



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

September 2, 2024

### Pastor's Message



**Chapel Hill UMC**  
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CHUMC family,

"Conservatives are weird."

"Liberals are godless."

"Moderates are cowards."

Statements like those above are common right now. It's election season, the white house, and congressional majorities are up for grabs, and we are in the midst of a no holds barred fight. Sound exciting?

Not really, huh? It seems like we have been in this fight for decades and the familial, communal, and societal polarization and division only continues to rapidly advance. This reality only seems to be spurred on by people's religious beliefs, especially among Christians.

As followers of Jesus, many of us learned the Golden Rule at a young age: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This was grounded in the commandments to love God and love neighbor and in the knowledge that God is love. Yet our disagreements in church and in the political realm have distracted us from this all important call to love, even love of our enemies.

In the coming weeks, we will journey through our worship series, Do Unto Others. In this series, we will seek a biblical and theological pathway to love one another and love our neighbors despite our disagreements. We will seek to shine a light in the midst of the darkness of polarization and division by bearing witness to the revolutionary power of love in this world so that our families, communities, nation, and world may heal and find unity.

I hope you will join us in the series:

Kindness: Micah 6:6-8

Finding Common Ground: Acts 17:22-28

With Malice Toward None, Charity Toward All: Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32

Jesus, Politics, & Religion: Matthew 5:43-48



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

## Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Mike Tatum
The Gee Family	Kaye Bandy
Yvette's kids	Gary Fuls
Matthew Shivar	Patti and Harry
Aaron Brooks	Heckard
Lynda Lyon (Iris	Adi, GISD former
Shivar's Cousin)	teacher
Judy Bull	Margarita Ochoa
Janis Cogshall	John Fuls
David Loper	The Claiborne Family
Claudia Marchant	The Family of Walter
Joanne Marchant	Ochoa
Terri Moore	Mass Shooting Victims
Julia and David Knutt	Peace, healing, &
Stacey Ramsey	restoration in war
Greg Hartman	torn areas
Ruby Wiechman	

## Calendar of Events

<b>September</b>	<b>Mission Emphasis: Operation Kindness Dry and canned pet food collection</b>
Sunday, September 1	Communion Offering: First Responders Care Packages
Monday, September 2	Labor Day – Church Office is Closed
Sunday, September 15	Potluck 11:30 am
<b>October</b>	
Sunday, October 6	Communion Offering: World Communion
Sunday, October 13	Laity Sunday
Sunday, October 20	Children's Sabbath/Sermon 10:30 am
Sunday, October 20	Fellowship Lunch – Brown Bag Lunch 11:30 am

## Announcements

- Our **Mission Emphasis for September** will be to collect wet and dry pet food for Operation Kindness.
- **Church Council Meeting**, Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- **Pot Luck**, Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

## Join Us for Online Worship!

**YouTube:** [bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Angelo	Ochoa	16-Sep	Roxanne	Rawdon	23-Sep
Nancy	Hartman	17-Sep	Kaye	Bandy	26-Sep
Megan	Willhite	17-Sep	Jessica	Venancio	26-Sep
Laurie	Willhite	17-Sep	Emily	Metzger	28-Sep
Felice	Reeves-Ricks	21-Sep	Ruth	Medcalf	29-Sep
Anaya	Ochoa	22-Sep			
Joanne	Marchant	22-Sep			