



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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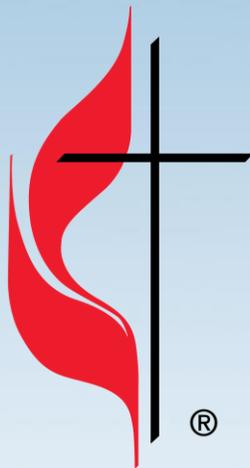
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It appeared the Arizona Cardinals were done yesterday. After trailing the Buffalo Bills by two scores early in the third quarter, they rallied to score 17 points in the final 6 minutes of the quarter to grab the lead. They protected that lead until Josh Allen hit Stefon Diggs in the endzone for the go ahead score with a mere 34 seconds remaining in the game. Surely, their fate would be the same as USC's in 2006 when Vince Young scampered into the Rose Bowl end zone to give Texas the lead and the national championship with seconds remaining (Sorry. I have to mention that championship since Murray chose both Texas A&M and Oklahoma over Texas).

With 11 seconds left, Arizona managed to advance the ball to Buffalo's 43-yard line but the game appeared over. Then, Murray takes the snap, eludes a defender running free, sprints to his left, suddenly spins 180 degrees to his right, plants his feet, and lets the ball fly to the end zone. There is DeAndre Hopkins but he is surrounded by three Bills defenders. The ball sails into the crowd of players and Hopkins reaches up and pulls down an improbable touchdown with 2 seconds remaining. The Cardinals win! The outcome of that game changed improbably in the blink of an eye. They had won on another one of those passes reminiscent of Roger Staubach's Hail Mary heave to Drew Pearson in the Dallas Cowboys' 1975 NFC Divisional Round game against the Vikings.

Life is much more challenging than football and far more generally hangs in the balance. And this year has likely made us feel as though the clock is running out on our possibilities for the future. But be assured today. Jesus tells us that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. The game is far from over. The improbable can, and will, come to pass and we can place our faith in that.

This does not mean if we pray hard enough and believe hard enough that we will get what we want. Nor does it mean we will never suffer harm if we just believe. After all, if that was the case, Jesus must not have had enough faith.

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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Kay Randall
The Gee Family	Leon Willhite
Jocelyn Barnard	Clara Knight and family
Scott Fletcher	We give thanks for the safe arrival
Jennie Leamons	of Savannah - the newest
Tom Sanders	great-grandchild of Janis and
Peggy Shoemaker	the late Kermit Coggshall.
Robbyn Smith (Cranford)	Rusty George family fighting
Jordan Hammett	COVID-19
Neal Ellis	Those affected by COVID-19:
Project Transformation After	Nurses and Doctors
School	All patients in hospitals
Grace Smith	Families who have lost people
Candace George	and cannot have funerals
A Praise the Lord for Candice for	First responders
Barbara Edward's	Medical personnel who are
granddaughter Candice's	working
Healing	Parents of students
Elina Bunker	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Margaret Ellison's Family	Students and teachers taking
Alex Kaplinsky	classes online
Judy Charvat	Those who have lost jobs
Kaye Bandy	

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What it does mean is that God's love cannot be stopped, no matter what challenges or evils, seek to stop it. God's will for this world will come about on earth as it is in heaven. God's future will come to pass. That which assaults the earth and its people today will fade into memory. We can throw up our prayer and know it will be received by God. Love will win.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

Help Decorate for Advent!

Needed: 6-8 helpful sets of hands to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. We'll be putting up our Christmas tree, advent wreath, nativity scene, and other wreaths. Meet at church on Saturday, 11/28 at 10 am. Call or text Pat Moore (214/773-1408) to volunteer.

Children Collecting Food for Metrocrest

Starting Sunday, Nov. 8, the annual Succoth Booth will be displayed in the sanctuary. The children of Chapel Hill encourage everyone to bring food items to help Metrocrest feed families in need.

There will be a cart under the awning on Sunday morning before church, with some of the kids to help unload your car. If you're not able to bring on Sunday, you can bring during the week, from 9 am to 12 pm. Please call the office to let them know you're coming and place your donations at the door.

Items requested include: canned meats, canned fruits, soups, rice, mac & cheese, baking items, peanut butter.

The booth/collection of food will be for 3 weeks, through Nov. 22.

While we have reopened the campus for in-person worship, please note that remains the only time we are gathering in the building as we continue to navigate the pandemic. The office is open during the week but we ask that you call and make an appointment if you need to come to the campus for any reason and wear a mask while you are here. This will help us monitor traffic in the building and manage the number of airborne droplets.

Going forward, your faith pledge offerings may be sent to the church office.

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



Martha Johnson 11/3	William Maxwell 11/6
Donna Daggett 11/12	Claudia O'Shea 11/14
Vin Scheihagen 11/16	Sandra Fletcher 11/19
Sherri Stansell 11/26	Kenneth Stansell 11/26
Carol Rose 11/28	Donna Hoisington 11/29
Evelyn Womble 11/30	

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