



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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November 27, 2023

### Pastor's Message



#### **Chapel Hill UMC**

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CHUMC family,

We will be celebrating the new year this Sunday. No, really!

The start of Advent is our new years on the church calendar. We mark the new year with a season of awaiting the return of Christ as we prepare for the celebration of the advent of Christ at Christmas. This is a season where we are reminded once again of the hope God has for us. No matter our struggles. No matter what we've done. No matter the corruption of sin in our lives. Advent is a reminder that God embedded within us an inherent beauty and goodness and God longs, by God's grace, to help us reveal that embedded goodness. This spiritual unveiling enacts a transformation that impacts not only ourselves but those around us and helps us collectively find fulfillment in this life and hope for the next.

During Advent, we are also reminded of the inherent goodness that resides within all humanity and all creation. Despite the sin, selfishness, greed, and violence we often see around us and sometimes catch ourselves participating in, Advent reveals the God of restoration of our communities and of the global community. A time is coming where we will see the value of selflessness and generosity, and neither shall we learn war anymore. And we will no longer teach one another about God because God's grace and our empowered response to said grace will make our knowledge of God complete. Love will fully overtake our hearts, souls, and minds. Justice and equity will persist. Diversity will be embraced. The spirit of imperialism will be overcome by the Spirit of Love.

Christ will come again.

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



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## 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	Minister Kate Whitaker
Don Oldfield	Hendrick
Martha Johnson	Doe Payne
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Ilene Oldfield
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Christopher Brown
Judy Charvat	Gail Hanigan
Linda Horton	Nancy Hartman
Kathy Reynolds (Barbara Tatum's Daughter)	Mass shooting victims
	Israel and Palestine

## Announcements

**Charge Conference** is Wednesday, November 29 at 7 PM.

**Family Ministries Meeting** is Sunday, December 3 at 11:30 AM.

**Our Communion Offering** on Sunday, December 3 will support Heifer International.

**Blessing of the Animals** is Sunday, December 3 at 2 PM in the Prayer Garden.

**Thursday Night Bible Study - The Art of Advent by Brenda Bogart** Come join us on Thursday nights starting on November 30 for our Advent study. We'll be reading excerpts from Brenda Bogart's new Advent Book, The Art of Advent, as we continue our journey to connect with our community around us. We will be participating in several community partnerships in the month of December to Connect including baking cookies and caroling at the Farmers Branch Fire Station #1, making goodies for our homebound members, and sharing joy with our neighbors at Emerson on Harvest Hill. Everyone is invited, won't you come join us this Advent Season? Class typically starts at 7pm on Thursdays. Contact Melanie Willhite at [melaniewillhite@hotmail.com](mailto:melaniewillhite@hotmail.com) or 214-335-3365 to sign up and get the lesson schedule for the month!

**SAVE THE DATE!** CHUMC is caroling at the Farmers Branch Rec Center on Saturday, December 9 at Pancakes and Pajamas - from 9-11am. Please mark this on your calendars to come join us to bring joy to the community. More details to follow next week!

CHUMC signed up to volunteer at the **Metrocrest Holiday Store** on Thursday, December 14 from 5-8pm. We have 12 spots total and 8 still available. We need volunteers and alternates so we have our 12 volunteers present to serve! Please contact Melanie Willhite at 214-335-3365 to sign up to help serve our community!

## Join Us for Online Worship!

**YouTube:** [bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Claudia O'Shea	14-Nov	Melanie Willhite	4-Dec
Vin Scheihagen	16-Nov	Kandy Burdette	13-Dec
Neela Metzger	17-Nov	Matt Schulz	16-Dec
Chris Crowe	20-Nov	David Ricks	24-Dec
M Bandy	28-Nov	Riley Dobbs	26-Dec
Evelyn Womble	30-Nov		