



-- Continued from "What If" --

WHAT IF, I proposed a "what if?"
What if, just for this Sunday, when we entered our place of worship, we didn't sing to try to impress anyone (or we didn't refrain from singing because we felt intimidated), but instead we offered up a shout for joy to the Lord?

What if, in place of a litany of our current, past or presumed future woes, trials and tribulations, we came before God not with a lament, but with joyful songs?

Then, what if we determined that we'd abandon all efforts at comparison; we'd give up dwelling on what we don't have, and we'd enter His gates with thanksgiving ... for all He is and for all He's done? What if our thankfulness then turned to spontaneous praise?

And what if we could impart this assurance to someone (maybe in our immediate family, maybe in our church family, or maybe a neighbor across the street) of a younger generation who needs to see and hear how faith in God is lived out; how the righteous have never been forsaken?

Just for this Sunday.
What if?

- Dr. Donaleah Dedrick

Dorlis Glass
The Bell Family
Betsy McConnell
Rhonda Kilburn
Virginia Whinery
Dorothy Duberstein
Larry & Maurine Puetz
Rochele Boner
The Family of Joshua Leamons
Wanda
Loreta Armstrong
Terri Moore
Archie Shivar
The Family of Rosie Duncan
Willa Burton
The Family of Corky Wynn (Kelly Patterson's family)
Edith Brooks



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United Methodist Church

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All men are invited to be a part of
the upcoming male chorus on
Mother's Day!

Rehearsal: Wed, May 8th at 7:30pm

For more information, contact Dr. Dedrick,
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Upcoming Usher List

5/12 – Pat Moore, Ruth Fuls, Larry & Andrea Rains
5/19 – Linda Pace, Robert Putnam, Kelly & Kevin Patterson
5/26 – Sandra Fletcher, Fred Maxwell, Kandy Burdette, Meredith Moore
6/2 – Pat & Habib Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield

CHAPEL HILL IS TURNING 60!

We'll be celebrating on June 8th and 9th!

Mark your calendars, you will NOT want to miss this! Start now making a list and inviting people. Our Saturday evening event will be food at 5 with activities for kids AAAAAND at 6, an awesome concert by our Nashville friends Crosby Lane!!! This one is for the whole community and promises to be joyful and entertaining fellowship.

Don't delay, invite today!

If you missed Crosby Lane last year, you are blessed indeed to get another chance! Find out more about them here to help you encourage your guests: www.crosbylane.com

Sunday morning, we will have an uplifting worship service with guest pastor JoNell Lindh, special musical guests and a reception to follow. Still in touch with past members? Please invite them to both days of celebration!

Your 60th Celebration Committee is already hard at work, but as always, we're better together, your engagement and participation are needed. Just now, everyone needs to get the word out. Call 'em, email 'em, text 'em, heck, we'll get fliers soon and you can send a letter!!!

See YOU there!!!

Way Forward Listening Session Sunday, May 12th During Sunday School Hour

Greetings! As you are aware, the special called General Conference session held in February passed legislation that articulated the United Methodist Church's long debated position on same-sex marriages, and ordination of persons in the LGBTQ community.

You will also recall that at our 5th Sunday men's breakfast and program on March 31st, we were given a couple of presentations regarding this topic. One of the things that came out of that 5th Sunday program was the need to initiate some "listening sessions" at Chapel Hill.

The first of these "listening sessions" will be held this coming Sunday, May 12th, during the Sunday School Hour. Each Sunday School class will serve as a listening group and will meet at their regular time and location. A facilitator will be provided for each group.

Please plan to come to Sunday School this coming Sunday with open hearts, open minds, and a sincere desire to openly and honestly communicate your feelings and desires regarding the General Conference's actions.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

God Bless,
Pastor Odom

Way to go Chapel Hill!

We raised \$500 in communion offering to help with the food at our 60th!!

Many thanks!
Kelly P.

Office Manager Update

As some of you may know, I recently got an internship with the Family Equality Council out in D.C. this coming summer. As a result, my office shifts during that time will be covered by Adam Lubber's wife Courtney. I should return to Chapel Hill sometime in mid-late August, and Alec will still be covering Monday through Wednesday for the time being. Thank you so much for your patience and y'all will be missed!

- Adam Richards

Additional Information on Listening Sessions

As noted by Pastor Odom, this coming Sunday we will be hosting listening sessions regarding decisions made at the latest General Conference in your regular Sunday School classes. These sessions are designed to gather your input, specifically on whether Chapel Hill should allow same-gender weddings. There will be NO votes taken and NO policy changes as a result of these meetings. This is only to serve as a dialogue between membership as well as staff. Pastor Odom, Adam Lubbers, Adam Richards, and Vin Scheihagen will be helping moderate, and attendees will be provided informational sheets regarding discussion protocol. Please feel to reach out to office@chapelhillumc.org if you have any further questions. And as we go through this process, be sure to keep in mind the words of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and be respectful towards your fellow siblings in Christ.

My grandson sings a song by Blanca, "What If."

The chorus lyrics:

What if You're holding me up

What if Your love is enough

What if the power in Your name

Can do anything

And what if You're making me strong

What if You were here all along

What if I'm right where You want me

Check out her out! <https://youtu.be/ZbVYIZ4nkX8>

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Wednesday, May 8th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Male Chorus Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9th

6:00 PM Prayer Team

Sunday, May 12th

8:30 AM Male Chorus Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School (Way Forward Listening Sessions)
10:30 AM Worship (Mother's Day)
11:30 AM Children's Council
11:30 AM Family Life Meeting
5:00 PM Youth

Tuesday, May 14th

6:30 PM Worship Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Coin Club
7:00 PM Plus 4's Square Dancers
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAY REMINDER: Please let our church office know your birthdate, mm/dd/yyyy, so your church family can acknowledge your special day. **Your 'year' will remain private:** office@chapelhillumc.org



Pat Moore 5/8	Todd Swanson 5/9	Silvia Ochoa 5/14
Ralph Minton 5/16	Laurie Peake 5/19	Clare Connally 5/21
Margaret Young 5/22	Ruth Fuls 5/25	Charles Loper 5/27

Want something in the Newsletter?
Send your newsletter article to office@chapelhillumc.org by 8am Friday.
Need to reserve a room or get an event on the calendar?
Please fill out an Event Request Form located on our website: chapelhillumc.org, email office@chapelhillumc.org, or in the folders on the table in the narthex
Want to have a bulletin insert or announcement slide?
Look at the standards and procedures in the folders on the narthex table and turn it in by 4pm Thursday.
Have something to celebrate?
Email the office with your celebration by Monday at 11am so that we can put your celebration in our "Hats Off" section to have everyone know the joy you are experiencing in your life.