



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

Pastor's Message

December 12, 2022

CHUMC Family,

During this third week of Advent, we give thanks for the promise of joy as we encounter despair or circumstances that threaten to produce despair within us.

It seems, in the United States, that our bubble burst on September 11, 2001. Terrorists attacks. Warfare. Global Tensions. Racial Tensions. Recessions. Inflation. Injustice. Inequality. Pandemic. Contentious, even hate-filled, politics and elections. While it is not the first time our nation or this world have seen such turmoil, the times certainly changed rather suddenly and dramatically after a period of relative calm and security.

Add to that any personal, family, and communal drama and trauma, financial struggles, illness and injury, and other uncertainty inducing circumstances, and it can be hard to feel joyful or know where to find joy. With such struggles in mind, Hebrews reads:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God"

Jesus knew the road of faithfulness would not be easy, but he continued on the path, knowing the result of faithfulness would be joy. We, too, can embrace the promise of joy as we seek to follow faithfully. Circumstances change and we are not promised that all will be well throughout our lives. But if we push on in the faithfulness of love, if we will embrace the weightier matters of justice and mercy and faith, we will find our way to days ahead and to the final day of Christ's return and we know the truth of the Psalms that, "Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning."

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



Chapel Hill UMC
Staff

Rev. J.D. Allen
Senior Pastor

Kate Whitaker
Minister of Families

Melissa Sky-Eagle
Worship & Music

Jill Cox
Office Manager

Jim Hanigan
Building Manager



®

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Judy Bull
The Gee Family	Scott Fletcher
Tom Sanders	David Loper
Danny Halron	Jim Cranford
Jim Taylor	Alan Pollock
Grandma Gloria	Margaret Young
Yvette's kids	Braulia Brown and Family
Betty Garrison	Family of Susan Maxwell
Edrese Hanigan	Family of Mark Calverley
Evelyn Womble	Juan Torres' friend Sabrina
Ralph Minton	Family of Nicole Clark
Kevin Patterson	Martha Johnson
Ruth Fuls	Mass Shooting Victims
Sam Orton	Families of the Air Show victims
Gloria (Pinson) Ming	Hurricane Nicole victims

This Sunday



The Good Life: Love
1 John 3:11-24

Giving Tree for Genesis Women's Shelter. We are collecting items for Genesis Women's Shelter. They are in special need of women's shoes sizes 6-10, women's leggings/pants in all sizes, reusable cups, and bed pillows. Donations can be placed under the Giving Tree in the main hallway throughout Advent.

Church Council meets Monday, December 12th at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 PM.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM



Giving Tree For Genesis Women's Shelter
Donations can be placed under the tree in the main hallway throughout Advent.
See the bulletin for more details.

Bible Year 2022 Readings

Tues. Dec. 13	Heb. 12:1-13:25
Weds. Dec. 14	James 1:1-2:26
Thurs. Dec. 15	James 3:1-5:20
Fri. Dec. 16	1 Pet. 1:1-2:25
Sat. Dec. 17	1 Pet. 3:1-5:14
Sun. Dec. 18	2 Pet. 1:1-2:22
Mon. Dec. 19	2 Pet. 3:1-18

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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



Melanie	Willhite	12/04
Kandy	Burdette	12/13
David	Ricks	12/24
Riley	Dobbs	12/26