

October 25, 2026



Thank you!

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 25, 2026

Twenty-Second 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

“When you do things from your soul,
you feel a river moving in you, a joy...”

- Jalal Al-Din Rumi, poet
from “Moving Water”

PRELUDE

Still Waters/Come Fill Me Up
Shared by Robin Paneque & Ginny Smith

Andrew Naylor/
Brian Doerksen

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

You Are Welcome Here

SFDavies

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 63, NET*)

Carol Schreier

O God, you are my God. I long for you.

**My soul thirsts for you, my flesh yearns for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

Yes, in the sanctuary we have seen you,
and witnessed your power and splendor.

**Because experiencing your loyal love is better than life itself,
our lips will praise you!**

For this reason we will praise you while we live;
in your name we will lift up our hands.

Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!

❖ **OPENING HYMN**

We Call Ourselves Disciples

**No. 357,
vv. 1, 3, 4**

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.**

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS – AFFIRMATIONS & GREETINGS

Leader: Siblings in faith, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the
faith and family of this church of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to

follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the freedom of new life in Christ, as best as you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence, and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith, which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise to support Holmdel Community United Church of Christ with your prayers, presence, your gifts, and your service?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Let us, as members of the Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Please rise.

***People:** We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We pledge our support for you as we grow together as a community of love and care. We encourage you to share your talents and gifts with us. We promise to be there for you in your time of need, and to celebrate with you in your seasons of joy. We offer you our

**friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors
of the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of this congregation,
we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into
the company of this local church.

Greetings from the congregation!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Committin' This Day

Aaron Johnson,
arr. Heather Sorenson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:4-9

Carol Schreier

Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SERMON

“God’s New Creation”

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

HYMN

New Earth, Heavens New

Harris J. Loewen
Insert/Slides

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Carol Schreier

Music for Offering

Psalm 1

Mark Hayes

❖ **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!**

❖PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS *(responsively)*

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep, we thank you for your gifts, great and small. All gifts come from your hand including the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us.

Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us.

Accept the offerings we share today. Bless and multiply them to our nurture and the care of your creation;

In the name of your Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns (Please note: change in format as per Pastor Nada)

Pastoral Prayer ending 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.**

❖CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life

**No. 609,
vv. 1, 3, 5, 6**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Henry Smart,
arr. Ron Boud

***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.***

Liturgical Resources: Portions of liturgy adapted from *Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2026*,
(World Council of Churches);
and from *Worship Ways, 21A- Oct 18, 2026 @ ucc.org/worship-way*;
Words for Doxology by Mary Luti

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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; Carol Schreier, Liturgist;
Susan Shaw, Greeter/Usher; Matt Snodgrass, 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

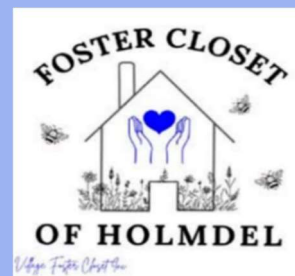
Church Office Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday – Friday
(732) 946-8821; Administrator@HolmdelUCC.org

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.





Bread & Wine Fellowship

All are welcome!

Tomorrow, 10/26 at 6pm

Conference Room

Join us for fellowship, conversation and encouragement.

Bring your beverage of choice 😊

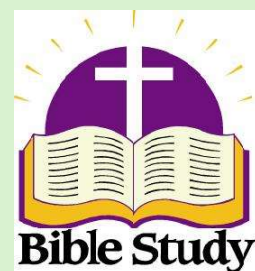
Bible Study Group

7pm Wednesday, October 28th

Conference Room

Studying the Acts of the Apostles

It's not too late to join!



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 DISABILITY & MENTAL HEALTH (usher handout).**

We will be giving you information on one issue each week.



Sue Field and her mom, Maureen Orton, take a well deserved break and share lunch time together. Thank you, Sue, for your time, organization and leadership.



Two weeks from today (November 8) our four-person team will be meeting with our five-person Ugandan team for breakfast, a trustee's meeting and then visiting the construction site. This is the sign that will identify the site. The last three months have been harrowing as so much has had to get

done before we arrive ... land purchased, fence erected, well dug, 300 coffee trees planted and bushes planted on both sides of the fence to ensure a safe enclosure ... thorn bushes on the outside and no thorn bushes on the inside! Guaranteed to put a smile on your face!



Coffee trees covered by palm fronds to protect them from the heat.

Bayshore Lunch Program Meal Prep & Serve

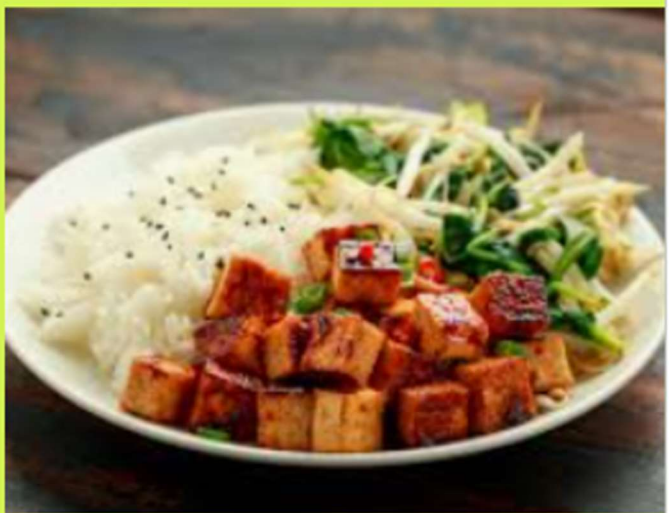
Please join us in providing nutritious meals and fellowship in a safe and caring environment to our neighbors in need.

Monday, October 26

at 10am

Community Church of Keyport,
42 Elizabeth Street, Keyport

Judy at judybacon52@gmail.com



Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat Party

this **TODAY** 10/25!



Our kids' party will begin immediately after the Children's Story when the kids come over.

- **During Church (Upstairs):** Games, snacks, and music!
- **After Church (Downstairs & Outdoors):** All are welcome to participate in our haunted walk created by our Youth Group, historical ghost stories about our church's background, and Trunk or Treat in the parking lot!

Important Allergy Notice:

Please be aware that we have attendees with severe food allergies. We have a **peanut and tree nut allergy**, as well as a child who cannot have **gluten or any gluten-contaminated items**. Please keep this in mind when selecting your treats.



OCTOBER						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10am Worship Service - New Member Sunday	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	7:15pm Scouts	7pm Bible Study Group	7:30pm Choir		COLOR KEY Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other
10:15am Trunk or Treat	6pm Bread & Wine Fellowship		8pm Lifeline Group of AA			
7pm Girl Scouts	Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Closed	Office Closed until 1pm			
NOVEMBER						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am Worship Service with Communion		7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team	7:30pm Choir		
11:30am Marketing Meeting		ELECTION ★★★ DAY NOV. 3	7pm Worship & Music			
			8pm Lifeline Group of AA			

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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