

**Pastor's Message** 

# November 14, 2022

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**Chapel Hill UMC** Staff

> Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

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Our Thanksgiving Feast is this coming Sunday. I, personally, was only able to experience this once in 2019 before the pandemic hit. Some of you have never experienced it. Others experienced the feast as your annual fellowship routine just before the Thanksgiving holiday. We gather around the table with meat and dressing provided by our Family Life Team and each of us brings a side and/or dessert. We share a table with people we love and cherish and reflect on the blessings from God for which we have to give thanks. It is a blessed time of sacred community.

As we near the Thanksgiving holiday, I think about the importance of gratitude. It is easy to get focused on the negatives in life and there often seem to be plenty to weigh us down and make us think we will not make it. The negatives are typically very real. There may be things that are presenting insurmountable odds that we may or may not be able to overcome. Someone or something was lost to us. There may also be traumas or other matters that lead us to need some help with our mental health.

However, even if we need additional help, it can shine a light into our lives to practice gratitude. When we think of the blessings God has given us and the blessings we have received from family, friends, and neighbors, it can remind us we are not alone. It can remind us that even when things are at their darkest, the light of God's loving hope can and will break through the night. This hope can give us the strength to carry on until the light shines forth.

Thanksgiving is about hope.



Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen

### **Prayer List**

CHUMC Home Bound The Gee Family Tom Sanders Danny Halron Jim Taylor Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Betty Garrison Edrese Hanigan Evelyn Womble Ralph Minton Kevin Patterson Ruth Fuls Sam Orton Gloria (Pinson) Ming Judy Bull Steph Rayes David Loper Jim Cranford Braulia Brown and Family Family of Susan Maxwell Family of Susan Maxwell Family of Mark Calverley Mass Shooting Victims Families of the Air Show victims Hurricane Nicole victims

### 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. 20<sup>th</sup>). It will help tremendously if you let us know if you are coming and how many quests you will bring. It will also help us if you know you will NOT be there. The meat and dressing are provided, and the sides are potluck.

#### Pledge Sunday is November 20.

You will be receiving your pledge packets from Andrea Rains soon. Please be in prayer concerning how you will support the ministries of CHUMC.

#### Succoth Booth Donations

Please bring your non-perishable goods to take to Metrocrest Services now through November 20th.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

It's time to order Red Christmas Poinsettias for \$15 each. All orders are due by Noon on Sunday, November 27. For detailed information, please see the order forms on the narthex table or call the church office.



## **Bible Year 2022 Readings**

Tues. Nov. 15	1 Cor. 10:1-12:31
Weds. Nov. 16	1 Cor. 13:1-16:24
Thurs. Nov. 17	2 Cor. 1:1-3:18
Fri. Nov. 18	2 Cor. 4:1-7:16
Sat. Nov. 19	2 Cor. 8:1-10:18
Sun. Nov. 20	2 Cor. 11:1-13:13
Mon. Nov. 21	Gal. 1:1-4:31

## Join Us for Online Worship!

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**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



Martha	Johnson	11/3	Vin	Scheihagen	11/16
Steve	Bandy	11/6	Neela	Metzger	11/17
Donna	Daggett	11/12	Carol	Rose	11/28
Claudia	O'Shea	11/14	М	Bandy	11/28
Cidudia O Jilea	O Shea	±±/ ± <del>+</del>	Evelyn	Womble	11/30