



Archie Shivar	Emily Smith - Confirmand
Audrey Oppenheim	Joey & His Daughter Daisy
Bruce Breeding	Mark Giles
Charles Cancellari	PT Interns & Students
The Hampton Family	CHUMC Home Bound
The Gee Family	
Dixie & Lynn Copeland	
Ryan and Family	
Katy P.	
Bob & Carolyn	
Netze	
The Family of Dorlis Glass	
Bette Fugit	
The Family of Dillon Mulcahey	
Beau Fontaine	
The Family of Kristen Banks	
Elizabeth Trejo	
Priscilla Rogers	
Kurt Maerschel - Confirmand	



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

October 8, 2019

– Pastor's Message –



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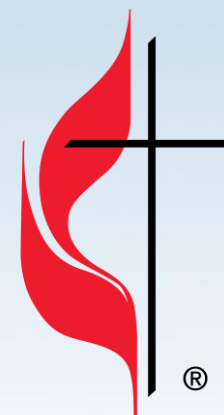
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It was truly a blessing to worship with you this past Sunday as we observed World Communion Sunday and heard from Donaleah, Bernice, and Adam about how Holy Communion speaks to them. I am thankful for their reflections as we approached the table and considered the call to be a diverse and inclusive church reflecting the beauty of all creation. It has been beautiful these past three months to know I am a part of a local church that embraces diversity. It is an embrace that prophetically bears witness to God's love for all humanity meaning "all persons are of sacred worth...without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition." (from The Constitution of the United Methodist Church)

We keep this call to diversity and inclusion in mind as we consider the events of the past week in the Dallas County courtroom. We heard about the trial of Dallas police officer Amber Guyger for the murder of Botham Jean. We heard of her conviction and sentence to ten years in prison for the murder. We heard of and saw Botham's brother Brandt's hug and offer of forgiveness to Guyger in the courtroom. We celebrated such a show of love on the part of a grieving young man who had lost his brother.

We also heard the sobering words of Botham Jean's mother Allison who spoke of corruption in the handling of the case, including multiple instances of crime scene contamination and the need to root out corruption in the City of Dallas. The concern only grows when we learn that police officers shut off their body cams at the crime scene. Allison Jean also spoke of the need for better training for officers who she says are too quick to respond with lethal force. She is a grieving mother lamenting the loss of a child.

We see such lament in Matthew 2 after Herod slaughters the children in response to the wise men not bringing report about Jesus' whereabouts. The author cites Jeremiah 31:

Thus says the LORD:  
A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.

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## Upcoming Usher List

10/13 – Ruth Fuls, Fred Maxwell, Craig Davis, Meredith Moore, Mitchell Davis  
10/20 – Habib & Pat Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield  
10/27 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Tom & Jan Wooldridge  
11/3 – Barbara Tatum, Nathan Moore, Kandy Burdette

## Scam Email Warning

Recently we have been informed that some members have received emails that appear to be from Rev. J.D. Allen, asking for a favor and to reply quickly. These emails are fake, and upon close inspection, the email address is different, but it can be easy to miss. If you have received an email like this, please do not reply or click on any links in the email.

The following email addresses are legitimate: [pastor@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:pastor@chapelhillumc.org), and other email addresses ending in [@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:@chapelhillumc.org) [noreply@lexiochms.com](mailto:noreply@lexiochms.com)

If you ever receive an email from Chapel Hill that is unusual or suspicious, you can always call the church office at (972) 241-3491, or send a new (not replying) email directly to [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org) to ask if it was really us, or to report the issue.

## 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

## Pastor's Message, Part 2

Too many parents suffer the loss of their children to unjust violence and the miscarriage of justice due to corruption. This pain is felt at a greater frequency by people of color due to a systemic racism that must be named and confronted. It is a systemic racism that impacts our lives even though we do not wake up in the morning saying, "I hate \_\_\_\_\_," or "My people and I are better than \_\_\_\_\_." It is racism that was built into our systems so long ago it functions even if we are unaware of it and have never given our consent to it. It is this systemic racism that creates the pain of loss felt not only in death but in the imprisonment of nonviolent offenders for terms of far longer than ten years.

The vision of Brandt Jean hugging Amber Guyger and Allison Jean calling for further justice give us hope. Mr. Jean's hug gives us the hope for change through forgiveness of one's enemy. Ms. Jean's words give us the hope for change through the call to repentance through reflection on our own hearts and our systems. These types of response to lament point us to a new day of hope in which our lives continue better than they were before or, as Allison Jean says it, "Our lives must move on, but they must move on with change."

## Coming Soon: Trustees Workday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

-Trustees

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Prayer Team

### Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Charge Conference Forms Due

### Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Children's Council  
11:30 AM Family Life Meeting  
4:00 PM Youth

### Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Trustees Meeting  
7:00 PM Finance Meeting  
7:30 PM Church Council

### Wednesday, October 16<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)



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](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.