CHUMC family,

### February 12, 2024

## Pastor's Message

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Chapel Hill UMC
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Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

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Jim Hanigan Building Manager Our CHUMC Evangelism Team began meeting in recent weeks to begin listening spiritually to where the Holy Spirit is leading CHUMC is mission and ministry as we seek to connect more deeply with our community and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They studied Matthew 7:32-35 to pray that God may open our spiritual ears to hear God's still small space and our eyes, hearts, and minds so we might see where God is already at work and is calling us to join.

Our Church Council and ministry leaders that attended the Advance on Saturday joined in the effort. They walked through the sanctuary and the rest of the building praying for all those who may sit in the sanctuary, or any other rooms on our campus this year. They stood outside at the four corners of the CHUMC campus and prayed for our neighbors. They prayed that God would break through in our community in new and miraculous ways.

CHUMC is also working with District Superintendent Rev. Edlen Cowley in putting together a task force in which we will do a deep analysis of our viability and opportunities for ministry as we seek to understand where God is leading us.

As we do all this, you are invited to join us in our collective three-week breakthrough prayer initiative at the start of Lent. Lent is a time in which we reflect on our urgent need for God, so this is an excellent time to seek God's guidance into the future. Your prayer support will be vital in delivering collective spiritual strength and discernment to our evangelism as they continue to listen.

Week One will begin on Wednesday, February 14. During that first week, you will pray at least once a day, "God, we know you are good. We know you are Love. May we be equipped to share your love with those around us. Open our ears to your voice."

Week Two will begin on Wednesday, February 21. During that first week, you will pray at least once a day, "God, we know you are good. We know you are Love. May we be equipped to share your love with those around us. Open our ears to the individual and collective passions, dreams, gifts, and longings of this congregation."

Week Three will begin on Wednesday, February 28 and ends on Tuesday, March 5. During that first week, you will pray at least once a day, "God, we know you are good. We know you are Love. May we be equipped to share your love with those around us. Open our ears to the individual and collective passions, dreams, gifts, and longings of our neighbors."

As you do this, keep a journal of what you are hearing in response to your prayer. At the end of the effort, you may turn in anything you hear to me as the journey continues.

Grace and peace,



Rev. J.D. Allen

## **Prayer List**

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sanders Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Edrese Hanigan Judy Bull Don Oldfield Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Charles Cancellare Aaron Brooks Jim Cranford and Family

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Gail Hanigan Matthew Shivar Habib Khoury Janis Coggshall Carl Young, Jr. Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) Garv Fuls **David Loper Evelyn Womble** Mass shooting victims Chilean Wildfire Victims California Flood Victims Peace, healing, &

restoration in war

torn areas

Easter lilies may be ordered for \$15 each. They will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. An insert honoring or remembering your loved one(s) will be placed in the bulletin. Your flower(s) will be available to take home after the Easter service. All orders are due by NOON on Sunday, March 3rd.

Order forms are available at the ends of the pews and in the hallway or you can call the church office for assistance.

## 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!

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#### <u>Announcements</u>

Our **February Outreach** collection will be for the Farmers Branch Animal Shelter. We will be collecting dog and cat food (both wet and dry), treats, cat litter, small animal food, and bedding. We want to show our furry community members all the love this month! If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Freeman.

**Ash Wednesday**, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast and service begins at 6:30 pm.

**Sunday, February 25**<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch after worship.

**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	6-Feb
Veronica	Law	12-Feb
Habib	Khoury	24-Feb
Sarah	Baird	26-Feb
Kathy	Scheihagen	26-Feb