



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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September 9, 2024

### Pastor's Message



CHUMC family,

#### *Chapel Hill UMC*

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"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

In a recent interview with actor Don Cheadle, Conan O'Brien pointed out that at one point in Cheadle's life, he had been involved in both jazz music and acting but ultimately chose to pursue acting. O'Brien asked what led to this decision.

Cheadle explained that he enjoyed jazz but as he approached college, he did not see himself practicing scales hours a day. He also talked to musicians he really admired and asked how they motivated themselves to put in the work they needed to become so proficient in jazz music. What he learned from these musicians is they did what they did because they felt compelled to do so. Jazz connected with them in such a way that it filled them with passion to pursue it, practice it, commit to it, and continually grow as a musician. It dawned on him that he did not have that passion for jazz, but he had such passion for acting, thus he chose that path.

Our spiritual lives can be challenging. We learn of so many different spiritual practices: ways to worship, ways to study the bible, learn our traditions, pray and give. We hear people share passionately about their spiritual lives and practices of discipleship and wonder what is wrong with us if we don't embrace the same types of practices with similar passion.

It is important to remember that, while we are made in our Creator's image, our Creator did not use a cookie cutter. We are unique individuals in community. While our communal nature does, at times, require an embrace of that which does not fuel us as much as others, we need to start with what comes most naturally to us. God speaks with us and connects with us as we are to fuel our passion for love of God and neighbor. Our passions in our spiritual practice will likely not start where they do for many others, so, if your spiritual life is feeling dry and you struggle to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing," experiment with a variety of ways of embracing those means of grace such as prayer, study, worship, sacrament, etc. Find that which connects most deeply with you. That which compels you to continue. That may very well be the launching point of a new, deeper faith you never thought possible that connects you more intimately with God and the communities of faith, humanity, and creation.



*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 Coggshall	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
Ruby Wiechman	torn areas

## 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.
- **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			