



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC
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Senior Pastor

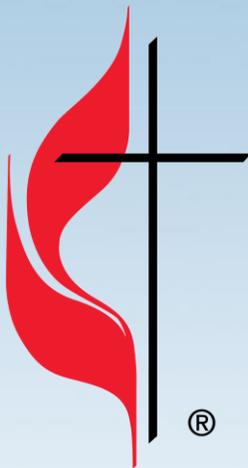
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I hope everyone had a happy, yet safe, Thanksgiving. We know that, while preparing for the Thanksgiving meal may have been simpler this year, the holiday contained other challenges in 2020 that provided an emotional and mental toll you do not always encounter on Thanksgiving. Also, as we have entered into Advent, we continue to wrestle with the pandemic as we will be worshipping online for, at least, one more Sunday. However, there are a number of things available to us during Advent that may help us navigate this holiday season in which we anticipate the return of Jesus the Christ and the full manifestation of the Reign of God on Earth as it is in Heaven.

First, thank you to those who have replied to the Christmas Eve survey as we seek to determine the best way to welcome Christ and God's reign in a safe, yet meaningful, manner. We do, however, want to provide an opportunity for those who have not previously responded to the survey to do so. If you have not already responded to the survey, please respond by December 4, 2020, by clicking on the following link and answering the questions:

<https://forms.gle/dkAd83b43tDntNw6A>

Next, I invite you to join us via Zoom on Thursdays during Advent from 7 to 8:30 pm for our annual Advent Study. We are studying the book *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* which leads us to explore an "altogether" love, hope, joy, and peace in our lives. It builds on John Wesley's sermon "The Almost Christian" which called on Christians to follow Jesus the Christ with their whole hearts.

If you would like to join the study, books will be available at the church office and are available where ebooks are sold. Please call ahead to pick up a copy of the book. If you are unable to get out, please let us know and we can arrange delivery. You can join us on Zoom online by using the following:

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 869 4928 6886

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86949286886>

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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Clara Knight and family
The Gee Family	Doug Laing
Jocelyn Barnard	The Ochoa Family
Scott Fletcher	The Family of Rusty George
Jennie Leamons	Scott Bandy
Tom Sanders	Those affected by COVID-19:
Peggy Shoemaker	Nurses and Doctors
Robbyn Smith (Cranford)	All patients in hospitals
Jordan Hammett	Families who have lost people
Neal Ellis	and cannot have funerals
Project Transformation After School	First responders
Candace George	Medical personnel who are working
Elna Bunker	Parents of students
Margaret Ellison's Family	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Alex Kaplinsky	Students and teachers taking classes online
Judy Charvat	Those who have lost jobs
Leon Willhite	
Kay Randall	



Christmas Poinsettias

Decorating for Christmas 2020 will be simple. Only ten (10) poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for Christmas' services.

Please contact the church office (office@chapelhillumc.org) by Monday, December 7, to contribute toward the cost of the poinsettias. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church marked for poinsettia.

Phone Issue

Our main phone number is working again! Please call 972-241-3491 to reach us or leave a message. Thank you everyone for understanding while we were working on this.

Regards,
CHUMC Staff

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Also, we have ordered our annual Advent devotional. This year's devotional is Praying the Jesse Tree and has an accompanying children's devotional. These will be available at the church office. Please call ahead to pick yours up. If you are unable to get out, please let us know and we can arrange delivery.

Finally, Bishop McKee will be sharing weekly video devotionals that can be viewed at ntcumc.org/advent-2020, on the Facebook page North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the YouTube channel North Texas Conference of the UMC.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen
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To reduce community spread as we return from Thanksgiving, we will be worshipping online only until December 13th. The church office will be closed until December 7th, although we can still be reached by phone at 972-241-3491 and by email at office@chapelhillumc.org.

Your faith pledge offerings may still 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



Howard Stansell 12/3	Melanie Willhite 12/4
Kandy Burdette 12/13	Riley Dobbs 12/26
Mary Fagan 12/31	

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc