



### 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.

### Thank you...

To everyone who stayed after worship Sunday to help decorate the sanctuary and hallway for Advent.

- The Worship Committee

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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 |
| Nette                                           | Scott Fletcher      |
| Bette Fugit                                     | CHUMC Homebound     |
| 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 26, 2019

### – Pastor's Message –

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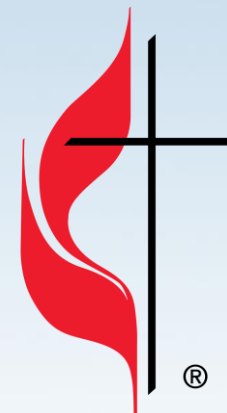
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Hispanic Ministries Intern



Two weeks ago, we began to look at five reasons church consultant Thom Rainer set forth that churches are declining and/or dying faster today. The first reason, you may recall, was the decline of Cultural Christianity in which people often joined churches for the social, economic, and political benefits offered by church membership in a time when churches held more local, national, and global influence. There is, culturally, simply less reason for people to join a church if they are looking for personal benefits. This 1) increases the importance of getting to know new people and introducing them to the God of love, 2) emphasizes the need to provide services and activities for the people in our community with more of a relational focus, and 3) helps us understand the best places to meet new people, build relationships, and connect people to Christ and the church today is off campus.

This brings us to Rainer's reason number two: the exit of the Builder Generation born before 1945. This was the American generation whose early entrants were born just before the Great Depression and whose later entrants were born during World War II. Their youth was defined by chaos and uncertainty but, as they entered into adulthood, their world appeared to find a sense of peace and order, and the nation moved into a time of unprecedented prosperity. This created a loyalty to their governmental and religious institutions that has remained strong in the Builder Generation and sustained churches and other institutions for decades.

Younger generations, beginning with the Boomers, are no longer loyal to institutions. One factor is the growth of consumerism in which people expect institutions, especially churches, to do and say exactly what they want and to provide what they want. If a church does not conform to their desires, they simply move on to the next. Another factor is later generations are seeing blindspots in society which church institutions have missed and often refuse to consider or are terribly slow to address. The lack of adaptability of the institution to reflect and adapt leads these people to depart the institution to be a part of something that sees and addresses our collective blindspots, even though those seeking change have their own additional blindspots they are unaware of at the time. These factors combine to create a population which trusts institutions less and is, thus, less loyal to said institutions.

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## Upcoming Usher List

12/1 – Pat & Habib Khoury, Larry & Andrea Rains  
12/8 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Tom & Jan Wooldridge  
12/15 – Craig & Mitchell Davis, Dave & Ilene Oldfield  
12/22 – Pat Moore, Kandy Burdette, Sandra Fletcher, Charlie Wood  
12/24 – Tom & Jan Wooldridge, 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

## All-Church Email Issue

We understand some of our members are still having issues with mass emails from our church going to their junk or spam mail folders. Unfortunately, to our knowledge, there is not a solution to this issue that can be implemented on our end. **However, when a church email goes into your junk mail, you can often select or open the email and click "Not Spam" or "Not Junk" which will send the email to your inbox and cause your email provider to recognize in the future that email address is not junk mail.**

In addition, while the address the emails come from says "no-reply" please know that if you do reply to these emails the replies will come to church office.

Thank you for your understanding and let us know if you have further questions.

Regards,  
Staff

## Office Closed for Thanksgiving and Black Friday

This is a reminder that the office will be closed at the end of this week. Please be sure to get anything you need to the office by close of business Wednesday. Thank you for your understanding and have a great holiday weekend!

Regards,  
Adam Richards

## Inclement Weather Procedure

In the event of inclement weather our office will close if DISD closes. This is so that our staff and congregation can stay safe during those winter storms that we get every now and again. Please stay safe this winter and bundle up!

## – Pastor's Message Part 2 –

Rainer suggests churches talk to leadership of a church that is doing a good job of reaching millennials and Gen Xers about inviting some of their younger people to come be missionaries to your church for a year. The purpose of this exercise is these missionaries will be a part of your church for that year to participate and observe. As they do so, they will give the church feedback on how they could adapt and reach younger people. If you do this, however, you must be committed to embracing and acting on their ideas.

Truth be told, CHUMC has some Gen Xers and Millennials who likely have some ideas about what could happen to reach new people as we head down the path to becoming a once again vital church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It might be interesting if we gave them and some others beyond our church the floor to help guide us toward making disciples of younger generations. Give it some thought.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. J.D. Allen

## Congregant in Need of Newborn Supplies

One of our members is in need of supplies for a newborn baby. If you are wanting to donate something please leave it in the office under the table under the mirror. Your support is much appreciated!

Regards,  
Adam Richards

## Advent Devotionals

Beginning Sunday, Advent devotionals will be available on the table in the Narthex. It offers a scripture reading, meditation and a prayer for each day of Advent.

## Metrocrest Holiday Store

On Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00-2:30pm, please join Chapel Hill in supplying elf helpers at the Metrocrest Holiday Store at Midway and Trinity Mills in Carrollton. We will be helping shoppers find items for their children and stocking the tables. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer this week.

## Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

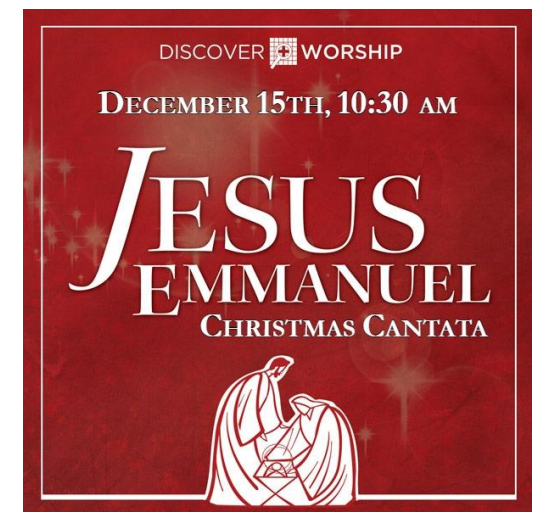
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Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship (Advent)  
11:30 AM UMM Meeting  
4:00 PM Children's Choir  
4:00 PM Youth  
4:00 PM German Worship Service

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

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



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.

**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)



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