



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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March 1, 2021

### Pastor's Message

In our Embracing the Journey Lenten worship series, we continue to embrace the journey of the covenant initiated by God as God seeks to restore all humanity and all creation from the power and effects of sin and death. Our call to deepen our discipleship this Lenten season is a call to be a Spirit-empowered part of that restoration in our time and place.

As I think about this vision of a journey, I am reminded of the classic poem "Footprints in the Sand." You likely remember this story. An individual dreams of walking on the beach with God. At one point, things become difficult and this person sees only one set of footprints in the sand and wonder where God went. God explains, it was in these times I was carrying you. We may be isolated, or suffering, or facing hardships and opposition because we stand in solidarity with the oppressed.

As we journey down the path of discipleship, it is narrow and full of thorns, but God is with us to carry us through. Yet there are other times there is only one set of footprints on the path: when we depart from it. Perhaps the challenge of the journey was so difficult, we simply lost trust or felt we could not take it anymore. Thus, we went our own way down another path. One with less struggle. One with less opposition. One with much more comfort. The good news is there are suddenly two sets of footprints on the new path. God joins us on that path, out of deep, deep love, to remind us who we are, remind us of our call, remind us of our purpose, and bring us back to the path.

The journey can be a challenge, but God is always with us. God may be carrying us through troubling times. Or God may be just behind us when we have gone our own way when we have chosen what appears to be the easier path. Whenever you feel God is nowhere to be found, we can trust God is with us, either carrying us through the storms or beckoning us back to the journey on the hopeful path.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen  
Senior Pastor



#### Chapel Hill UMC Staff

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## Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Edrese Hanigan
The Gee Family	Nancy Hartman
Jocelyn Barnard	Matt and Casey Sanders
Jennie Leamons	Beverly Holmes
Tom Sanders	<b>Those affected by COVID-19:</b>
Jordan Hammett	Nurses and Doctors
Project Transformation After School	All patients in hospitals
Alex Kaplinsky	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Scott Bandy	First responders
Norman Duren	Medical personnel who are working
Amy Swanson	Parents of students
Judy Charvat	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Sylvia McFalls	Students and teachers taking classes online
Debbie Coleman	Those who have lost jobs
The Family of Judy A. Bull	
The Guerin Family	

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- Safe arrival of Garrison Bull - grandson of Judy G. Bull and the late Bob Bull. Garrison joins his big brother Van and his parents Tommy and Wendee.
- Edrese Hannigan is home safe and sound.

## Easter Lily Orders Are Open!

Easter lilies may be ordered for \$12 each. They will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. An insert honoring or remembering your loved one(s) will be placed in the bulletin. Your flower(s) will be available to take home after the service. All orders are due by **Noon** on Monday, March 15. Please complete one form for each order and be sure to print legibly. Make checks payable to Chapel Hill UMC and place them on Adam's desk in the church office.

## Conference Committees

It is that time of the year when to North Texas Conference is soliciting people who would like to serve on Conference Committees. The Committees on which they are looking for volunteers are; District Committee on Ministry, Finance/Trustees, Building and Locations, Superintendency and Nominations. I have job descriptions and a Profile Sheet to be filled out. If you have any interest or need more information, please contact me. I will need the completed information back to me by March 19th.

Thanks,  
Tom Wooldridge

## In-Person Office Hours

Since we have returned to in-person worship, we are returning to limited hours in the office as well. Please call or email ahead of time to make an appointment if you have in-person business.

### Our in-person hours are:

Wednesday: 8 AM - 1 PM (Alec)

Friday: 8 AM - 1 PM (Adam)

We will still be working the rest of our normal hours from home when we are not in the office. If you have prayer requests or if there's anything else you need, please send us an email at [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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)



J.D. Allen 3/8  
Kelsey Maxwell 3/26

Lee Willhite 3/15  
Tom Bull 3/26

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