



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

January 6, 2025

Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC Family,

New Year's Day has come and gone. It is possible it lives on in your mind and heart today as you reflect on any New Year's resolutions you have made. You voiced them to yourself in mind. You wrote them down. You shared them with family and/or friends. And today you are resolved to remain intentional about fulfilling those goals. You might get healthier. You may complete those tasks you have delayed for so long. You may reconnect with an old friend or family member. Whatever it is, something convinced you that change is good and committing to these changes would bring positive developments in our lives.

Intentionality is important in our spiritual lives. John Wesley understood. It is why he wrote and spoke so much about the means of grace, the spiritual practices which help us connect repeatedly with the free grace of God. God's gift of grace is sometimes hidden and surprises us when we least expect it. The means of grace (study, prayer, contemplation, worship, sacraments, generosity, justice), however, are God's free gift of grace hidden in plain sight. They help us to maintain the stance of humble trust before our loving Creator.

Wesley was intentional about seeking to maintain that humble trust and commitment. With that in mind, he prayed the following Wesleyan Covenant Prayer with regularity:

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you or set aside for you,
Exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
You are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Let us seek this mind toward God this year and commit to worship and serve. Consider praying this prayer regularly, especially as we approach Baptism of the Lord Sunday where we will affirm our baptismal vows. Let us commit to the loving covenant God has made with us.

Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen



Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Pat Moore
The Gee Family	Rev. J.D.'s Brother-In-Law
Yvette's kids	Caleb Whitaker
Matthew Shivar	Yvette's Mom, Patricia
Aaron Brooks	Jim Taylor
Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)	Amy Vuong's Brother
Judy Bull	Kathy Hill
Janis Coggshall	Nancy Hartman's brother, Randy Staton
David Loper	Pat & Don McCourtney
Claudia Marchant	All of our mental and physical health
Terri Moore	Mass Shooting Victims
Julia and David Knutt	Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas
Stacey Ramsey	New Orleans Attack Victims
Mike Tatum	
Kaye Bandy	
Gary Fuls	
John Fuls	
Corky Rawdon	
Carolyn Curtis	

Calendar of Events

Weekly Events	Tuesdays, Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays, Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Sundays, Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
January	
Sunday, January 12	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

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

Announcements

- Church Council Meeting, Monday, January 13th at 6 PM.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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



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