



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

Pastor's Message

December 5, 2022 CHUMC Family,



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In this the second week of Advent, we give thanks for the promise of peace in the midst of the brokenness of hostility. Hostility is an all too-present reality in our lives. At home. At work. At school. In the community. In the social sphere. The economic sphere. The political sphere. The religious sphere.

In Ephesians 2, we find acknowledgement of hostility within humanity as it relates to the circumcision and how it created hostility between Jews and Gentiles. It is here the Ephesian church hears that it is in Christ that the two hostile parties have been reconciled. The dividing wall that was the hostility between the parties has been broken down as they are formed by God's grace and learn to love, rather than oppress one another. Through Jesus, there is peace. It is peace brought about by the cross wherein Christ confronted the hostility of the world and received its full hostility in his person and yet overcame the death that resulted through resurrection. Hostility was revealed to have no ultimate power. The result was peace.

This peace is available to us as we seek to grow in discipleship and have the love of God and neighbor overwhelm our hearts. How tragic it is, then, that we find such hostility between us throughout this world, especially in the church where, after Christ broke down the dividing wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles, we have built up so many more dividing walls over the centuries within the church and in other religions and in our domestic and foreign politics.

But the one whose life, teaching, death, and resurrection overcame hostility promises that these walls will be broken down as well when Christ returns, if not, by God's grace through the Holy Spirit, little by little before Christ's return.

Peace is one of the several gracious promises of God we reflect on this Advent. Promises we can bear witness to by living them out today with the Spirit's empowerment toward love. The promise will be fulfilled and is being fulfilled even today. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

***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	Family of Mark Calverley
Ralph Minton	Juan Torres' friend Sabrina
Kevin Patterson	Family of Nicole Clark
Ruth Fuls	Mass Shooting Victims
Sam Orton	Families of the Air Show victims
	Hurricane Nicole victims



The Good Life: Joy
James 1:2-4



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.

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.

Welcome Reception

On December 11th immediately following worship, there will be a welcome reception for our new staff members, Kate Whitaker, Minister of Families, and Jill Cox, Office Manager. Please join us.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM

Bible Year 2022 Readings

Tues. Dec. 6	2 Tim. 3:1-4:22
Weds. Dec. 7	Titus 1:1-3:15
Thurs. Dec. 8	Philemon 1-25
Fri. Dec. 9	Heb. 1:1-3:19
Sat. Dec. 10	Heb. 4:1-6:20
Sun. Dec. 11	Heb. 7:1-9:28
Mon. Dec. 12	Heb. 10:1-11:40

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