



### 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.

### 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!

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| Archie Shivar                   | Sammy Roen          |
| Audrey Oppenheim                | Greg & Tina Hartman |
| Charles Cancellare              | Scott Fletcher      |
| The Hampton Family              | Marty Duncan Family |
| The Gee Family                  | CHUMC Homebound     |
| Nita & Jonathan Horne           |                     |
| Prayer for Carolyn's Family     |                     |
| Netche                          |                     |
| Bette Fugit                     |                     |
| Kurt Maerschel – Confirmand     |                     |
| Emily Smith – Confirmand        |                     |
| Betty Peace                     |                     |
| Judy Bull                       |                     |
| Rick Hallstrand                 |                     |
| Jocelyn Barnard                 |                     |
| Beverly Holmes                  |                     |
| The Family of Bruce Breeding    |                     |
| The Family of Barbara McConnell |                     |
| The Family of Betsy O'Connell   |                     |



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

December 3, 2019

### – Pastor's Message –



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In week three of our series about reversing the accelerating decline in churches, we look at a factor that may not seem to be a part of Chapel Hill's experience. In Week One, we discussed the impact of the decline of Cultural Christianity which provided benefits for people to be in church even if they may not all have been devoted disciples. In Week Two, we discussed the departure of the Builder Generation who was born before 1945 and was loyal to institutions. This week's factor from church consultant Thom Rainer is the migration from rural areas and small towns to the cities.

Now, we may not feel as though CHUMC fits in this reason for decline. We are not rural. Farmers Branch is not as small as other towns with a population of 40,209 as of 2018. Yet, as we have mentioned before, it is a town that has seen its share of migration over the years, especially in CHUMC's immediate neighborhood. White flight caused a radical shift in the population dynamics of Farmers Branch as people moved to other suburbs to avoid the integration of schools and the accompanying bussing of children to facilitate the diversification of schools. Beyond that, many of our members' children and grandchildren have relocated to newer suburbs, exurbs, and even near downtown areas after completing school as they settled down with their families and/or in new careers, fitting another cultural trend of our day. This left a dramatic ethnic change in its wake in CHUMC's neighborhood and in Farmers Branch. While CHUMC has historically been a predominantly Caucasian church, its neighborhood is now predominantly Hispanic. And census data shows that the majority of the Caucasian population in CHUMC's neighborhood is elderly. We certainly should not forget nor neglect the fact that there are Builders and Boomers in need of a church home and the love of God, but they are less likely to have not already addressed that need, and our most likely harvest is among Hispanic families. This is a change many churches are not ready or equipped to address.

Thankfully, CHUMC is adapting to its changing context. With the assistance of the North Texas Conference, CHUMC was able to bring Idalia Luna, our Hispanic Ministries Pastor and Family and Children's Minister, on staff more than a year ago. Pastora Idalia serves at CHUMC in the new church planting role of indigenous planter. This is a role that has arisen out of the current social context.

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## Upcoming Usher List

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  
12/30 – Robert Putnam, Linda Pace, Fred Maxwell, Ruth Fuls

## 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.

## Congregant in Need of Newborn Supplies

Chapel Hill Family,  
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

## IMPORTANT: Newsletter Submissions

This is to let everyone know we will not be having a newsletter the weeks of both Christmas and New Year's. Additionally, if you want something in the newsletter for January 5<sup>th</sup>, it will need to be submitted no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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)



Howard Stansell 12/3	Melanie Willhite 12/4	Taylor Horn 12/7	Joseph Hwang 12/7
Diella Kim 12/10	Kaeden Lara 12/12	Kandy Burdette 12/15	Edie Whitney 12/20
Donaleah Dedrick 12/22	David Ricks 12/24	Yongjoon Shin 12/25	Riley Dobbs 12/26
Brian Fuller 12/26	Danny Joslin 12/26	Millie Welch 12/26	Sandra Ball 12/29
Emilija Slavinskas 12/30	Mary Fagan 12/31		

## 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.



## Pastor's Message Part 2

After much research on the best practices for church planting in the twenty-first century, the North Texas Conference changed its church planting funding approach from one in which they were funding full time planters in fairly independent efforts seeking to plant an altogether new church to a model in which planters serve in their planting role part time while holding a second paid role in the church or in a second job. In this model, the church plant begins within an existing church but with the necessary autonomy to be flexible and adaptable. The goal is not necessarily to plant an altogether new church but a new worshipping community within the existing local church to reach new ethnic and/or generational constituencies.

This effort empowers CHUMC to share God's love with the people in the community. But what can we do to further address the migration impact on CHUMC? Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Support Pastora Idalia in her ministry. There are ways to do so and people being reached by her ministry that do not require someone to know Spanish. If you do not know Spanish, find out who/what they/those are. If you do know Spanish, then you know there are plenty of ways to chip in and share God's love.
- 2) Remember there are Caucasian and other Builders and Boomers who need to know God's love as well. Take notice of who they are in your neighborhood and consider how you might share the love of God with them.
- 3) Take note that Farmers Branch itself is growing. The city is expected to double in population with an increasingly diverse population over the next decade. Keep your eyes open for where these new people are and where they gather. Think about how we can share God's love them.
- 4) Pray. Be in prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide us and shape us so we may meaningful, transformative relationships with all new people we encounter.

Believe you me. The harvest is plentiful. Let's work together in reversing decline by harvesting in the mission field we have been given.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. J.D. Allen

## Church Calendar

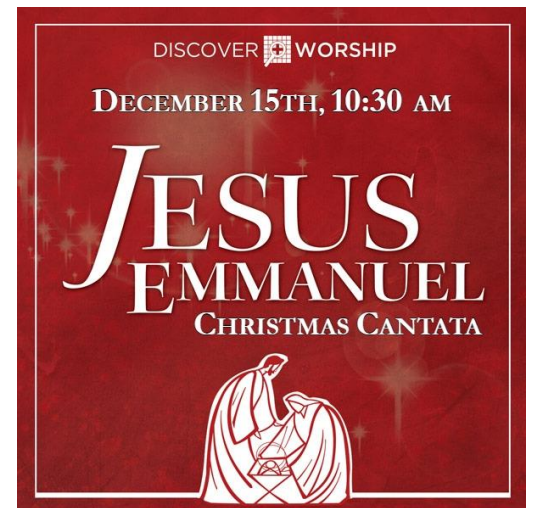
Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Plus 4's Square Dancers  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 8<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 Children's Choir  
4:00 PM Youth

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM Worship meeting

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
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.