



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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December 16, 2024

### Pastor's Message



#### *Chapel Hill UMC*

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CHUMC Family,

French fries, croissants, and cheeses. Just a few of the cultural gifts we've received from French culture. Well, French fries originated in Belgium, but the Belgian army spoke French when American soldiers came across fries during World War I. Either way, "Yum, yum to my tum."

We have also received numerous Christmas carols, many of which are in our United Methodist Hymnal. The choir sang one of these yesterday: Sing We Now of Christmas. This carol, like the other French carols, were songs of the people. Dr. C. Michael Hawn explains churchgoers did not sing in Mass in the 17th century when these carols were written, so they were written to be sung at home or at gatherings outside of church, even in processions to church dressed as shepherds during the season.

Hawn goes on to explain that Sing we Now of Christmas is a nativity scene set to lyrics. The nativity, or creche, is the central symbol of Christmas in France. Handmade nativities, like the one the women of Chapel Hill UMC crafted years ago which graces our chancel during Advent and Christmas are common in homes and town squares at Christmastime.

This significance is found in the language Noel nouvelet. While it is translated "Sing we now of Christmas," its actual meaning is "Christmas comes anew." This meaning resonates in the Advent & Christmas seasons when we dive into the story of Jesus's arrival as a way of looking forward to his promised future arrival. Christmas comes anew. All things in creation are set to rights. Love governs all of life. The King returns, Noel.

Yet we do not have to wait for Christmas future. Christmas present brings us new life today. Christmas comes anew. How might you pray to experience the new life offered by Christmas today? How have you encountered this new life even today?

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



## Prayer List

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| CHUMC Home Bound                  | Corky Rawdon                                    |
| The Gee Family                    | Carolyn Curtis                                  |
| Yvette's kids                     | Pat Moore                                       |
| Matthew Shivar                    | Rev. J.D.'s Brother-In-Law                      |
| Aaron Brooks                      | Caleb Whitaker                                  |
| Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) | Yvette's Mom, Patricia                          |
| Judy Bull                         | Jim Taylor                                      |
| Janis Coggshall                   | Amy Vuong's Brother                             |
| David Loper                       | The Family of Sam Garrison                      |
| Claudia Marchant                  | Shepherd Resources                              |
| Terri Moore                       | Mass Shooting Victims                           |
| Julia and David Knutt             | Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas |
| Stacey Ramsey                     | Hurricanes Helene and Milton Victims            |
| Ruby Wiechman                     |   |
| Mike Tatum                        |   |
| Kaye Bandy                        |   |
| Gary Fuls                         |   |
| John Fuls                         |   |

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Weekly Events</b>   | Tuesdays, Bible Study 7 pm<br>Wednesdays, Chancel Choir 7:30 pm<br>Sundays, Adult Sunday School 9:15 am |
| <b>December</b>        | <b>Mission Emphasis: Giving Tree/Mercy Ships</b>  |
| Sunday, December 1     | Communion Offering: Synergy Wesley Ministries   |
| Sunday, December 1     | Family Ministries Meeting 11:30 am  |
| Wednesday, December 4  | Charge Conference 7 pm  |
| Saturday, December 7   | Texas Boys Choir Christmas Concert, 7 pm at Spring Valley UMC   |
| Sunday, December 8     | Children/Youth Lunch/Christmas Party 12:00 pm   |
| Sunday, December 15    | Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am   |
| Tuesday, December 24   | Christmas Eve. Candlelight Service 7:00 pm  |
| Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas Day – Church Office is Closed   |
| Thursday, December 26  | Church Office is Closed   |

### Announcements

- Our Mission Emphasis for December is to support the **GIVING TREE – GENESIS WOMEN'S SHELTER**. See the list of needs on the table in the Narthex.
- **Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch**, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.
- **Unhanging of the Greens**, Sunday, January 5<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)



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| Melanie | Willhite | 4-Dec  |
| Kandy   | Burdette | 13-Dec |
| Matt    | Schulz   | 16-Dec |
| David   | Ricks    | 24-Dec |
| Riley   | Dobbs    | 26-Dec |