



Upcoming Events in Farmers Branch

These are excellent ways to have a fun, easy and profitable fundraiser for Chapel Hill. Please put the following dates in your calendar:

Friday, December 6, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Once again we are honored to be asked to sing Christmas Carols at the FB Recreation Center.

Saturday, December 14 at Santa's House in the Historic Park from 3:00-9:00 PM. We can work in shifts.

These are great ways to serve your church as disciples to our community. We can interact with hundreds of people and let them know who we and where CHUMC is located. They are both fun family events with many happy people of all ages. The Market Place will be open with vendors and craft booths for us to explore and interact.

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| Archie Shivar | Betty Peace |
| Audrey Oppenheim | Judy Bull |
| Charles Cancellare | Rick Hallstrand |
| The Hampton Family | Jocelyn Barnard |
| The Gee Family | Beverly Holmes |
| Nita & Jonathan Horne | Sammy Roen |
| Prayer for Carolyn's Family | Greg & Tina Hartman |
| Netze | CHUMC Homebound |
| Bette Fugit | |
| Kurt Maerschel – Confirmand | |
| Emily Smith – Confirmand | |
| Joey & His Daughter Daisy | |
| The Family of Richard Lease | |
| The Family of Ms. Rebecca Harris (Ruth Medcalf) | |
| The Family of Rev. Robert E. Langley | |
| The Family of Gerry Fleming | |
| The Family of Bruce Breeding | |
| The Family of Barbara McConnell | |
| The Family of Betsy O'Connell | |



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

November 19, 2019

– Pastor's Message –



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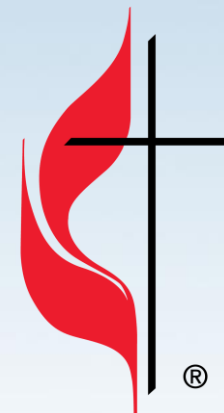
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Last week, I began a series of newsletter articles addressing five reasons church consultant Thom Rainer suggests local churches are in decline and dying and what we can do to reverse the trend. It was my intent to continue that series this week. However, we learned this week that there is a matter that needs some significant clarification, so I am putting the previous series on hold for a week while we address the matter at hand.

As you know, Charge Conference was held this past Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Richardson. We met in a new format of a Combined Charge Conference in which we gathered with 24 other churches to approve our Charge Conference reports that are required each year. In order to expedite the report approval process so the local churches could gather to focus on our common ministry and mission, the Church Council of each local church was asked to pre-approve all reports so they could be submitted to the Metro District Office in advance. The reports of all 25 churches were then included in a consent agenda for us to approve in a single block. This allowed us to worship together, hear an address from Bishop Mike McKee, and see a presentation regarding the New Spaces for New Faces missional emphasis of the North Texas Conference.

I address this because there was a misunderstanding as to how the process would work. Having served for the past five years in the Northwest District, I and the church I served knew this year's process to be the norm since it had been the process we followed with our Northwest District Office. I had no idea how different the process was this year from years past in the Metro District and was unaware there was a need to prepare everyone for how different the process was this year. Without that explanation, Charge Conference created confusion for many when we did not have our own break out session with our district superintendent to approve CHUMC's reports.

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Upcoming Usher List

11/24 – Sandra Fletcher, Fred Maxwell, Kim & Joel Rangel
 12/1 – Pat & Habib Khoury, Dave & Ilene Oldfield
 12/8 – Craig Davis, Mitchell Davis, Tom & Jan Wooldridge
 12/15 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Larry & Andrea Rains



Poinsettia Orders Now Open

It is time to order Red Christmas Poinsettias for \$10 each. They will accent our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Your poinsettia(s) will be available to take home after Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

All orders are due by noon on Sunday, December 1. Order forms will be available in the worship bulletins or on the narthex table. Poinsettias can be given to honor or to remember any loved ones. An insert honoring or remembering your loved one(s) will be placed in the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service bulletin.

Please complete one form for each poinsettia order and be sure to print legibly. Make checks payable to Chapel Hill UMC and place it on Adam's desk in the church office.

