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Pastor's Message

Franciscan friar Richard Rohr of the Center for Action and Contemplation writes, "Love is the energy that sustains the universe, moving everything toward resurrection."

Love is that self-giving approach to life revealed to us in the Triune God embodied in Jesus who came to reveal love to a world held captive by its opposite. If love moves "everything toward resurrection" that means that love is life-giving and its opposite is death-dealing. Anything that is not love is death.

This is a staggering thought as we continue through a period of months, years, perhaps decades of death-dealing in our lives. Isolation. Division. Wars. Pandemics. Injustice. Riots. Insurrections. In this wake we find ourselves not only needing to give love but to receive it as well. Into this void steps Jesus, seeking to embrace and heal us. He stands in solidarity with us in the midst of our suffering and despair and offers us the love of the dearest friend we will ever have. Through this experience, we learn the healing power of love and are empowered to share this love with others and stand in solidarity with all others in their suffering and despair.

As you deal with the troubles you are currently facing in your life, know Christ is with you. Christ loves you. And that love overcomes death and gives you life.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound The Gee Family Jocelyn Barnard Jennie Leamons Tom Sanders Jordan Hammett Neal Ellis Project Transformation After School Alex Kaplinsky Scott Bandy Neal Ellis Norman Duren Amy Swanson Judy Charvat Sylvia McFalls Debbie Coleman The Family of Judy A. Bull The Guerin Family Edrese Hanigan Nancy Hartman

Carol Jones Allie Bosher Larry Rains The Family of Sandy Allen Melissa Hatch Matt and Casey Sanders **Beverly Holmes** Those affected by COVID-19: Nurses and Doctors All patients in hospitals Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals First responders Medical personnel who are working Parents of students Senior citizens in nursing homes Students and teachers taking classes online Those who have lost jobs

Chapel Hill Family,

Just wanted to offer a note of thanks for funding a new webcam and microphone for Synergy Wesley Foundation's Brookhaven ministry! They will go a long way to ensuring an engaging and enriching fellowship experience. Chapel Hill's generosity is much appreciated!

Regards, Adam Richards metrocrest services building a stronger community together



You did it!

In just over a month, you raised \$100,000 for the Food Pantry! Your efforts unlocked an additional \$100,000 matching gift from Metrocrest Hospital Authority.

\$100,000 provides 600,000 meals + \$100,000 match = 1,200,000 meals to feed your neighbors in need!

"Now, it's more important than ever that funding is available to provide nutritious food to local families experiencing food insecurity," said Metrocrest Services CEO Tracy Eubanks. "Last year, we saw a 275% increase in neighbors visiting the food pantry, many for the first time. We anticipate this trend will continue well into 2021."

THANK YOU for helping to build a stronger community together!

Please Note:

The CHUMC Reopening Team has decided to continue worshipping online only for the time being. The church office will be closed for inperson visits during this time.

Tithes and offerings can be sent to the church address or 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 that although the office is closed to in-person visits during the week, we can still be reached at the above email and by phone at (972) 241-3491.

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



Joseph Kim 2/5 Veronica Law 2/12 Adam Richards 2/17 Habib Khoury 2/24 Sarah Baird 2/26 Steve Fuls 2/11 Annika Young 2/12 Ana Christensen 2/21 Jacob Rangel 2/24 Kathy Scheihagen 2/26

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