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

We need your help!

The resource and storage rooms have been cleaned out and now are ready to be organized and spaces assigned to all who use these areas. We need your ideas on how this should be done so that when something is needed in either of these rooms, it can easily be located.

So, take a look at the areas and let us hear from you as to the most workable solutions for all.

Again, thanks for your valuable input. You may call Nancy Hartman or any other Trustee.

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Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

September 24, 2019

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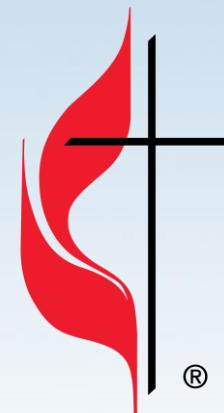
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– Pastor's Message –

Well, friends, you know as well as I do, this is quite the divided time both politically and in the church. Sometimes, it seems we are all gathered for one never-ending Thanksgiving dinner. You know the time when dessert is being served, football is being watched, no one is all that interested in the halftime performer and religion, politics, and unresolved tensions from past family hurt starts to be discussed.

Well, I'm going to take my advice from King Arthur in Monty Python and the Holy Grail and "Run away! Run away!"

No, I am kidding. But I will be out Tuesday through Friday of this week to attend the Leadership Institute at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Overland Park, Kansas. The purpose of this institute is to better prepare us as clergy and other church leaders to navigate the choppy waters floating, yet threatening to topple our boats. Here, we will discuss: 1) casting a vision for the church that is passionately Wesleyan and authentically Christian, 2) leading difficult conversations and building consensus as we seek to affirm the participation of all people in the church, 3) learn about different options being explored for the future of the United Methodist Church as we still struggle to resolve our differences concerning our LGBTQIA+ neighbors, and 4) how to lead movements in our annual conferences to join the effort to remove discriminatory language and polity from our Book of Discipline.

Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor of COR as well as the founder and face of this long-running conference. Hamilton represents these four purposes as the centrist position on the current polity and doctrine matters at hand. Now, I know for some of our newsletter readers that may seem to be anything but the case. It may be that some have learned one way of reading scripture for so long that seems quite faithful and vital. This includes passages from our scriptures that seem to clearly lay the current questions at rest. And for some, to believe any differently is to totally deny the scriptures we affirm as normative and authoritative. please believe me when I say I understand this viewpoint. It was a part of who I was for most of the first 30 years of my life.

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Upcoming Usher List

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
10/20 – Habib & Pat Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield

Pastor's Message, Part 2

The other viewpoint includes people like me. We affirm the scriptures but believe their interpretation requires more than a simple reading (I hope my phrasing here does not seem dismissive). We believe the Holy Spirit guides us into further understanding as to who God is and what Christ is doing in the world. When we read scripture, we see the prophets rewriting the scriptures in a sense. We see Jesus, the incarnate Universal Christ, rewriting parts of the law. We see Peter, in Acts 15, responding to the Holy Spirit's revealing work among the Gentiles with the full conviction they should be baptized and made equal partners in the church. We are convinced we have seen the same work of the Holy Spirit in our LGBTQIA+ friends, family, and neighbors. As a result, we acknowledge the official stance of the United Methodist Church but believe it as done great harm and it is time to change.

Pastor's Message, Part 3

We see the harm that our current political rhetoric regarding bathrooms can lead to here in Dallas. Just this past Friday, another transgender woman was shot two miles from CHUMC. It is reported the driver of the truck from which multiple gunshots riddled her body shouted homophobic slurs upon firing. This is the fifth attack of a transgender person in Dallas within the last year, with three fatalities. I know that, whichever of the two viewpoints stated above we adhere to, we condemn such violence and the language which helps fuel such violence wholeheartedly. As United Methodists, our Social Principles state, "We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened," and "We deplore acts of hate or violence based on ... sexual orientation, gender identity or religious affiliation." As such, may we be a place of love for those who are hated. May we call on our state to pass laws that provide legal protections to the transgender community for whom there is no protection against discrimination and for whom our state's hate-crime laws lack inclusion. May we shine the light of love into the darkness of hate.

See, it is like Thanksgiving. The tryptophan is kicking in, we are getting irritable, and it is a good deal harder to handle disagreement. Despite that, I believe we have more in common than we do that divides us. I believe we can find a way forward that embraces unity over conformity and affirms the equal participation in the church by all people. I believe the next few years can be rather life-giving after decades of a battle that has sucked the life out of the UMC in many ways. And, hopefully, this conference will provide us tools to find the future together.

- 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 25th

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

Thursday, September 26th

6:00 PM Prayer Team

Saturday, September 28th

5:00 PM Moore/Freeman Wedding

Sunday, September 29th

8:30 AM UMM Breakfast & Program
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
4:00 PM Youth

Monday, September 30th

7:00 PM Finance Meeting
7:30 PM Church Council

Tuesday, October 1st

6:30 PM Meet the Pastor
Listening Session

Wednesday, October 2nd

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Memorial Committee
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
Joanne Marchant 9/22
Kaye Bandy 9/26

Nancy Hartman 9/17
Nancy Ochoa 9/23
Ruth Medcalf 9/29

Felice Ricks 9/21
Roxanne Rawdon 9/23

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.