Pastor's Message

February 13, 2023

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CHUMC Family,

The Lenten Season is just nine days away. As you may recall, Lent is that season of fasting, discipline, and devotion, in the weeks leading to the Easter season. Historically, these were weeks of intensive preparation for new converts in their journey towards baptism. Today, it often still serves that person while also including preparing young, baptized disciples to decide if they want to become professing disciples through confirmation, providing space for those who are considering if they want to profess faith in Jesus Christ, helping us to focus on the next steps God is shaping in our lives in our lifelong discipleship journey toward Christian Perfection.

We will start the Lenten journey with our annual **Ash Wednesday Break** Fast and Worship starting at 6:30 pm on February 22 in the fellowship hall. We invite everyone to fast on Ash Wednesday and join us as we break the fast together with a light meal before moving into the sanctuary for worship, including Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes as we start the Lenten discipleship journey together in full hope that the love and grace of God will continue to pour into our lives as we commit anew to personal and social holiness. As we make this commitment and grow in our love of God and neighbor, we fully trust that God's love and grace will spread in holiness across the land as we witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and obey his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Nancy Putnam is leading the planning of the Break Fast meal so please let her know if you would like to help provide some of the food and drink and other arrangements for the meal.

Throughout Lent, we will have a number of tools to guide us on our journey of discipline and devotion. Our Lenten worship series, Garden to Garden will take us on a journey through the gardens of the bible as we seek to find God at work in these gardens and in the garden of our lives. We will have a devotional for seniors entitled Season of Hope and a family devotional called Trust in the Lord that will guide parents in leading their children through Lent.

This will be a special Lenten season at CHUMC. Hope you will join us.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound Martha Johnson The Gee Family Don Oldfield Tom Sanders Andrea Rains Danny Halron Phyllis Hendrix Valerie Lach-Szyrma & Jim Taylor Grandma Gloria Family Yvette's kids Iris Shivar's sister Bea Edrese Hanigan Bea's son Scott Kevin Patterson No August, SC Dept. of Sam Orton Social Services regarding Bea's great-grandson Gloria (Pinson) Ming Judy Bull Lenox David Loper **RL Turner Community** Scott Fletcher Mass shooting victims Jim Cranford Turkey & Syria Earthquake Margaret Young victims

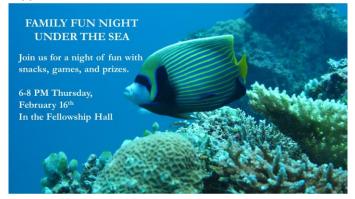
It's Frisco RoughRider Baseball Time Again

Because we had so many people who backed out of going to last year's game, we're going to change the method this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway, once I have enough people signed up, I will order the tickets and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 5th. I have picked May 20th as the Saturday to go; however, until I have the commitments and order the tickets I will not know where the seats will be nor the cost. For your planning purposes, figure the tickets will be no more than \$25.00 and I will get the best seats available at the time. You don't have to pay until the tickets are ordered; but you can.

Any questions, please contact Tom Wooldridge.

Announcements

<u>Church Council Meeting</u>, Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM





<u>Ash Wednesday Break Fast and Worship</u>, February 22nd at 6:30 PM

Church Office Hours

Monday: 10 AM - 2 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Thursday: 10 AM – 2 PM

For pastoral appointments outside of office hours, you may call the office to schedule.

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

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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



	Brianna	Lopez	2/06
,	Veronica	Law	2/12
	Adam	Richards	2/17
	Habib	Khoury	2/24
	Sarah	Baird	2/26
	Kathy	Scheihagen	2/26