



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

Pastor's Message

December 19, 2022 CHUMC Family,



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Yesterday in worship, we focused, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, on 1 John 3:11-24, John's call to us from Christ that we love one another. Love is the way that we bear witness to the return of Christ which we anticipate in our annual journey through Advent and Christmas.

With this in mind, let us reflect on these words from 1 John 4:7-9:

"Beloved let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him."

This is a reminder that, in love, we encounter not only a characteristic of God, but the very identity of God. Love is how God is drawing us out of the chaos and death into life.

We are tempted to participate in the chaos and death of life. We often participate in the hate mongering, scapegoating, and demonization of others in our social and political lives. We may take advantage of or oppress others in our economic lives while saying, "That is just how business is done." We may even manipulate and/or verbally abuse others, triangulate people against one another, and gaslight and straight deceive others to get our way at home and among friends and coworkers. Yet, when we do, we have lost sight of the very thing that gives us true hope and fulfillment: love, for God is love.

As we approach Christmas, let us embrace love. Let us embrace God, for the love of God brings healing and life. It brings resurrection. It brings liberation. God through love, assures us that Christ will indeed return and restore all creation to God's image. Let us love one another and all our neighbors as a witness to the same.

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



Prayer List

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

Our Communion offering in January will support United Methodist Human Relations Day.



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 2022, we hope you will remember Chapel Hill UMC and make a final gift to help us keep our programs going into 2023.

Please remember that all gifts must be received on or before December 31st in order to count toward your 2022 giving and meet IRS regulations. If it's important to you that your gift be recorded in 2022, please plan ahead and get it to the church or our treasurer Jan Wooldridge before December 31st.

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.

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

Human Relations Day. Our Communion offering in January will support United Methodist Human Relations Day, which strengthens UM outreach to communities in the US and Puerto Rico to support social justice ministries and work with at-risk youth.

Christmas Day. We will have worship on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM. Come as you are.



Bible Year 2022 Readings

Tues. Dec. 20	1 John 1:1-3:24
Weds. Dec. 21	1 John 4:1-5:21
Thurs. Dec. 22	2 John, 3 John, Jude
Fri. Dec. 23	Rev. 1:1-2:29
Sat. Dec. 24	Rev. 3:1-5:14
Sun. Dec. 25	Rev. 6:1-8:5
Mon. Dec. 26	Rev. 8:6-11:19

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