 6:30pm - 9pm

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VOTE EARLY
MAKE IT COUNT
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When for eternal worlds we steer

(SAILOR'S HOME adapted and arranged by Howard Helvey)

When for eternal worlds we steer,
And seas are calm and skies are clear;
And faith in lively exercise,
And distant hills of Canaan rise;
The soul for joy then claps her wings,
And loud her lovely sonnet sings:
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home;
And loud her lovely sonnet sings:
I'm goin' home.

With cheerful hope her eyes explore
Each landmark on the distant shore;
The trees of life, the pasture green,
The crystal stream, delightful scene.
Again for joy she plumes her wings,
And loud her lovely sonnet sings:
I'm almost home, I'm almost home!
And loud her lovely sonnet sings:
I'm almost home.

The nearer still she draws to land,
More eager all her pow'rs expand;
With steady helm and free bent sail,
Her anchor drops within the vale.
And now for joy she folds her wings,
And her celestial sonnet sings:
I'm home at last, I'm home at last!
And her celestial sonnet sings:
I'm home at last!

Enjoy a taste of Holmdel
from Holmdel Community UCC
40 Main Street
Order now for Thanksgiving

Please indicate how many of each item:

_____ 10" Apple crumb $17

_____ 10" Pumpkin $12 GF

_____ 10" Pecan $17 GF

_____ 10" Blueberry $17 GF V

_____ 10" Cherry $17 GF V

GF Available Gluten-Free upon request
V Available Vegan upon request

Deadline for ordering Wednesday 11/18/2026

When will you pick up your pies?

_____ Sunday, 11/22/2026

_____ Tuesday, 11/24/2026

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please note if you need vegan or gluten-free.

Questions? Email crafts@holmdelucc.org