



Youth Room Painted

Thanks to Adam & Courtney Lubbers and parents for painting the Youth Room. The colors are fresh and inviting and go nicely with the recently acquired couch. If you remember, they bought new bar stools and tables a few years ago with fundraiser proceeds. We, at Trustees, thank you for your efforts and for taking ownership of your room. We are always glad to see you on mission trips making disciples of Christ and representing our church, but we also must declare a time out to refresh and repaint our "home base." Again, thanks for stepping up and getting this done. You are awesome!

-Trustees Committee

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| Archie Shivar | A prayer of thanksgiving |
| Audrey Oppenheim | for the safe arrival of |
| Bruce Breeding | Oliver Glenn Perry - |
| Charles Cancellari | newest great-grandson of |
| The Sterrett Family | Janis and the late Kermit |
| The Hampton Family | Coggsall. |
| The Gee Family | |
| Cassandra & Garth Gelker | |
| Dixie & Lynn Copeland | |
| Ryan and Family | |
| Donna Hoisington, her sister, and niece | |
| Janice Cantrell | |
| Linda Horton | |
| Katy P. | |
| Bob & Carolyn | |
| Netze | |
| Bette Fugit | |
| CHUMC Home Bound | |



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

- Pastor's Message -

September 10, 2019



Chapel Hill UMC

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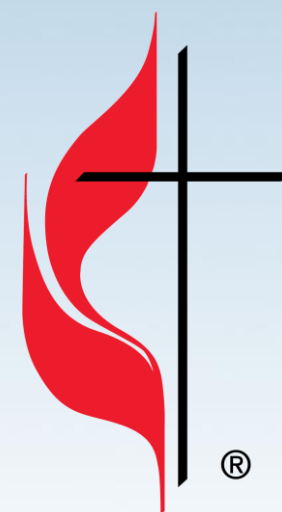
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Mainline churches, along with churches of all traditions, are, frankly, in decline. The past several decades, we have been losing far more people than we have been adding disciples to our churches. There are numerous reasons often given for this decline. Some believe churches became too judgmental. Others say churches became too political. Still, others say churches stopped appealing to or failed to listen to young people. Others have noted the fact that our young members are more mobile and move to new locations so there is not the natural passing on of our church to the next generation.

What's most important, though, is asking, "How do we turn around this trend of decline?" When we ask this question, we often "discuss" which programs or events will best draw people to the church. Or we "discuss" the merits of traditional, contemporary, or blended worship. We may want to rewind to the good old days of how we used to do church. Or we may want to scrap everything and start over. There are elements of each of these that can certainly benefit churches in their ongoing mission. Yet there is something vitally more important to connecting with new people as a church and it is perhaps the one thing that has faded from the practice of local churches more than anything else: personal invitation.

Studies repeatedly show that the number one reason people become involved in a church long term is that they were invited by a friend or family member. The number has bottomed out over the years at 85% of people who joined a church joined because of such an invitation. It has reached as high as the low 90's in percentage depending on the study. Notice one thing: it is the result of the invitation of a friend or family member. It is relational. It is not because the pastor is cool, though a cool pastor like me (give me a moment while I pause for laughter) may help people stick. It is not because the worship is awesome, though that can help connect with people once they are in a church. It is because of a personal invitation.

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Upcoming Usher List

9/15 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Larry & Andrea Rains
9/22 – Pat Moore, Kandy Burdette, Sandra Fletcher, Charlie Wood
9/28 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Dave & Ilene Oldfield
10/6 – Robert Putnam, Kandy Burdette, Charlie Wood, Sandra Fletcher

Pastor's Message Part 2

Think about how simple this is. You have friends and family. You likely have friends and family who are not connected to a church. You have friends and family who could really benefit from knowing the simple truth that God loves them. You have friends and family who, unfortunately, were harmed by a previous church community who would benefit from discovering a loving church community. If you do not think you know anyone not already connected with a church, you know places to go in Farmers Branch, in Carrollton, in Dallas, Addison, and elsewhere where you can make new friends. And Farmers Branch is about to double its population along with the growth in those other surrounding areas. Friendship opportunities abound. You also have a story that includes how God's love has connected with you and of a church community that you love. When doors open in your relationships, you can share this story and invite people to God's local church community at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church.

Pastor's Message Part 3

I heard your sigh of relief, because, no, we're not asking anyone to go door-to-door and make some presentation like the gospel is a Kirby vacuum. However, if you're someone that can connect with someone that deeply that quickly, all the power to you. But notice, whether you consider yourself progressive, moderate, or evangelical this is outreach made for you, because it is outreach through means that are natural to us. It is about building relationships. And I say this as an EXTREME introvert. You may not have noticed because so much of pastoral work requires us introverts to push past our comfort zones. But the reality is that I am just a step or two short of being a hobbit, not the kind that writes a manifesto, mind you, but a hobbit nonetheless. Yet I am not off the hook here either. It is incumbent on me to build new relationships in this new place my family and I are now in.

You see, however cool I am (LOL!), however good our worship is, whatever events we stage, will not have any effect unless they are first built on relationship, either building relationships with people after worship and events or before said worship and events.

You have friends and family. You can form relationships with new friends. That and a little prayer for God to open doors to allow you to invite people to meet a loving God and be part of a loving church. And...GO!

3rd Sunday Potluck

Don't forget that this Sunday will be our monthly 3rd Sunday Potluck! Bring a dish to feed 8-10 and share fellowship with your church family – and sign up to give the gift of life at our Blood Drive!

 Carter BloodCare

#GIVEFORLIFE



BLOOD DRIVE

Chapel Hill UMC
Fall Carter BloodCare Blood Drive
Sunday, September 15, 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Come for Sunday School at 9:15 and Worship at 10:30
Potluck Lunch at 11:30

Give for Life at our Carter BloodCare Blood Drive
Choose a time that is good for you and Contact: Iris Shivar at 214-597-5326 or at 972-243-8302 or by email at hope75234@yahoo.com

Community Garden 11th Anniversary "Potluck" Dinner

On Thursday, September 19th in Fellowship Hall will be the annual potluck celebration of our partnership with the City of Farmers Branch. As you know we share our property for use by our city gardeners. There are 60 plots plus an orchard and common areas for composting, tool storage, and harvesting. 10% of the gardener's yield is designated for the Metrocrest Service Center Food Bank.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, September 11th
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 12th
6:00 PM Prayer Team
6:30 PM Meet the Pastor Listening Session 1
Saturday, September 14th
3:00 PM Meet the Pastor Listening Session 2
Sunday, September 15th
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Church Blood Drive
11:30 AM Potluck
12:30 PM Outreach Meeting
4:00 PM Youth
4:00 PM Meet the Pastor Listening Session 3
Tuesday, September 17th
9:30 AM Trustees Meeting
10:30 AM Nurture Meeting
7:00 PM Finance Meeting
7:30 PM Church Council
Wednesday, September 18th
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Plus 4's Square Dancers
7:00 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



Beverly Holmes 9/15	Nancy Hartman 9/17	Felice Ricks 9/21
Joanne Marchant 9/22	Nancy Ochoa 9/23	Roxanne Rawdon 9/23
Kaye Bandy 9/26	Ruth Medcalf 9/29	

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.