



Archie Shivar CHUMC Home Bound  
Audrey Oppenheim  
Bruce Breeding  
Charles Cancellari  
The Hampton Family  
The Gee Family  
Dixie & Lynn Copeland  
Ryan and Family  
Janice Cantrell  
Linda Horton  
Katy P.  
Bob & Carolyn  
Nette  
Bette Fugit  
The Family of Dorlis Glass  
Caleb Gooch  
The Family of Dillon Mulcahey  
Beau Fontaine  
PT Interns and Students



## Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

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# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

September 17, 2019

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### – Pastor's Message –

Last week, I shared with you that 85% of folks who become involved with a church do so because they were invited by a friend or family member. At that percentage, you can see that there is not a lot of room left for impact from mass mailings, spam emails, Facebook posts, or even door-to-door contacts. Reaching new people and making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world occurs through relationship.

Sometimes, we reach a point in life where almost all of our friends are part of our church or some other church. When we are at this point, it is important to build new relationships of trust that may bear fruit over time while noting we are not building these relationships for the good of our local church but because we know the love of Christ, know how it has touched our lives, and we are called to share this good news because there are other people for whom the good news of God's love is just what they need. If we share this love with others, the good of the local church will be a byproduct of our witness.

So, how do we meet new people? Many may be next door. We probably all have neighbors we have not yet gotten to know on our street or our block. When the opportunity arises, introduce yourself. Think about where people gather. The new dog park. The youth sports, plays, and other activities in which the young people in our church participate. City events. The Star Center for you ice skaters. Even our own church events.

Speaking of church events, you can meet new people through the Project Transformation after school program and the upcoming Community Party. You may be thinking, "But a number of the folks who attend those programs are Hispanic and speak Spanish. I do not know Spanish." But the reality is you do not need to know Spanish. If you can come to the church about 5:45 pm Monday through Thursday and open doors for Project Transformation parents with a smiling face and a, "Hello," or even, "Hola," it will help build our relationships with the families involved. If you can come serve hot dogs, drinks, and the like at the Community Party, in the same manner it will also help build those relationships.

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## Upcoming Usher List

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  
10/13 – Ruth Fuls, Fred Maxwell, Craig Davis, Meredith Moore, Mitchell Davis



## Community Garden 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Potluck" Dinner

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Pastor's Message Continued

In a time where, culturally, barriers are being put up between different groups of people, trust is hard to win. Put yourself in the shoes of a Hispanic family here in our Chapel Hill circle. Your experience and the news you hear is full of white people and others, even those who identify as Christian, saying quite loudly that you are not welcome here. You hear stories of the intentional steps that are being taken to make you leave or break up your family. It seems nice that the predominantly white church next to your child's school has a Hispanic ministry. But can you be sure it is safe?

This is a barrier for which, perhaps, many of us are not directly responsible, but it exists. For others we meet in the above mentioned opportunities for relationship building, they have been emotionally burned by a church. Or they have heard reports of the hateful things that some Christians say and do. Or they have heard about the more stringently exclusive church polity regarding LGBTQIA persons passed by United Methodists at General Conference 2019. These are their barriers to trust. There's good news here, however. The posts that hold up such barriers crumble under the weight of love.

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church knows that love. CHUMC has that love. Let's share that love with our neighbors so that the barriers to the church will crumble.

- Rev. J.D. Allen

## Servant Leaders

It is that time again when the Nominations Committee earns their pay; we need to fill positions of our 2020 Servant Leaders. If you served in 2019, we thank you, and would like to know if you want to serve again in 2020. If you want to change committees or if you did not serve in 2019 and would like to, please contact anyone on the Nomination Committee (which are Jim Hanigan, Melanie Willhite, Kelly Patterson, Meredith Moore, Faye Chapman, Tom Wooldridge and Pastor Allen). If you would like information about any of the committees, please contact anyone on the Nominations Committee.

This is very important to the life of our Church and without your help, we cannot pursue our charge to spread the work of Jesus Christ.

Thanks,  
Tom

## Charge Conference Forms Due October 11th

Our charge conference date is fast approaching and there are many forms that need signing! If you are responsible for any of these, you should have received an email or phone call from the office at some point in the last couple weeks. If you need any assistance completing the forms, please do not hesitate to reach out.

- Adam Richards

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Prayer Team  
6:00 PM Community Garden Potluck

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
4:00 PM Youth

### Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 PM Meet the Pastor  
Listening Session

### Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://chapelhillumc.org), email [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto: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.