



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

December 13, 2021

Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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Another school shooting a couple of weeks ago, this time in Oxford, Michigan. Hoax threats made at hundreds of schools across the nation last week. Devastating tornadoes sweep across multiple states this past December weekend destroying and uprooting lives.

These are reminders that while the celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons persist, life on earth with its many sorrows in a season of joy does not stop. People lose loved ones. Continued grief from loved ones long passed bubbles to the surface. Homeless people remain homeless. People are laid off. Covid-19 continues to impact lives.

In these times, we are thankful for God's grace as God walks with us in our suffering. This grace gives us the grace to embrace those who hurt. Those who are harmed. Those who are suffering. And everyone knows suffering to some degree so we can stand together in solidarity. We can provide a listening ear. We can help with both the tangible and felt needs of our loved ones and neighbors. We can advocate for justice to replace oppression alongside those who suffer injustice. We can be the hands and feet of God as the Holy Spirit empowers us and fills us so that we may share this love and grace with those in pain, so they might have assurance that God is with them even in their darkest of times.

Evil may persist. But God is good. All the time.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Nancy Hartman
The Gee Family	Adam Rice
Jocelyn Barnard	Daniel Youngblood
Jennie Leamons	Family of Jim Hoisington
Tom Sanders	Family of Joel Williams
Judy Charvat	Family of Jim Hunt
Beverly Holmes	Brigit Ilona Fincham
Norma Wood	The Oxford, Michigan community
Danny Halron	All affected by the tornadoes on Dec. 11th
Martha Johnson	Those affected by COVID-19:
Sonny Miller	Nurses and Doctors
Neal Ellis	All patients in hospitals
Donna Daggett	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Tim Harrison	First responders
Lynn & Dixie Copeland	Medical personnel who are working
Gary & Judy Anderson	Parents of students
Jayde's Nana	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Carter Tatum	Students and teachers taking classes online
Donna Hoisington's niece, Jana	Those who have lost jobs
Jim Taylor	
Cliff Bailey	
Grandma Gloria	
Yvette's kids	



Year-End Giving

Thank you to everyone who has been so faithful in keeping up your pledge this year.

As we approach the end of 2021 we hope you will remember Chapel Hill UMC and make a final gift to help us keep our programs going into 2022.

Please remember that all gifts must be received on or before December 31st in order to count toward your 2021 giving and meet IRS regulations. If it's important to you that your gift be recorded in 2021 please plan ahead and get it to the church or our treasurer Jan Wooldridge before December 31st.

We are collecting **coats, hats, gloves, and socks** to send to Genesis Women's Shelter through the month of December.

Please bring your donations to the Giving Tree in our main hallway.

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



Howard Stansell 12/3
Kandy Burdette 12/13
Mary Fagan 12/31

Melanie Willhite 12/4
Riley Dobbs 12/26

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