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| Charles Cancellari | |
| The Hampton Family | |
| The Gee Family | |
| Dixie & Lynn Copeland | |
| Ryan and Family | |
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| Bob & Carolyn | |
| Netché | |
| Bette Fugit | |
| Beau Fontaine | |
| The Family of Kristen Banks | |
| Elizabeth Trejo | |
| Priscilla Rogers | |
| Kurt Maerschel – Confirmand | |
| Emily Smith – Confirmand | |
| Joey & His Daughter Daisy | |

Special thanks to:

Jan Wooldridge for stepping in to continue Carl's work as Treasurer for the church. Sadly, we lost Carl a few months ago and probably took for granted the awesome job he has done through the years. But God has given us Jan who is a very capable replacement and has spent many hours converting our accounting system, which should be a more updated and efficient one. We thank God for Jan and Carl who have always been servant leaders. God bless them and our church for their talents.

And also thanks to:

An anonymous giver for the gift of new carpet in the narthex. Many hours were spent getting bids and samples for this much needed project. It seems God always provides angels who fill our needs just when we wonder how this would be possible. This project has been on the Trustee list for several years and now by the grace of God and the gift from an angel, we can cross it off and move on to the next item: new lights for the narthex. (The current ones are now obsolete, and the parts will be discontinued soon.) Please pray for this project also. More to come on this item!



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

October 15, 2019

– Pastor's Message –



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Sunday we began a worship series entitled The Wonder-Full Life that seeks to mine treasures from scripture, is illustrated by the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, and informed by the book *Integrating Money and Meaning: Practices for a Heart-Centered Life* by Maggie Kulyk. We discussed how money is a necessary thing that causes great stress in life. For the followers of Jesus, they were seeking survival and inner peace while wrestling with money in the Roman empire.

Their coins bore the image of a false god and one of these coins had to be paid for the census tax. Could they use these coins, pay the census tax, and be faithful? The Herodians insisted, "Yes! And you should." To not pay the tax would threaten their freedom, perhaps their life, so they had to pay the tax to survive. The Pharisees, on the other hand, suggested the census tax should not be paid and the coins should not be used if you wanted to be faithful to your Jewish identity. They offered shame and guilt rather than peace. Jesus, the Christ of mercy over sacrifice, affirmed payment of the tax while proclaiming God's rule over all the powers of the cosmos and the world that sought to bring shame on the common people.

We then discussed how a changing economic scene, especially since the recession of 2007, has placed a number of stressors on our financial lives. We struggle to save for retirement even though we are living longer. We wonder how we will afford to send our kids to college. Some of us have to wonder if we will be able to pay the bills this month. Or if we will be able to pay the rent or mortgage. Or if we will be able to feed our family. We struggle to survive. Meanwhile, we are repeatedly told we must be self-sufficient to be worthy or have value in this life. We are shamed if we need help. Yet we also know that, for many of us, there are people with much greater needs than ours but we struggle with generosity because we fear not having the money we need. We beat ourselves up.

But if we consider our relationship with money part of our spiritual practice, we can find that money can be part of a life filled with the wonder of God's love and grace filling our lives and stretching into the lives of others needing survival and peace. We can start doing this through contemplation. You may begin with this exercise adapted from Maggie Kulyk's work in *Integrating Money and Meaning*:

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Upcoming Usher List

10/20 – Habib & Pat Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield
10/27 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Tom & Jan Wooldridge
11/3 – Barbara Tatum, Nathan Moore, Kandy Burdette
11/10 – Pat Moore, Ruth Fuls, Larry & Andrea Rains

Pastor's Message, Part 2

Find a quiet place and set aside time to think about your past. Close your eyes and move through your childhood. Think about your first memory connected to money. How old were you and what happened? Write it down. Starting with your earliest memory you can recall, repeat this process until you reach the present day. Think about your parents, your grandparents, your siblings, and any other family members and how their relationship with and attitude toward money shaped you. Try to write down an experience for each year from your earliest memory to today to get the fullest picture of your relationship with money. Think about how these experiences shaped your willingness to spend money, what you spend money on, your attitude toward generosity toward your neighbors in need, and your beliefs and attitudes toward giving in church.

Pastor's Message, Part 3

Think about where your relationship with money is driven by a desire to survive. Think about where this relationship is driven by shame. What are your greatest joys related to money? What are your greatest fears and stressors related to money? In what ways has the influence of your family shaped your relationship with money in positive ways? In what ways has the influence of your family shaped your relationship with money in negative ways? In what ways might you be more Christlike with your money as it becomes a part of your spiritual practice?

Take a break. However long you may need. Come back to where you completed the first exercise, this time for silent meditation. Breathe deeply in and out. Find a good rhythmic breathing pattern. Now simply listen. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you today? In what ways is your relationship with money Christlike? What are the growing edges of your relationship with money? In what ways do you need to show yourself the compassion God shows you in your relationship to money? In what ways do you need to show your neighbor the grace God has shown you in yours and their relationship to money? What else might the Holy Spirit telling you?

As you go forth from this exercise, go forth with grace and peace. To go deeper on your relationship with money, I encourage you to obtain the book *Integrating Money and Meaning* which is full of thoughts and other exercises regarding our relationship with money that cannot be covered in the sermons. Whatever you do, be sure you have compassion for yourself this day.

Sunday Potluck October 20th

Our monthly potluck is quickly approaching! Join us Sunday at 11:30 after service in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun, and friends!

Coming Soon: Trustees Workday Oct. 26th from 9:00am to 1:00pm

We need all hands on deck to spruce up our church before the holidays start. Bring your tools and/or supplies and let's make this temple of God shine and sparkle. Remember: many hands make quick work! See you on the 26th.

-Trustees

Charge Conference Forms Final Deadline October 25th

For those that have yet to turn in charge conference forms, the deadline has been extended to October 25th. Please email the forms to the office as soon as possible.

- Adam Richards

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

Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 16th

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

Thursday, October 17th

6:00 PM Prayer Team

Saturday, October 19th

2:00 PM Coin Club

Sunday, October 20th

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship (Laity Sunday)
11:30 AM Potluck
12:30 AM Outreach Meeting
4:00 PM Youth

Wednesday, October 23rd

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



George Johnson 10/2	Nathan Moore 10/7	Kim Rangel 10/10	Alec McKay 10/11
Kelly Patterson 10/15	Iris Shivar 10/15	Madeline Davis 10/18	Wilson Moore 10/18
Judy Bader 10/19	Ana Laura Gamborino 10/19	Edith Brooks 10/20	Wesley Freeman 10/23
Martha Portman 10/23	Robert Putnam 10/24	Jim Hanigan 10/25	Cindy Brown 10/28
Jan Wooldridge 10/29	Leslie Ochoa-Funez 10/30	Charlie Wood 10/30	

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.