



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda

Chapel Hill UMC

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In addition to this coming Sunday being our annual Laity & Children's Sunday, it is also Reformation Sunday.

The above Latin phrase expresses a central tenet of the Reformation meaning, "The Church reformed, always reforming." It was used to express the passion for reforming the corruption that had formed in the Holy Roman Catholic Church which led to the undermining of the theology of grace which empowered the exploitation of the people through the sacrament of penance so as to generate great wealth for the Church. It was not necessarily that Luther, especially early on, disregarded the practice of penance. He despised its corruption that led to what was seen as a works-based theology as opposed to faith by grace. It was not unlike Jesus lambasting those in the temple for the selling of sacrificial animals, a practice that likely made sacrifice more inaccessible to the poor. Both practices placed heavy burdens on the people.

The Church aims to be always reforming. After all, if we see as Paul says, "through a mirror darkly," we should never think that we have arrived, but that there is still growth in love and understanding ahead of us. Reform requires a vital mix of faithfulness, humility, and love. We are in the midst of a time of church reform, especially in the United Methodist Church as we continue to struggle over the place and role of LGBTQ+ people in our Church. It is a long road we continue down that has caused a lot of harm to a lot of people because, sadly, when people in the Church disagree on doctrine and/or ethics, we do a poor job, historically, of loving one another. This is especially true, because, when times of reform arise, there are usually strong disagreements over what the reform needs to be.

Reform is a necessary part of being in the Church. It is part of our history. But may we change that history by choosing to proceed in love.



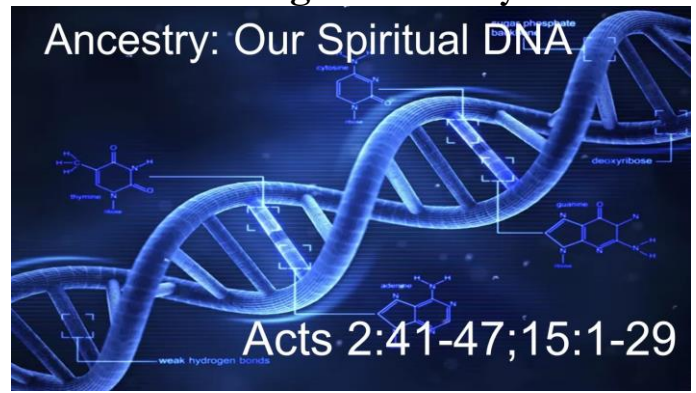
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***Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen***

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Ralph Minton
The Gee Family	Kevin Patterson
Tom Sanders	Gloria (Pinson) Ming
Judy Charvat	Kandy Burdette
Beverly Holmes	Judy Bull
Danny Halron	Steph Rayes
Donna Daggett	Anne Richardson's family
Tim Harrison	Juan Torres' friend Issic
Jim Taylor	Juan Torres' friend Ray
Grandma Gloria	Family of Archie Shivar
Yvette's kids	Family of Susan Maxwell
Betty Garrison	David Loper
Martha Johnson	Hurricane Ian victims
Edrese Hanigan	Ukraine
Evelyn Womble	Mass Shooting Victims

Coming this Sunday!



Laity & Children's Sunday

Featuring Paige Chenault of The Birthday Project

Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 am

Metrocrest Services Peanut Butter Drive

Please join us as we collect peanut butter donations through the month of October to help the food pantry at Metrocrest Services restock their dwindling supply and our neighbors can spread some love on their toast.

UM Student Day - November 6

We will receive this special offering of the UMC as our November Communion offering. This special offering supports scholarships for United Methodist student leaders of tomorrow entering all professions. This offering becomes all the more important with the rapidly rising cost of higher education. Please be in prayer for how you can support this offering.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 6

Thanksgiving Feast

We are beginning to plan for our Thanksgiving Feast and need some information from the congregation. It will be right after worship on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20th). It will help tremendously if you let us know if you are coming and how many guests you will bring. It will also help us if you know you will NOT be there.

Laity & Children's Sunday

Our children and youth are very excited to partner with our church members to lead worship on Sunday, October 30! They are also excited about supporting the Birthday Party Project! Do you know we can all help support their effort over the next two weeks? We plan to gather donations so our children can shop on the Birthday Party Project's Amazon wishlist for things like dolls, bracelet making sets, headphones, etc. Please be on the lookout for a youth or child of CHUMC to ask for your support!

Bible Year 2022 Readings

Tues. Oct. 25	John 20:1-21:25
Weds. Oct. 26	Acts 1:1-2:47
Thurs. Oct. 27	Acts 3:1-5:16
Fri. Oct. 28	Acts 5:17-7:60
Sat. Oct. 29	Acts 8:1-9:43
Sun. Oct. 30	Acts 10:1-12:25
Mon. Oct. 31	Acts 13:1-15:21

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



George Johnson 10/2	Iris Shivar 10/15
Madeline Davis 10/18	Wilson Moore 10/18
Oscar Lopez 10/20	Christopher Younger 10/20
Wesley Freeman 10/21	Robert Putnam 10/24
Jim Hanigan 10/25	Jan Wooldridge 10/29
Leslie Ochoa-Funez 10/30	Junior DeLeon 10/30
Denise Maxwell 10/31	

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