



### Youth Trip Continued...

In our time of reflection, our youth said that the best part of Bridgeport is the 'Connection' (a fantastic Methodist response). They had connections to Bridgeport, to God, to the other people who attend camp. Every trip proves to give us meaningful experiences of worship, learning, and community, and I am happy that we as a church have started investing so much in Bridgeport. For the near future, I expect that we will attend every summer and winter camp at Bridgeport, so that our students can continue to strengthen their connection with other peers, adults, and God. Thank you for the investment you have made in our children and teenagers, in mentorship, money, and prayer. Of course, on February 23rd you will have the opportunity to invest in all three ways, while you eat delicious chili, at our fifth annual chili cook-off!

All the best,

Adam Lubbers, Youth Director

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



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

February 4, 2020

– Pastor's Message –



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Chapel Hill Family,

This past Sunday, we began our worship series entitled "The Blessed Life." As we explored "The Beatitudes" in Matthew 5:1-12 together, we explored the connections between Jesus' teaching and Isaiah. These connections exist because when God arrived in the flesh, God did so in the midst of the Jewish prophetic tradition.

The Old Testament prophets all addressed serious issues among the people called to be a light to the world. Their history was one of call, obedience, disobedience, judgment, and restoration, a cycle that continued as God remained committed to the covenant made with the people even when they turned away. They worshipped idols and false gods in lives shaped by unfaithfulness to the God who had created them, delivered from slavery in Egypt, and called them. The result of this unfaithfulness was the Jewish people being shaped by the values of the nations around them rather than shaped by the love and mercy of God.

These false values led to their formation as a people whose lives were full of injustice. The poor, the immigrant, the orphan, the widow, and other vulnerable people were neglected, abused, and exploited rather than embraced and loved the way God loves all people. This is the situation addressed by the major and minor prophets, especially Isaiah, the collection of writings from the prophets which is cited directly or alluded to in Matthew and the other gospels more than the other prophets.

I mentioned this connection in worship a few weeks ago and suggested we take time this year, as we read through Matthew in this year's lectionary, to also read through Isaiah. The more we do so, the clearer the connections between Isaiah, the gospel writers, and the teachings of Jesus will become. And the clearer our call as disciples will be. As we continue this series entitled "The Blessed Life" I invite you to join me in this reading.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



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## Upcoming Usher List

2/9 – Joel & Kim Rangel, Gaje Allen, Ruth Fuls  
2/16 – Robert Putnam, Ava Allen, Kandy Burdette, Charlie Wood  
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



## Youth Trip to Bridgeport

For those of you who were in church last week, you probably noticed that many of your teenagers were out. We were not skipping, but Katy Allen and I took four of the church's youth to Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, the official camp of the North Texas Conference's Bridgeport Camp. It is the same camp that we went to in July, but the programming for this one was completely different. It was Midwinter I, and Midwinter has often been led by CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries). This means that everything at this camp was led by youth--from the small group activities to the fundraising for the Youth Service Fund.

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**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

## Giving Tree Success!



Thank you to everyone who gave to the Giving Tree for Genesis Women's Shelter! This was our 3rd year supporting this amazing organization that helps women and children escape from an abusive home. Every donation matters and thanks to you, these children and moms will have a little bit more comfort!

Love,

Your Outreach Team



## 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,

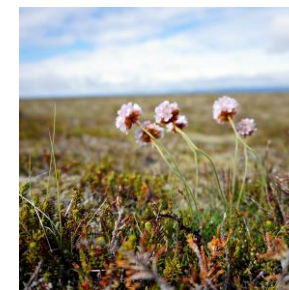
Adam Richards

## 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.



## Flower Signups Open!

Our new flower signup sheet for 2020 has been posted outside the copy room. To sign up, please leave your name as well as the reason for your order on the signup sheet and deliver checks to Jan Wooldridge at least one week in advance of the display date. The cost is \$35 per arrangement.

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Children's Choir  
11:30 AM Children's Council  
11:30 AM Family Life Meeting  
3:00 PM NTC Immigration Summit  
4:00 PM Youth

### Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Worship Meeting

### Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
10:30 AM Memorial Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

## Children's Choir

Children's choir is changing rehearsal times, beginning Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll move to 11:30 am, immediately after worship, for 30 minutes. See you then!

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.