



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

December 18, 2023

Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,

Can you believe it? Christmas Eve is next Sunday. In a blink of an eye we will be celebrating the birth of Christ as we anticipate Christ's return as we do each Christmas. That also means 2023 is coming to a close. As it does, I wanted to share a few notes about the state of CHUMC.

First, your CHUMC Evangelism team just had an introductory meeting as we prepare for our work next year. Our goal will be to identify where our call, passions, and gifts align with the needs, passions, and desires of our community so we can see where God-given opportunities for love and discipleship lie over the next several years as we seek to continue and strengthen CHUMC's ministries and fruitfulness.

Next, I want to celebrate your commitment and stewardship. Throughout this year, many of you have consistently participated in worship whether it has been in-person or online. Additionally, many who have been unable to be here regularly due to health or their employment have been here as often as you could and still participated in our disciple making ministries as you were able. You have remained committed stewards and generously offered your gifts, graces, and finances to God and your local church so we can share God's love together. Your commitment is the engine that powers CHUMC.

Finally, I wish to share a note about end of year giving. Your generosity is vital to CHUMC's future. We have spent more than we raised this year. We have managed our expenditures as best as we have been able and the deficit was less than we anticipated, though we also supported our expenses by converting some of the funds in our capital improvements fund into general funds to support our budget. With this in mind, there are things you can do. First, if you missed Faith Pledge Sunday, you can still place your confidential pledge in the box by either bringing the card you received or using one of the extra cards on the table outside the sanctuary. Second, you can aim to bring your pledged giving up to date or make an extra mile gift to CHUMC to help us break even for 2023. If you are planning to give more to CHUMC before the end of the year, please make sure all funds are received by CHUMC by December 31. This year, that is a Sunday, so it may be easier for many of you.

I give thanks for you each day and look forward to us moving forward in 2024 together.

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
Judy Bull	Hiett
Jim Cranford	Aaron Brooks
Don Oldfield	Pat McCourtney
Martha Johnson	Matt McCourtney
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Doe Payne
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Ilene Oldfield
Judy Charvat	Gail Hanigan
Linda Horton	Nancy Hartman
Kathy Reynolds	Matthew Shivar
(Barbara Tatum's Daughter)	Mike Tatum
	The Family of Scott Fletcher
	Mass shooting victims
	Israel and Palestine

Thursday Night Bible Study time caroling and baking cookies for the Farmers Branch Fire Department Station #1.



We had a great time with the firefighters, and they loved the cookies!



Announcements

Christmas Eve Brunch Worship will be at 10 am. There will be no Sunday School.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:00 PM December 24.

The Church Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc



Pictures from caroling at Pancakes & Pajamas (not pictured are Pastor J.D., Nancy Putnam and her daughter Laura, and Berna Elizundia). We had a great time caroling at the event and even partnered for a whole with a local professional singing group!

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



Melanie	Willhite	4-Dec	Juan	Torres	2-Jan
Kandy	Burdette	13-Dec	Jazmin	DeLeon	6-Jan
Matt	Schulz	16-Dec	Jazlin	DeLeon	6-Jan
David	Ricks	24-Dec	Margarita	Ochoa	11-Jan
Riley	Dobbs	26-Dec	Sandra	Hammett	12-Jan
			Judy	Charvat	13-Jan
			Glen	Womble	15-Jan