



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

July 19, 2021

Pastor's Message

The Barna Group recently conducted research that reveals the church suffers from a disconnect from non-church goers. Their research revealed only 21% of non-church goers have a positive view of the local church. Truth be told, it is not just local churches. It is pastors as well, to a lesser degree. Only 48% of non-church goers trust pastors in their community. These trends are even more pronounced among Millennials, those aged 22-36.

In reviewing the data, we also find even church going Millennials have a less positive view of the church than their elders.

Pastor and church planter Carey Nieuwhof calls this a "self-awareness issue." He explains it is important for us in the church to reflect on who we are and what it is that creates the divide between us and the unchurched and us and those who are younger. Somewhere there is a deep disconnect and we owe it to God, our neighbors, and ourselves to do a deep dive of discernment and consider how we can be bridge builders in our community. It would be easy to blame the unchurched and Millennials. However, what if we listened to those who have a less positive view of the church and seek to reflect on how we can grow so that we can build more trust in our community.

The key here is that, while the numbers suggest a crisis, we have an opportunity to renew the mission to which we are called and to find continued spiritual growth in the process. In fact, a recent PRRI survey suggests that White Mainline Protestants have grown in proportion to the total population and the number of religiously unaffiliated has declined. It seems the needed self-reflection may be occurring already. This is an opportunity to grow in deeper relationship with those around us and to see God at work in us, through us, and around us. May we embrace the opportunity God is providing.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen
Senior Pastor



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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Scott Fletcher
The Gee Family	Cheryl Hanson
Jocelyn Barnard	David Brock
Jennie Leamons	Florida Building Collapse
Tom Sanders	Neal Ellis
Judy Charvat	The Family of Betty Matthews
Sylvia McFalls	Pat Moore
Debbie Coleman	Donna Daggett
Beverly Holmes	Those affected by COVID-19:
Norma Wood	Nurses and Doctors
Danny Halron	All patients in hospitals
Joy Conner	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Martha Johnson	First responders
Ronnie Hinton	Medical personnel who are working
David Rice	Parents of students
Sonny Miller	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Project Transformation Summer Program	Students and teachers taking classes online
Gary Fuls	Those who have lost jobs
The Family of Larry Nicholson	
The Family of Sue Reno	

Single Board Model Workshop

Join us to learn about what a simplified leadership structure could look like for CHUMC as we consider what is right for us. The workshop will be July 24th, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Hello Chapel Hill,
We wanted to thank you all for the outpouring of love and support at this past Sunday's reception. Courtney and I have greatly enjoyed being part of this wonderful community these past three years, and will miss all of you. Although I am moving on, I am not moving away. I want you all to know you can reach me at al7795@gmail.com, if you ever want to chat about something. I look forward to watching your future ministry!

All the best,
Adam Lubbers

Chapel Hill Family Game Night

Come join us for food, fellowship and some good 'ole competition Saturday, July 31 from 5:30-8pm. We'll have food, games and prizes. Feel free to bring your favorite game or choose from some of ours! We have cards, Phase 10, Sorry, Clue, Kootie, Monopoly, Bingo and we may even have some electronic versions for those young at heart! Doors open at 5:30pm, hope to see you there!

Blessings to you!

Your Neighbors and Friends at Chapel Hill



All Request Hymn Sunday

July 25 will be all request hymn Sunday. Email Blair at music@chapelhillumc.org with 1 or 2 of your favorite hymns or write them down on the request list in the narthex. The deadline is Thursday, July 22.

In-Person Office Hours:

Monday: 8 am – 12 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8 am – 4 pm

If you have prayer requests or if there's anything else you need, please send us an email at 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



Judy Bull 7/10
Tom Wooldridge 7/12
Daniel Bandy 7/17
Nancy Putnam 7/25

Ava Allen 7/11
Mitchell Davis 7/14
Edrese Hanigan 7/18
Pat Khoury 7/27

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc