

December 27, 2021

Pastor's Message

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Merry Christmas!

I hope this newsletter finds you refreshed by a joyous Christmas celebration or strengthened by God's love if current circumstances have made Christmas difficult for you this year.

At Christmas we reflect on God's love being revealed in the coming of the Christ, God's Word, in the flesh. We also reflect on the coming return of the Christ when love will be revealed in all hearts as we join together in a Beloved Community of justice, mercy, and peace. Our holy scriptures point us to God's Word so that we can know the Christ and God's love more deeply everyday and grow in love as we mature.

As we approach a new calendar year, I wish to remind you of the opportunity we have to seek that spiritual growth and connection in 2022 as we read through our entire canon of scripture together. This can be done individually, though I do encourage you to enrich the experience by joining with a small group or a reading buddy. Think of it as a Bible Book Club.

There are multiple ways you can join in the reading schedule which begins on January 3:

- Use The Bible Year Devotional. We have already purchased this book based on those who indicated interest. We did, however, purchase a few extra books and can always order more if you will let us know you want a copy. The cost is \$19. Please let us know if you need help with the cost.
- The 2022 Bible Reading and Worship Plan is printed and on the green table in the Narthex for you to take home with you.
- You can also purchase The NRSV Daily Bible with essentially the same reading plan at cokesbury.com or anywhere else NRSV bibles are sold.
- Each week's readings will be shared in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter.

May we be in prayer for one another, our local church, and our community as we seek the Christ together.

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

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

Family of Jim Hoisington
Family of Joel Williams
Family of Jim Hunt
Brigit Ilona Fincham
All affected by the recent
tornadoes

Betty Garrison Mike McClure

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

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.

Un-Hanging of the Greens

After worship on January 9th, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please come and help out if you can!



Human Relations Day

January 16th is Human Relations Day. This UMC Special Sunday offering benefits neighborhood ministries, community advocacy, and work with atrisk teens.

Jan. 2nd Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on January 2nd will be benefiting Metrocrest Services.



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

Join Us for Online Worship!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/

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