



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

April 29, 2024

Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,

Have you been to Joya at Oran Good Park? It's a spectacular glow-in-the-dark playground designed for play at night. As it lights up, it cannot be missed. It's one of a kind in this part of the world. It is truly special.

The problem is, it is so special that multitudes wanted to see and experience the park. The park quickly became overcrowded and generated security concerns. Our city had to build a fence to manage capacity and track admission because the park is so popular.

Is it any surprise? People are drawn to light in the darkness. Just ask Jesus. He could hardly get away from the multitudes following His light just to eat and pray, let alone love. And it's our great privilege to point people to that light as a church. People are lost, hurt, oppressed, alone, rejected, depressed, and oppressed. Life may feel like a cavern of darkness with no hope for light. Our others exist in a somewhat lit space and think they have found all that life has to offer. Both of these thoughts prove lacking when the light burst into our lives.

This is a story we get to tell as United Methodists. We have known God's love and, in response, we love God and our neighbor. We share this love with others so they can experience the depth of God's love for themselves. We do this with hospitality. We do this with charitable giving and serving. We do this by hungering and thirsting for justice as we advocate with the marginalized so that they may find a welcoming space in the world around us.

The light in the darkness is our story. And it draws multitudes.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



Chapel Hill UMC

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Prayer List

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| CHUMC Homebound | Terri Moore |
| The Gee Family | Rev. J.D.'s Brother-in-Law |
| Yvette's kids | Rhonda Ramsey |
| Judy Bull | Steve Ramsey |
| Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law) | Julia & David Knutt |
| Aaron Brooks | Stacey Ramsey |
| Jim Cranford and Family | Greg Hartman |
| Matthew Shivar | Nancy Putnam |
| Habib Khoury | The family of Yvette's Grandma Gloria |
| Janis Coggshall | The Family of Lance Bryan |
| Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) | The Family of David Nunley |
| Gary Fuls | Bowie High School |
| Mark Loper | Mass shooting victims |
| Joanne Marchant | Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas |
| Claudia Marchant | |
| Wesley Freeman | |

Announcements

There will be a **Celebration of Life** for Evelyn Womble on Saturday, May 4th at 10am.

Our **Communion Offering**, Sunday, May 5th will support Chapel Hill Preparatory Academy.

RoughRider Baseball Game - For those who reserved tickets, please give your payment of \$27 per ticket to Tom Wooldridge and if you pay by check, please make the check out to CHUMC.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

Calendar of Events

| May | Mission Emphasis: Chapel Hill Prep-Teacher Appreciation |
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| Month of May | Fundraiser - Stocks |
| Sunday, May 5 | Communion Offering: Chapel Hill Prep Academy |
| Saturday, May 11 | RoughRiders Baseball Game 7:05 pm |
| Sunday, May 19 | Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am |
| Monday, May 27 | Memorial Day – Church Office is Closed |
| June | |
| Sunday, June 2 | Communion Offering: Peace with Justice |
| Sunday, June 2 | Family Ministries Meeting 11:30 am |
| Sunday, June 9 | Potluck 11:30 am |
| Sunday, June 9 | Fundraiser – Paddle with your Pooch 2:00 pm |
| Monday, June 24- Friday, June 28 | Bridgeport Camp: Jr. & Sr. |
| July | Mission Emphasis: Metrocrest/Chapel Hill Prep School Supplies/Back to School Backpacks |
| Thursday, July 4 | Independence Day – Church Office is Closed |
| Sunday, July 7 | Communion Offering: Metrocrest Services |
| Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12 | Bridgeport Camp: Children |
| Sunday, July 21 | Fellowship Lunch |

Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are
Monday through Thursday
10 AM – 2 PM

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

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



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| Linda | Pace | 18-Apr | Silvia | Ochoa | 14-May |
| Sarah | Womble | 23-Apr | Ralph | Minton | 16-May |
| Larry | Rains | 27-Apr | Laurie | Peake | 19-May |
| Fred | Maxwell | 29-Apr | Margaret | Young | 22-May |
| Sierra | Mendoza | 3-May | Ruth | Fuls | 25-May |
| Kristen | Hampton | 12-May | Charles | Loper | 27-May |