



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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CHUMC Family,

Yesterday we read and discussed Leviticus 16, which describes the pathway a loving God provided for a rebellious people to return to faith. The Israelites, the rebellious people in the Torah, continually failed to trust in the God of creation and the exodus and would rely on themselves, typically by being tempted to follow other gods whose way seemed more "normal" and beneficial. The loving God provided a pathway which required restitution in the animals to be sacrificed, humbling themselves before God through denying themselves, and committing to not harming the relationship in such ways anymore.

The lesson we learned yesterday was to accept God's atonement for our sins and embrace the way of life put before us. While we may not believe in penal substitutionary atonement, the idea that God was full of wrath and would destroy us in the end if Christ did not take our place, we know that God values us in spite of our sin and longs to be in a state of complete presence with us. However, we should approach God's presence casually. We, like the Israelites, have done harm to the God of creation and exodus, often through our behavior toward our neighbor. While God offers a gracious pathway of reconciliation through Jesus Christ, we must still humble ourselves and commit to loving God and neighbor going forward. After all, there is no reconciliation if we do not intend to change our behavior and continue doing harm.

The other lesson to learn is directly related and is mentioned above: reconciliation with our neighbor. This is an opportunity to practice toward others what God has practiced toward us; to love others the way God has loved us. Who have we harmed? How can we go to them, make restitution, humble ourselves, and commit to loving our neighbor going forward? Who have we been harmed by? How can we offer a pathway to reconciliation where they make restitution, humble themselves, and commit to loving us?

Is it possible there is a mutual need between the parties to reconcile harm?

Meditate on that today and remember, as God has shown us, love is the way.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Adam Rice
The Gee Family	Nancy Hartman
Jennie Leamons	Brigit Ilona Fincham
Tom Sanders	Betty Garrison
Judy Charvat	Martha Johnson, hospitalization
Beverly Holmes	Marie Rinker
Norma Wood	Edrese Hanigan
Danny Halron	Family of Mike McClure
Sonny Miller	Those affected by COVID-19:
Neal Ellis	Nurses and Doctors
Donna Daggett	All patients in hospitals
Tim Harrison	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Lynn & Dixie Copeland	First responders
Gary & Judy Anderson	Medical personnel who are working
Jayde Wisner's Nana	Parents of students
Carter Tatum	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Donna Hoisington's niece, Jana	Students and teachers taking classes online
Jim Taylor	Those who have lost jobs
Grandma Gloria	
Yvette's kids	



Annual Advance Meeting

This is our time to make plans
for the year ahead of us.
Saturday, February 12th at 9 AM

Bible Year 2022 Readings

Monday, 2/7: Num. 8:1-10:36
Tuesday, 2/8: Num. 11:1-14:45
Wednesday, 2/9: Num. 15:1-18:32
Thursday, 2/10: Num. 19:1-21:35
Friday, 2/11: Num. 22:1-25:18
Saturday, 2/12: Num. 26:1-31:54
Sunday, 2/13: Num. 32:1-36:13



ALL CHURCH MEETING

February 27th after worship

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



Steve Fuls 2/11
Annika Young 2/12
Habib Khoury 2/24
Sarah Baird 2/26

Veronica Law 2/12
Adam Richards 2/17
Jacob Rangel 2/24
Kathy Scheihagen 2/26

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