



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

Pastor's Message

January 2, 2023

CHUMC Family,



Chapel Hill UMC

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This Friday is Epiphany. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the magi to the home of Jesus as they sought out the light of Christ as seen in the stars. This revealing of God, like others like it in the scriptures, is known as epiphany. In recognition of the experience of the magi on the final day of the Christmas season, we invite the light that drew the magi to Christ into our hearts and homes.

To celebrate and commit yourself to follow the light of Christ this year, you may observe a brief ceremony at home with family and/or friends. You can start with a prayer, followed by a Christmas carol. It can be any song about Christ and Christmas or the magi. This is followed by chalking the doorway of your home to reflect the blessing of Christ on your home and your commitment to the light.

This year you would write 2023 CMB 2024. The numbers signify the span from January 6, 2023, to January 6, 2024. CMB has two known meanings. The first is Caspar (not the friendly ghost "Casper"), Melchior, and Balthazar: the names of the magi as known from Christian tradition. The second is, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat." This is not a spell from Hogwarts. Rather it is a Latin phrase meaning, "May Christ bless this dwelling."

After marring your doorway, you would say a prayer of blessing asking that your family and all who visit your home in the next year find peace, comfort, love, joy, hope, love, and salvation in the light of Christ that has come to dwell in your homes and hearts.

For more information on this blessing ceremony you may go to the following website:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/an-epiphany-blessing-of-homes-and-chalking-the-door>

May the light and love of Christ fill our hearts and homes this year.

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



Prayer List

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



Unhanging of The Greens,
Sunday, January 8th after worship.



Church Office Hours

For this holiday week, the church will have the following hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Thursday: 10 AM – 2 PM

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

Unhanging of The Greens. Sunday, January 8th after worship

Church Council Meeting. Monday, January 9th at 7 PM

Annual CHUMC Advance Meeting. Saturday, January 28, 2023: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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Save the date!
Saturday, January 28th is our
Annual CHUMC Advance Meeting
from 9 AM- Noon.

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



Jazlin	DeLeon	1/6
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Judy	Charvat	1/13
Glen	Womble	1/15

Jose	Ramirez	1/17
Amy	Swanson	1/18
Janis	Cogshall	1/22
Barbara	Tatum	1/29
Sarah	Bandy	1/30