

December 20, 2021

Pastor's Message

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Chapel Hill UMC Staff

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CHUMC Family,

As we prepare for Christmas Eve and the First Sunday After Christmas, I write to share some news regarding worship over the next week.

Our Christmas Eve Offering this year will go to Mercy Ships which seeks to provide much needed healthcare across the globe.

Also, our COVID-19 safety team has decided that, due to the spread of the Omicron variant and the potential for larger attendance on these days, we need to take some added precautions on Christmas Eve and the First Sunday After Christmas on December 26.

With that in mind, please prepare for the following:

- All in attendance will be asked to wear masks.
- Those who are singing and speaking shall remove their masks while doing so. The one exception is the pastor will wear a mask while presiding over Holy Communion.
- We will maintain social distancing as much as the crowd size will allow. Ushers will be on hand to show people to their seats, sitting people on every other row until the crowd size requires otherwise.
- Everyone will be asked to sit within the family/household unit.
- During Holy Communion, people will receive Holy Communion by processing, one row at a time, down the center aisle. There, they will be served the bread with tongs and juice from the tray of individually poured cups. Afterwards, they will return to their seats via the outside aisles.
- Everyone will depart through the Fellowship Hall and wait until they are outside to congregate.
- Offerings may be dropped in the offering box as you enter the worship space or as you exit.

We thank you for your cooperation in these matters as we seek to continue to gather safely for worship as we have throughout this pandemic.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound The Gee Family Jennie Leamons Tom Sanders Judy Charvat Beverly Holmes Norma Wood Danny Halron Martha Johnson Sonny Miller Neal Ellis Donna Daggett Tim Harrison Lynn & Dixie Copeland Gary & Judy Anderson Jayde's Nana Carter Tatum Donna Hoisington's niece, Jana Jim Taylor Cliff Baliey Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids

Nancy Hartman Adam Rice **Daniel Youngblood** Family of Jim Hoisington Family of Joel Williams Family of Jim Hunt Brigit Ilona Fincham All affected by the recent tornadoes 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

2022 Servant Leaders

There are copies of the list of 2022 Servant Leaders available on the table outside of the church office.

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.

Thank You! Thank You!

My cup runneth over from all the love and prayers during this long year. I can never repay you for the food, cards, calls and all your prayers.

I am beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. The pain is better and I will begin injections into my back in the next few weeks. I am struggling with doing things one-handed as I fell and have a fracture in my wrist of the left hand.

In spite of all these challenges, I am truly blessed and wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year. May we remember Jesus is the reason for the season and bless His name in all we do!

Peace be with you, Nancy Hartman

Giving Tree

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 <u>office@chapelhillumc.org</u>. 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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