



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC family,

Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Connection through your generosity in our observance of Human Relations Day on Communion Sunday. We raised \$87 to support the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach through Community Developers Programs, United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. I am so grateful that our local church shares each Communion Sunday to support local, denominational, and other causes which further the transformation of the world.

Speaking of making disciples for the transformation of the world (nice segue, eh?), our evangelism team spent some time together in prayerful Bible study this past Tuesday to explore the ways in which scripture calls us to listen as we seek to share God's love with those around us. A special word we encountered was, "ephphatha." The spittle flew around the room as we tried to pronounce this word. I hope we all had our shots! LOL!

This is the word Jesus spoke as he healed the deaf and mute man who was brought to him in Mark 7:32-35. It translates to "Be opened." He graciously ordered the ears of this man to be opened so he could hear. Often in the gospels, especially in Mark, these healing stories are used to illustrate how Jesus enables those who were previously unable to hear while many of the religious in his day refuse to hear Jesus' message even though they were able.

The Evangelism Team responded by discussing what earwax we sometimes have that needs a spiritual Q-Tip to clean out and remove the obstructions that may make it difficult to hear God's leading at times. Maybe we feel too busy or we're too busy speaking to listen. Maybe we lack interest. Maybe we are comfortable in our routines. Maybe it's the result of presumptions and prejudices. Maybe it's anxiety in situations in which we find ourselves.

Whatever it may be, God has a message for us. A calling to hear as we seek to fulfill our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world. As we worship, study, and pray and as we listen to God, one another, and our community in the coming months, may our ears, eyes, minds, and hearts be opened to what Christ is already doing and calling us to join.



Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

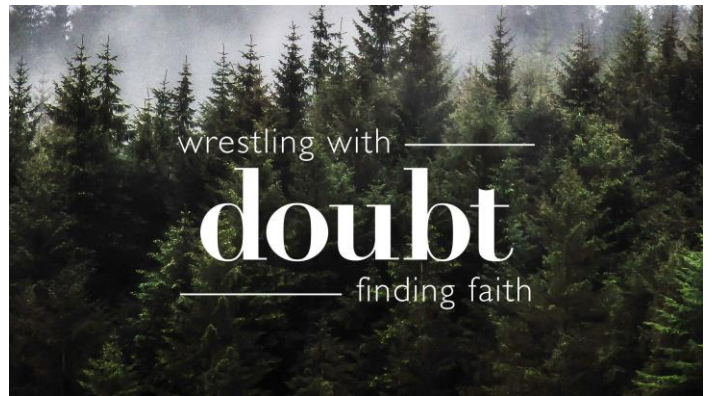
CHUMC Home Bound	Charles Cancellare
The Gee Family	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Tom Sander	Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Grandma Gloria	Hiett
Yvette's kids	Aaron Brooks
Edrese Hanigan	Pat McCourtney
Judy Bull	Matt McCourtney
Jim Cranford	Doe Payne
Don Oldfield	Ilene Oldfield
Martha Johnson	Gail Hanigan
Mike Hill (Barbara	Nancy Hartman
Tatum's son-in-law)	Matthew Shivar
Gay Keim (Kandy	Mike Tatum
Burdette's sister-in-	Joanne Marchant
law)	Habib Houry
Linda Horton	Janis Coggshall
Kathy Reynolds	Carl Young, Jr.
(Barbara Tatum's	The Family of Judy
Daughter)	Charvat
Scott Malone (Iris	The Family of Christi
Shivar's nephew)	Sealy
Evelyn Womble	Mass shooting victims
Leonard Calverley	Israel and Palestine

Announcements

January 28th CHUMC will be going to lunch at Marshall's BBQ after worship and everyone is invited. Please contact the office to sign up.

The Metro District will hold their annual Lay Leadership Training on **February 4th**, at University Park UMC – 4024 Caruth Blvd., Dallas TX 75225 from **2:00pm - 4:30pm**.

Mark your calendars for **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, Break-Fast and service beginning at 6:30 pm.



Wrestling with Doubt worship series runs:
 January 14 - The Existence of God
 January 21 - Is the Bible True?
 January 28 - Is Jesus the Only Way?
 February 4 - When Prayers Go Unanswered
 February 11 - Why Do the Innocent Suffer?

Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are
 Monday through 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.

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



Juan	Torres	2-Jan	Jose	Ramirez	17-Jan
Jazmin	DeLeon	6-Jan	Amy	Swanson	18-Jan
Jazlin	DeLeon	6-Jan	Janis	Coggshall	22-Jan
Margarita	Ochoa	11-Jan	Linda	Horton	22-Jan
Sandra	Hammett	12-Jan	Barbara	Tatum	29-Jan
Glen	Womble	15-Jan	Sarah	Bandy	30-Jan