



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

May 4, 2020

– Pastor’s Message –



Hello CHUMC Family,

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I know those of us who are able to be right now are at home. You are home on this weekday perhaps disappointed, as I am, that we were once again unable to gather for worship. And I am sure it does not help that we continue to have difficulties with our livestream. We even had our internet service provider out last week to check everything out. But, alas, someone fed the Mogwais after midnight and the technological gremlins attacked once again. Nevertheless, we continue to troubleshoot this week and hopefully can find a consistent solution.

Also, we know the current pandemic creates a lot of issues. Indeed, social distancing makes it harder to love one another as we are called to do by Christ Jesus. Many of us, due to age or health, are strongly encouraged to remain at home even as restrictions may be lifted. Personally, I think, based on my limited knowledge, the restrictions are being lifted too soon where we are. But I will happily be proven wrong.

However we feel about the timing of this attempted phasing out of quarantine, there is one thing we can do to love one another as Christ loves us: wear a mask whenever you go out. Now, we have heard a lot of confusing things about masks and about their effectiveness. Much of this confusion arises, in my understanding, about what we believe the purpose of the mask is. If you want a mask that will keep you from being infected, there are few types of masks that will achieve that result and they must be switched out regularly and specially fitted to do so. In addition, if we all sought out these masks, the medical professionals would have an even harder time getting these masks which are already in woefully short supply.

On the other hand, if your goal is to limit the possibility you could infect others if you might be unwittingly infected, these can be rather easily achieved to a significant degree. As Spencer Platt reports in *The Atlantic*, a simple fabric mask can reduce the number of particles transmitted from our mouths by as much as 99%. It can reduce the reproduction rate of the coronavirus from 2.4 other people to under one. Fewer particles means less likelihood of spreading infection. It also means the cashier at your local grocery store or other retail establishment experiences far less exposure over a shift, week, and month, decreasing the likelihood of severe infection.

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Prayer List

The Hampton Family	Katy's grandfather
The Gee Family	Charles's family member Dot
Jocelyn Barnard	Edrese's caretaker Esther
Scott Fletcher	Jamie Rigsby
Jennie Leamons	Mike McClure
Tom Sanders	Pastora Idalia and her children
Hector Marroquin	Melanie Willhite
Robert Hager	Joanne Marchant's new kittens
Wendy Canfield	Kim Lucero
Daniel	Don Keim
Lola Magee	CHUMC Homebound
Eileen Francis	Those affected by COVID-19
Dot and Others	Nurses and Doctors
The family of Jan Wooldridge in the loss of her nephew	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Dottie Powell	Those who have lost jobs
Jim & Artie Palmer	Students and teachers taking classes online
Mike Burngardner	Parents of students
Margaret's friend Berna	First responders
Charles Cancellare	All patients in NY hospitals
Jaime Rigsby's brother	Medical personnel who are working
Doe Payne	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Rev. Allen's brother-in-laws	Travel restrictions being lifted
Jimmy and John	
Lee Willhite's friend Rick	
Brian Hutson	

Please Help Support Our Neighbors

We hope you can join us in giving to support our neighbors in need during this pandemic. A family at Chapel Hill Preparatory Academy has two members who have tested positive for COVID-19 and been unable to work. They need about \$1,800.00 to pay their rent and utility bills. We have set a goal to raise \$4,000.00 by May 17 to support this family and the increased need at Metrocrest Services. Please give as soon as you are able so we may alleviate this first family's need which grows more urgent by the day.

Sack Summer Hunger is Coming Up!

Sack Summer Hunger is fast approaching. If you are under 65 and can volunteer on Saturday mornings, please let Meredith Freeman know.

RoughRiders Baseball Game Postponed

Two possible replacement dates are Sat., Aug. 1st and Sat., Aug. 8th. So take those dates down and once confirmed, please sign-up in the hall.

Pastor's Message Part 2

How can you get a mask? Well, a team of women has made several and would be happy to share while supplies last. Just let CHUMC know.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. A simple way we can do this is by putting on a mask if we must go out.

They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen

Please Note:

While we are unable to gather, please remember CHUMC still has expenses. Please continue to make your faith pledge offerings by mail by sending them directly to our treasurer, Jan Wooldridge, at 12930 Mitchwin Road, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

Please send prayer requests to Alec and Adam at office@chapelhillumc.org. Please note, the office is closed during the week per Dallas County's Stay at Home Order, so the phone is not being checked. If you are unable to email, please ask someone with email to send your information to the office email or contact J.D. at (972) 467-7756.

In the case of a pastoral care emergency, please contact J.D. at (972) 467-7756.

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



Leslie Joslin 5/4	Pat Moore 5/8
Todd Swanson 5/9	Kristen Hampton 5/12
Silvia Ochoa 5/14	Ralph Minton 5/16
Laurie Peake 5/19	Clare Connally 5/21
Margaret Young 5/22	Ruth Fuls 5/25
Charles Loper 5/27	

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