



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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- Pastor's Message -

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#### Chapel Hill UMC

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Yesterday in worship we discussed Romans 12:1-8 and how laying down our ego is the first part of being a disciple and having our minds and lives transformed by God's grace, akin to a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. As Paul exhorted the people in the Roman church to lay down their egos, he stripped the church of any hierarchy which had apparently formed in the form of debating which spiritual gifts were greatest.

In explaining how the gifts and the gifted people are all part of one body, Paul writes:

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

The gift that stands out to me here is "ministry, in ministering." No. Not because I am a pastor. We are all ministers in this priesthood of believers we call a church. And not because I think it actually ranks higher than the others. It is because the Greek here really translates better, "service, in serving." And I know while the people of CHUMC have missed in-person worship, they have missed serving their community and neighbors to a much greater degree during this pandemic.

However, the opportunity to do just that is just around the bend. Project Transformation After School starts on September 8. It is going to be virtual, like the Summer program, at least in the Fall with the exceptions of monthly food and supplies distribution. And you will still need to be under age 65 to serve in-person.

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## Prayer List

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| CHUMC Home Bound           | Jennifer and James                 |
| The Gee Family             | Sandy Ball                         |
| Jocelyn Barnard            | Neal Ellis                         |
| Scott Fletcher             | Jordan Moll                        |
| Jennie Leamons             | <b>Those affected by COVID-19:</b> |
| Tom Sanders                | Nurses and Doctors                 |
| Charles Cancellare         | All patients in hospitals          |
| The Rigsby Family          | Families who have lost people      |
| David Rice                 | and cannot have funerals           |
| Peggy Shoemaker            | First responders                   |
| Robbyn Smith (Cranford)    | Medical personnel who are          |
| Loretta Culp               | working                            |
| Barbara Larsen and family  | Parents of students                |
| Jordan Hammett             | Senior citizens in nursing homes   |
| The Ditino Family          | Students and teachers taking       |
| The Family of Anne Thweatt | classes online                     |
| Townes                     | Those who have lost jobs           |

## Pastor's Message Continued

However, the after-school program has ways you can serve if you are over age 65 via Zoom, including reading to children and providing homework help. I know many of you have so graciously and persistently learned to use Zoom so we can stay connected in some way. Now, we can use our newfound skills to serve our community. If you are interested, please let Melanie Willhite know by email at [melaniewillhite@hotmail.com](mailto:melaniewillhite@hotmail.com) or by phone at (214) 335-3365.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



Our Sack Summer Hunger program has wrapped up another successful year of helping families and children fill the meal gap in the summertime. Although COVID-19 impacted our process, that did not stop us and our volunteers from safely coming together to ensure children in our communities were fed throughout the summer.

This year:

- **183,206 meals** were delivered to children and their families.
- **451 families** were served every week.
- Healthy meals were provided to **1,150 children** each week.
- **218,103 pounds** of food were distributed.

Thank YOU for making this year a success!

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)



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| Faye Chapman 8/4     | Gaje Allen 8/11       |
| Jonathan Fehlau 8/14 | Kassie Hampton 8/21   |
| Kirk Connally 8/23   | Meredith Freeman 8/23 |
| Lynn Laney 8/29      | Rob Laney 8/29        |

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