



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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December 30, 2024

### Pastor's Message



#### *Chapel Hill UMC*

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CHUMC Family,

I remember long nights waiting with great anticipation for Santa to arrive. Laying in bed. Every bumping sound seems like it's Santa on the roof. Every jingly sounds like Santa's reindeer. I always thought, "This year I'll make it through the night and see Santa." But without fail, I would fall asleep. All the waiting was exhausting. When I awoke the next day and Santa did come, however, I was filled with excitement. The waiting was worth it.

This childhood anticipation brings us to Simeon and Anna in Luke 2:22-40. They had waited and worshipped. They spent their lives longing for the redemption of Israel. They had faced Roman occupation and oppression. They may have had questions concerning if the day would ever come. Yet they never gave up.

Then, the child arrived at the temple. The Messiah. The Lord. He was named Jesus and the Holy Spirit revealed to them both that tis child signaled the fulfillment of God's promise to their people and all humanity. Simeon could now rest in peace. Anna could not help but share the good news. The time had come.

Life is full of anticipation and seeming disappointment. It's full of struggles and pain that seem like they will never end. But God's promises never fail. We need to simply persist and know...

Christ has come. Christ is with us. Christ will come again.

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



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## Prayer List

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

## 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.
- **Unhanging of the Greens**, Sunday, January 5th 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)

## 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>January</b>       |   |
| Sunday, January 5    | Communion Offering: Human Relations Day   |
| Monday, January 13   | Church Council Meeting 6 PM   |

## Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are  
Monday through Thursday

10 AM – 2 PM

The Church Office will be closed on January 1, 2025, in observance of New Year's Day.

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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| Jazmin DeLeon   | 6-Jan  | Amy Swanson     | 18-Jan |
| Jazlin DeLeon   | 6-Jan  | Janis Coggshall | 22-Jan |
| Margarita Ochoa | 11-Jan | Linda Horton    | 22-Jan |
| Sandra Hammett  | 12-Jan | Barbara Tatum   | 29-Jan |
| Judy Charvat    | 13-Jan | Sarah Bandy     | 30-Jan |
| Glen Womble     | 15-Jan |                 |        |
| Jose Ramirez    | 17-Jan |                 |        |