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Liesl DeVilliers & Kurt Maershel
Audrey Oppenheim

Bruce Breeding
Scheryl Seymour
Charles Cancellari
The Family of Charlie Neff
Doe Payne
Vic Crosby
Vinny Colonna
The Family of Jean Griffitts
Doris Glass
The Family of Carl Young
The Sterrett Family
Gail Hanigan
CHUMC Home Bound



Thank you to everyone who donated to the communion offering this month!

The communion offering for August went towards Servanthood Fellowship, the ministry with whom our Chapel Hill missionaries worked with in the Houston Area to serve the community who was affected by Hurricane Harvey several years ago.

God Bless!

Your Outreach Team



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- Pastor's Message -

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"We urge the Church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate for justice for all. We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children..."

As we continue the ongoing national debate regarding immigrants and refugees, it is vital that we reflect biblically and theologically on the matter. The above quote is from our United Methodist Social Principles regarding the rights of immigrants in the paragraph "The Social Community." This paragraph expounds on our Social Creed which in part says, "We commit ourselves...to the rights and dignity of all persons."

Now, it is understandable that people grapple with a nation's laws and how they are applied and that people seek to respond to the social and political crises we experience in the most American way possible. What makes this conversation more difficult is we reside in and participate in a political system whose leaders resort to rhetoric and propaganda to rally support and may leave us wondering if we have been told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Regardless, we see unmistakable images of overcrowded detention centers full of refugees that are allowed to cross the border and seek asylum. We know of plenty of people, perhaps in our neighborhood church's community, who have found their way across the border not seeking asylum but, in the face of poverty, a more sustainable life for their families. Many children arrived here so young that this is really the only home we know. Others were born here. To take punitive action would separate families. We may wonder, "What is the American way to respond?"

However, we are disciples of Jesus Christ, baptized into his death and resurrection with a commitment to love God and neighbor and seek first the Reign of God here today. How might we respond to the current crisis if our first question was, "What is the way a baptized disciple responds?" How might we respond if we reflect on Paul's words that "in Christ, there is no Jew or Gentile." How might we respond when we reflect on Jesus explaining that, when we love those deemed "the least of these," we are loving him? How might we respond as children of a Triune God who reflects unity in diversity of persons? How might we respond when we acknowledge all people are created in the image of God?



Upcoming Usher List

- 8/11 – Pat Moore, Ruth Fuls, Larry & Andrea Rains
- 8/18 – Linda Pace, Robert Putnam, Kevin & Kelly Patterson
- 8/25 – Sandra Fletcher, Fred Maxwell, Kim & Joel Rangel
- 9/1 – Pat & Habib Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield

Help needed for Liturgy!

We have volunteer spots beginning this week for anyone who would like to perform parts of the liturgy. If you're interested in participating, please contact Alec/Courtney at office@chapelhillumc.org for more details.



Choir to Perform at Dallas Arboretum!

The choir will have a fun outreach music opportunity! Our choir has been invited to the Dallas Arboretum to perform at their Holiday Festival! Each choir member will receive 2 extra complimentary tickets, including parking.

More updates to follow soon...
Singers are welcome!!! Join our 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



Faye Chapman 8/4

Meredith Moore 8/23

Kirk Connally 8/23

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In fact, as we reflect on the image of God, and commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons, do we recognize the lives of the adult parents are as precious in the eyes of God as their children?

If this concern leads you to conclude you need to act in compassion, there is a simple step you can take. It is not providing needed goods for people in the detention centers or for children separated from their families as those are not being accepted at this time. Rather you can sign up through Texas Impact, an interfaith group for whom I am on their board, to meet with your representative while he/she is in town on congressional recess August 12-16. This is the Week of Action for Migration Justice. In these meetings, we will be asking for three things: 1) for Congress maintain funding so that each and every person seeking asylum or who is otherwise detained by ICE will receive due process, 2) for congress to work to end the detention of families and children, 3) remind our representatives that when these sorts of human crises happen elsewhere our country has advocated for neutral international monitoring of conditions so we should provide for that in this situation.

You can sign up here to participate:

<https://texasimpact.org/2019-week-of-action-for-migration-justice/>

On a related note, I hope you will join me in worship the next three weeks as we dialogue with Isaiah and Jeremiah and consider "Joy: the Flip Side of Justice."

CLAY Volunteers Needed!

CLAY will need volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year at Chapel Hill Prep, 8:00 to 8:30 AM every other Thursday. Contact Alec/Courtney at office@chapelhillumc.org to sign up!

MOP for Outreach Mission to Central Brazil

You may have seen in the last newsletter that I am embarking on a trip to a remote region of central Brazil in late August on a women's mission that will include a medical/dental/eyeglasses aspect, a VBS and children's aspect, witness and, in the last two days a conference where we will be sharing the Forgiving Forward work that Dr. Bruce Hebel brought to Chapel Hill a few years ago. (with the Hebel's!!!)

My trip is funded, (Praise God!, and many, many thanks to those of you who have already supported me, my heart is humbled by your generosity.)

Want to check out the organization?
amazonoutreach.org

Each mission participant will take 2 suitcases, with 50 pounds per suitcase of items needed in the communities we will visit. I've got my dentist ordering toothbrushes, my dermatologist on small sunscreens, and other friends figuring out what they might send... and now I am asking you, in my church family, please look at the list below, and, if so moved, bring any of the listed items to church no later than 8/11, put them in the marked box in the church office, and if necessary, label them "AMAZON OUTREACH".

This is a quick collection, and anything that makes sense for you helps. Sometimes a person has access to items in larger quantities for reasons that wouldn't be obvious. (Have a huge bag of unused emery boards from an ad campaign years ago?... stuff like that!) I ask that you put your thinking caps on and see if you have some kind of 'in' to quantities of any of the following:

Items to donate:

Cloth diapers, new or gently used baby and small children's clothes, pacifiers, sandals and flip flops, baseball hats, sunglasses, soap, sample sized toiletries, antiseptic cream, cortisone cream, vitamins (prenatal, adult and children's w/iron), Tylenol, ibuprofen (we will be dividing up vitamins and analgesics, so the XL size, most cost effective bottles make best sense), individually wrapped non-melting candies

Blessings!

Kelly Patterson



Wednesday, August 7th

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Plus 4's Square Dancers
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 8th

- 6:00 PM Prayer Team

Saturday, August 10th

- 8:00 AM CLAY Volunteer Training

Sunday, August 11th

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 11:30 AM Family Life Meeting
- 5:00 PM Youth

Tuesday, August 13th

- 6:30 PM Worship Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

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.