



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC family,

Fifty-two years. FIFTY-TWO YEARS! That is how long the Texas Rangers have existed as a baseball club. That includes all 45 years of my life as a baseball fan.

What? You don't believe I was a Ranger fan when I was born. Well, I'll tell you what, I was born two months premature because I didn't want to miss Opening Day. Case closed.

And it's been a hard walk as a Rangers fan. The Rangers have more losses than wins in their history. The franchise didn't win a division title and earn its first playoff berth until 1996 and, then, proceeded to lose in the first round to the Yankees three times in four years. They didn't make the American League Championship Series or the World Series until 2010 and, then, went on to lose two consecutive World Series, including the 2011 Series of which I have had several flashbacks this past week.

But now the Texas Rangers have done it. The team I fought my way out of the womb to see, sorry Mom, are World Series champions. It has been a long wait, but now it is so worth it.

In some ways, sports is a kind of training ground for living the life of faith. We long to remain patient and faithful, but it's been 2,000 since Jesus' resurrection and the evil and suffering we see and experience is far and away greater than being a strike away from winning the World Series. It is often a matter of life and death. Yet faith is what we have to lean on and give us strength and hope, by God's grace. Revelation 22 gives us a picture of a river of the water of life flowing from God's throne and the tree of life resting on each side of that river. The tree has leaves that are for the healing of the nations. All nations. All humanity will finally submit to the way for which God gave us life. Evil, sin, and death will be finally overcome. Love will govern and we will know Love so deeply we will no longer need to be taught, as written in Jeremiah. The long wait for God's final new creation will have arrived.

The Texas Rangers are finally champions. But our greatest hope is knowing God is over all. Love will win.

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

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
The Gee Family	Evelyn Womble
Tom Sander	Leonard Calverley
Grandma Gloria	Charles Cancellare
Yvette's kids	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Edrese Hanigan	Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Kevin Patterson	Hiett
Sam Orton	Aaron Brooks
Judy Bull	Pat McCourtney
Scott Fletcher	Matt McCourtney
Jim Cranford	Rev. J.D. Allen
Don Oldfield	Minister Kate Whitaker
Martha Johnson	Hendrick
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Nancy Putnam
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Doe Payne
Judy Charvat	Ilene Oldfield
Linda Horton	Christopher Brown
Kathy Reynolds	Family of David Oldfield
(Barbara Tatum's Daughter)	Mass shooting victims
	Israel and Palestine



Succoth Booth Donations

Please bring your non-perishable goods to take to Metrocrest Services now through November 19th. Urgent items needed are Baking Goods, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Baby Diapers, Feminine Hygiene Products, and Adult Incontinence Supplies.



Poinsettias

It is time to order red Christmas Poinsettias for \$15 each. They will accent our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Your poinsettia(s) will be available to take home after the service. All orders are due by **noon on Sunday, November 26**. Order forms will be available in the Narthex or call the church office.

Announcements

Pledge Sunday is November 19.

You will be receiving your pledge packets from Andrea Rains. Please be in prayer concerning how you will support the ministries of CHUMC.

Advent Decorating, Sunday, November 19 at 11:30 AM.

Outside Service, Blessing of the Animals has been postponed to **Sunday, December 3 at 2 PM in the Prayer Garden.**

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



Melissa	Sky-Eagle	2-Nov	Claudia	O'Shea	14-Nov
Martha	Johnson	3-Nov	Vin	Scheihagen	16-Nov
Steve	Bandy	6-Nov	Neela	Metzger	17-Nov
Stuart	Peake	8-Nov	Chris	Crowe	20-Nov
Donna	Daggett	12-Nov	M	Bandy	28-Nov
			Evelyn	Womble	30-Nov