



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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- Pastor's Message -



**Chapel Hill UMC**

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In our current sermon series on Paul's epistle to the Romans, we have mentioned mutuality a few times. The life of mutuality contrasts with the life of exploitation as exhibited in the life of the mind that is set on the flesh. This is the life of self-pleasing. It is the empire mindset.

In a society where we have been reared to be individualistic, mutuality is challenging to embrace. Like many disciplines in life, it requires practice to achieve proficiency. It takes effort to replace judgment with empathy. Speaking with listening. Blaming with caring. Tribal with universal. Exclusive with inclusive. Me with us.

Yet mutuality is worth the effort. Romans 8:10 tells us, "...the body is dead (though not literally) because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness (just living)." The Spirit is life and life is beautiful. It is just. Imagine, as hard as it may be, that we find more beauty and more life as we give up more of ourselves for the good of others. As the Spirit enables us to do so, we embrace and live out the law of God more and more each day. As we do so, we become more beautiful together. We live into the beauty God intended when God uttered, "Let there be light."

Let's be the light in an unjust world today.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

## Prayer List

The Hampton Family	David Mercer and Family
The Gee Family	Robbyn Smith (Cranford)
Jocelyn Barnard	<b>Those affected by COVID-19:</b>
Scott Fletcher	Nurses and Doctors
Jennie Leamons	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Tom Sanders	Those who have lost jobs
Rev. Allen's family in search of jobs	Students and teachers taking classes online
Charles Cancellare	Parents of students
Jamie Rigsby	First responders
The Medcalf and Keeler Families in the death of Sally Medcalf	All patients in hospitals
Charles' aunt's boyfriend	Medical personnel who are working
David Rice	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Peggy Shoemaker	Bell County residents, including Iris Shivar's family
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## Online Book Club

You may have heard our youth chose a book entitled *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas to read in their youth book club. It is the fictional story of a sixteen-year-old African-American girl navigating between different cultures and who finds herself under pressure from all sides when she witnesses the shooting of her best friend by a police officer. The story was inspired by the 2009 shooting of Oscar Grant III in Oakland, CA. Some adults at CHUMC heard what the youth were doing and wanted to read this book as well.

The book club will meet on July 15, 22, and 29 at 7:15 pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 415 350 3052 for video.  
Dial (346) 248-7799 to connect for audio only.

## Zoom Kids Bible Study

Join us for Zoom Kids Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 pm, led by Barbara Tatum! We will meet starting tomorrow, July 14th, with more Kids Bible Study on July 21st, and August 4th, 11th, and 18th.

## Zoom Kids Choir

In the same time slot as Zoom Kids Bible Study but on the last week of each month, we'll be having Zoom Kids Choir, led by Katy Allen! Join us on July 28th and August 25th at 7 pm for Zoom Kids Choir.

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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org). Please note, the office is closed during the week, 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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Judy Bull 7/10  
Tom Wooldridge 7/12  
Edrese Hanigan 7/18  
Pat Khoury 7/27

Ava Allen 7/11  
Daniel Bandy 7/17  
Nancy Putnam 7/25

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