



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC family,

It is that time again. With one political party's convention last week and the other the next, we are once again. We are fully in the midst of yet another presidential election. These quadrennial events have become increasingly fraught with divisive rhetoric. The attempted shooting of former President Donald Trump was tragic and only adds more fuel to the collective American propagandic fire.

If we're honest with ourselves, we know elections have never been events in which candidates were committed to truth and virtue. The story of Alexander Hamilton, brought into the popular culture in as a hit musical in recent years, only helps to illustrate this reality by telling the story of a man who made great contributions to the early history of the United States of America and pursued many of his goals as a propagandist writing half-truths, perhaps even outright lies about his political opponents. Yet recent election cycles only seem to be raising the political temperature and division in America.

As United Methodist followers of Christ, the greatest contribution we can make in this election cycle is to live up to our name going forward. We are united. We are committed to loving one another longing that, by God's grace, they will know we are Christians by our love. That is a witness we can provide in these divisive times we live. We can disagree and still love one another. And we can do so by insistently speaking truth and grace to one another rather than falsehoods and propaganda.

Romans 12:9-10 reads. "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord." Let us commit to this with an openness of heart and mind as we also seek to "bless those who persecute you." We can stand up for what we believe in while replacing today's bent toward alienation and dehumanization with the acknowledgement of the sacred worth of every human being.

May we live out the God-given transformative power of love in the midst of hate in 2024.

*Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen*



Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Julia and David Knutt
The Gee Family	Stacey Ramsey
Yvette's kids	Greg Hartman
Matthew Shivar	Ruby Wiechman
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in- law)	Alan Fisher
Aaron Brooks	Mike Tatum
Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)	Kaye Bandy
Judy Bull	Gary Fuls
Janis Coggshall	Patti and Harry Heckard
David Loper	Vin Scheihagen
Claudia Marchant	The Family of Beverly Holmes
Joanne Marchant	Mass Shooting Victims
Terri Moore	Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas
Steve Ramsey	

Calendar of Events

July	Mission Emphasis: Metrocrest Svcs.
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day – Church Office Closed
Sunday, July 7	Communion Offering: Metrocrest Services
Monday, July 8- Friday, July 12	Bridgeport Camp: Children
Sunday, July 21	Edrese Hanigan's 100 th Birthday 2pm
August	
Sunday, Aug 4	Communion Offering: Heifer Project
Sunday, Aug 11	Family Ministries Meeting 11:30 am
Sunday, Aug 18	Thank You Lunch 11:30 am
September	
Mission Emphasis: First Responders Care Packages	
Sunday, Sept 1	Communion Offering: First Responders Care Packages
Monday, Sept 2	Labor Day – Church Office is Closed
Sunday, Sept 15	Potluck 11:30 am

Announcements

Our **Mission Emphasis for July** will be Chapel Hill Prep School Supplies. Our focus is collecting much needed #2 pencils, composition books, plastic folders with brads, and headphones with the 3.5 mm right angle L-shaped connector. While we usually do backpacks, Dallas ISD provides backpacks to all students as part of their clear backpack policy, so those are not needed this year. Blessing of the backpacks will be on August 4th and school supplies need to be delivered by August 4th.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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



Adam	Lubbers	7-Jul	Walter	Hodges	12-Jul	Nancy	Putnam	25-Jul
Danielle	Kindred	9-Jul	Tom	Wooldridge	12-Jul	Pat	Khoury	27-Jul
Judy	Bull	10-Jul	Mitchell	Davis	14-Jul			
Nathan	Freeman	11-Jul	John	Fuls	14-Jul			
Ava	Allen	11-Jul	Daniel	Bandy	17-Jul			
Becky	Thompson	11-Jul	Edrese	Hanigan	18-Jul			
Sherry	Vineyard	11-Jul	Nick	Hendrick	23-Jul			