



### Pastor's Message Continued

Also, we want to share our stories with one another. Please let me know if you would be willing to write a newsletter article that will be published in this space sharing your experience with God's grace during this practice of discipline and devotion. They will be published anonymously given our teaching that we should parade our religious observance before others. We will need submissions for our newsletter by Wednesday on March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 for publication in the next week's newsletter. We look forward to hearing from one another as we journey together this Lenten season.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

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| Archie Shivar               | Garth & Cassandra Gelker |
| Audrey Oppenheim            | CHUMC Homebound          |
| The Hampton Family          |                          |
| The Gee Family              |                          |
| Nita & Jonathan Horne       |                          |
| Kurt Maerschel – Confirmand |                          |
| Emily Smith – Confirmand    |                          |
| Betty Peace                 |                          |
| Jocelyn Barnard             |                          |
| Scott Fletcher              |                          |
| Jennie Leamons              |                          |
| Tom Sanders                 |                          |
| Jim Hanigan                 |                          |
| Edrese Hanigan              |                          |
| Justin Hardin               |                          |
| Nancy Ochoa and baby Anaya  |                          |
| Gary & Judy Anderson        |                          |
| Dixie & Lynn Copeland       |                          |
| Linda Pace                  |                          |



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

February 18, 2020

– Pastor's Message –



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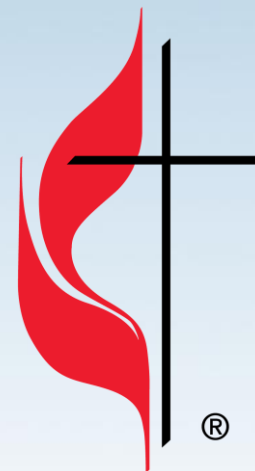
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Chapel Hill Family,

By next Wednesday, we enter again into the season of Lent, our 40-day season of discipline and devotion. As United Methodists, we speak often of our disciplines, or means of grace, which we know we can practice as the ordinary means by which we can receive grace in the prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying stages of our faith journey. Lent provides a special time with practices we often view as seasonal which provide an opportunity to take a deeper look within ourselves. This inward look gives us a time to consider with seriousness our human condition and sin, with its disastrous consequences for our lives and our societies. Historically, it was a time for new converts to make final preparations for baptism into a life of discipleship, a time for reassessment and renewal for those who are disciples, and a time for restitution and restoration for those who were once disciples.

With this in mind, we are trying something different this Lenten season. Often, people will fast from a particular food or drink, or social media, in an effort to be reminded on their reliance on God while reading a devotional with a Lenten focus. This year at CHUMC, we are combining these aspects into one with a different focus on fasting. Our devotional this year will include a daily fast that hold a different focus over ten-day rotations. We will pass through the ten-day rotation four times during the 40 days of Lent, which does not include the non-fasting days of Sunday, which are always a feast day (note feast day, not overindulgence day) in our Christian tradition. As we pass these rotations, each fast will be connected to devotional lessons which will seek to refocus our lives whether we are disciples-to-be, disciples already, or disciples once again.

It is our hope during this season of discipline and devotion, that God's grace will transform our lives, our church, our society, and our world with God's reign of love. We hope you will join us in this journey. As you join us in this effort of discipline and devotion, the fast and devotional booklet will be available on Sunday, February 23, so you may begin with us on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

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## Upcoming Usher List

2/23 – Sandra Fletcher, Barbara Tatum, Fred Maxwell, Pat Moore  
3/1 – Craig Davis, Mitchell Davis, Tom & Jan Wooldridge  
3/8 – Kandy Burdette, Linda Pace, Larry & Andrea Rains  
3/15 – Dave & Ilene Oldfield, Robert Putnam, Barbara Tatum  
3/22 – Meredith Freeman, Nathan Moore, Ruth Fuls, Pat Moore

## Campus Ministry Advisor Needed!

Chapel Hill Family,

As some of you may know, I'm working on starting a chapter of Synergy Wesley Foundation over at Brookhaven just up the road. For this campus ministry to be an official student organization, I need someone to be a faculty advisor. If you or someone you know might be willing please reach out to me via the office email ASAP. Thanks once again for your support!

Regards,

Adam Richards



**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)



Veronica Law 2/12  
Habib Khoury 2/24  
Kathy Scheihagen 2/26

Adam Richards 2/17  
Jacob Rangel 2/24

Ana Christensen 2/21  
Sarah Baird 2/26

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will, as a church, observe this special day. As you know, the Lenten season is 40 days of reflection as we prepare for Easter.

At 6 pm, on Ash Wednesday, we will partake in a Break-Fast meal. Everyone is encouraged to fast after your evening meal on Tuesday until 6 pm on Wednesday. For some, the fasting could range from no food at all to just giving up one meal or snacks.

When we gather, we'll enjoy a meal of breads, fruits, cheeses and juice. Afterwards, we'll celebrate the day with a service of reflection and imposition of ashes. There will be a bulletin insert for the next couple weeks to sign up to bring food items.

## Safety Awareness Training

CHUMC is hosting a Safety Awareness Class Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 7:00-9:00 pm to help CHUMC members learn valuable safety skills that can be used in many emergency situations.

FB Police Crime Prevention Officer Steve Rutherford and FB Fire Dept. Emergency Management Specialist Lauren Sanchez will teach ways to keep yourself safe in the event of an active shooter or other emergency and provide Stop the Bleed hands-on training.

All Chapel Hill members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need to know if you are coming so please sign-up by calling the church office or emailing Jan Wooldridge at [jhwool51@gmail.com](mailto:jhwool51@gmail.com).



## Family Fun Night Food and Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! FFN is coming up and we need people to help our PT families feel welcomed. If you would like to volunteer to be part of our hospitality group that evening please let Idalia or Berenice know as soon as possible. If you are not able to make it out to FFN and would like to support this event, you are welcomed to bring chips or cookies before February the 20th. Thank you! – Berenice

## February & March Mission Organizing Project

Chapel Hill Family,

Kasandra Hampton was a youth here at Chapel Hill and she needs some help. She is about to become a teen mom to a baby girl and is needing baby items to help them get started. We will be collecting items till March 15th. If you have any questions, ask Meredith Freeman. Please help this new mom get off to strong start and show our love and support for her and her baby girl

- Diapers newborn-1 size
- Wipes
- Baby Hygiene items
- Baby girl clothes newborn-3 month sizes
- Bibs
- Burp cloths
- Walmart gift cards

Love, The Outreach Team

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM PT Family Fun Night

### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Children's Choir  
4:00 PM Youth  
5:00 PM Chili Cook-Off

### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Finance Meeting  
7:30 PM Church Council

### Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 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.