-Roxanne Rawdon

– Pastor's Message Part 2 –

Also, it was brought to my attention this week following Charge Conference that CHUMC has traditionally held a Church Conference including all the members where we review and discuss the reports before Charge Conference. This is a practice that is not prescribed by our United Methodist Book of Discipline although such Church Conferences are given as an option. It has not been the practice of other churches I have served, and I had not been informed this was CHUMC's regular practice prior to Charge Conference so CHUMC's usual Church Conference did not take place.

I offer my apologies for the oversight. For those who were unable to see our reports beforehand as you are used to and would like to review them after the fact, a copy will be available in the church office for you to review and, in 2020, we will be sure to schedule the Church Conference prior to our 2020 Combined Charge Conference for approval of our reports.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

Chapel Hill Mourns the Passing of Longtime Member Barbara McConnell

Siblings in Christ,

I write to share with the sad news we received that our beloved CHUMC member and saint Barbara McConnell passed away last Tuesday night. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 1 pm here at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

November M.O.P. – Succoth Booth Items to Benefit Metrocrest Pantry

The M.O.P. for the month of November is to collect items for Metrocrest Social Services. Metrocrest depends on us this time of year to help with their generosity and compassion to help feed families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Collect items while grocery shopping or simply take time to clean out that pantry before the holidays!

- Toiletries (i.e. deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, tissues, etc.)
- Baking goods (i.e. Cooking oil, flour, sugar, masa or cornmeal – 2 lb. sacks or smaller)
- Cereals – any kind
- Household items (Detergent, dish soap, baby wipes, etc.)
- Canned goods – specifically beets, spinach, peas, carrots, black-eyed peas

We will be taking donations until Sunday, November 24th as the children will be delivering these items on Monday, November 25th to Metrocrest. We are so thankful for our bounty and so thankful for our wonderful, loving congregation! Thank you Chapel Hill for reaching out in this way!

We need your help!

What: Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent
When: Sunday, 11/24 after worship
Who: The CHUMC congregation
Why: Preparing for Advent

The more people that stay to help, the quicker we'll be done. There are projects for all ages and physical activity levels.

Thanks from the Worship committee.



Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 20th

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

Saturday, November 23rd

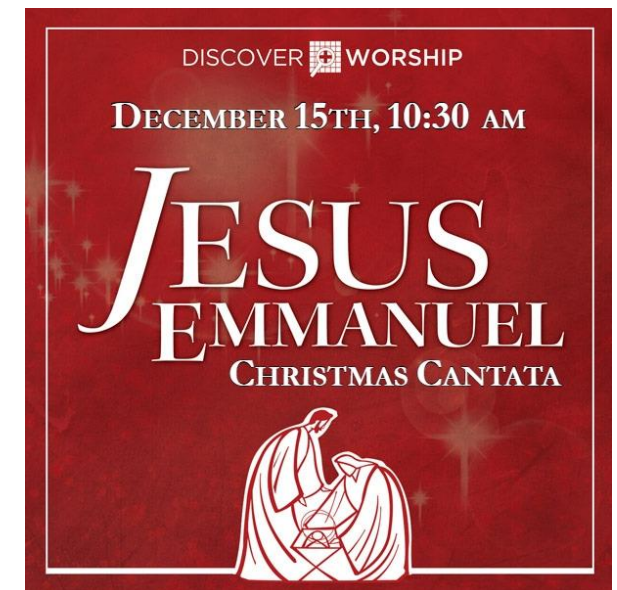
1:00 PM Barbara McConnell Memorial Service

Sunday, November 24th

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship (Thanksgiving Sunday)
 4:00 PM Children's Choir
 4:00 PM Youth

Wednesday, November 27th

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



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.

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



Martha Johnson 11/3
 Donna Daggett 11/12
 Neela Metzger 11/17
 Tom Laney Jr. 11/27
 Evelyn Womble 11/30

Heidi Tolle 11/3
 Claudia O'Shea 11/14
 Kenneth Stansell 11/26
 Mary Bandy 11/28

William Maxwell 11/6
 Vin Scheihagen 11/16
 Sherri Stansell 11/26
 Carol Rose 11/28

Bill Chapman 11/8
 Bitsy Laney 11/17
 Karyn Harlow 11/27
 Donna Hoisington 11/29