



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

December 23, 2024

Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC Family,

O Come, All Ye Faithful is another French Christmas carol that brings us alongside the nativity, or creche (see last week's newsletter), as explained by Dr. C. Michael Hawn.

Hawn explains the hymn puts us in the place of the shepherds having heard the good news of Christ's coming and approaching the manger the manger in Bethlehem. Verse two seemingly summarizes the Nicene Creed connecting us to the historical faith of the Church as we proclaim our faith in song. In verse three, we sing with the angels as we are connected cosmically between heaven and earth. Stanza four connects us again with the shepherds before verse five calls us to repentance as Christmas reveals God's prevenient grace and we perceive our need for God's unmerited grace and love. We join with shepherds and the Church in the chorus as we affirm the grace-enabled response to God's love, "O come let us adore him."

It is an affirmation of the truth at the foundation of our faith. We love because God first loved us. God's radical love results in our responding to God in love. Knowing God's great transformative love that came without price turns us toward all our neighbors with love. Grace produces grace. Bathe in the reality of God's love as we approach Christmas. How might it transform your life yet more this year? How might the grace of Christmas lead to the growth of holiness as love for God and neighbor fills your heart and changes your heart and mind more fully? How might it offer healing and wholeness?

O come, all ye faithful.

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



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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

Weekly Events	Tuesdays, Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays, Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Sundays, Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
December	Mission Emphasis: Giving Tree/Mercy Ships
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.
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, Tuesday, December 24th at 7 PM.
- **Unhanging of the Greens**, Sunday, January 5th at 11:30 AM.

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



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