

### March 4, 2024

## Pastor's Message

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**Chapel Hill UMC** Staff

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On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Exodus 19:16-17

The time in the wilderness upon their liberation from Egypt included great struggle for the Israelites. They were free. But they were hungry and thirsty at times. They were tired, wondering when the journey would end. They were afraid of the surrounding peoples and militaries. They were full of doubts and frustrations, wondering if it was truly better to leave Egypt. Yet God communes with them at the mountain. He takes the time to visit with a doubting, fearful people via Moses and the priests delivering the Torah. It gave the glimpse of the future in the present. It gave them assurance and hope.

Lent is a time to reflect on our wilderness experiences, whether past or present, and reflect on how God provides assurance with a glimpse of hope. God promises us that the Kingdom of God has come, is coming, and will come. Jesus has come to show us the way. The wilderness is not permanent. It will be tamed. In this season, we seek to refocus ourselves on the way of Christ, trusting that the God who is with us will bring us to our destination. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



## **Prayer List**

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sanders Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Judy Bull Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Charles Cancellare Aaron Brooks Jim Cranford and Family Matthew Shivar Habib Khoury Janis Coggshall Carl Young, Jr.

Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) Gary Fuls Mark Loper Joanne Marchant Claudia Marchant The Family of Evelyn Womble The Family of Jim Morgan Cranford Mass shooting victims Chilean Wildfire Victims California Flood Victims Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas

#### Announcements

Our **March Mission Emphasis** is Metrocrest Services. Urgent pantry needs are feminine hygiene products, canned soup, toilet paper, toothpaste, diapers, and cereal. Please bring your donations to CHUMC throughout the month of March. You may also give using the Metrocrest Services <u>Amazon</u> <u>Wishlist</u> or donate online <u>here</u>.



Saving Time starts. Remember to Spring forward and set your clocks one hour ahead.

**Sunday, March 24th** we will have a Potluck after worship at 11:30 am.

#### It's Frisco RoughRider Baseball Time Again!

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Once there are enough people signed up, the tickets will be ordered. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The dates chosen are either April 27, May 11, or May 25, as the Saturday to go; however, until we have the commitments and order the tickets we will not know where the seats will be nor the cost. For your planning purposes, figure the tickets will be no more than \$27.00 each and we will get the best seats available at the time, plus a \$10.00 food credit. You don't have to pay until the tickets have been ordered but you can.

Any questions, please contact Tom Wooldridge.

# 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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**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**: <u>office@chapelhillumc.org</u>



JD	Allen	8-Mar
Cindi	Moore	11-Mar
Anna	Schulz	12-Mar
Lee	Willhite	15-Mar
Haley	Byrd	16-Mar
Kelly	Lopez	17-Mar