



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

February 17, 2025

Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

The internet and smartphones have transformed the way we live in significant ways. Some of these are quite positive. We can communicate around the globe far easier and more affordable than ever before. When someone needs financial help or other aid we can offer help with the click of a button before we are able to arrive ourselves. Information and the answers to many questions are at our fingertips, though much discernment is needed.

On the other hand, we have misinformation, algorithms that have created information bubbles, and access to a lot of harmful information and images. There is also the reality that once you put something out into the ether it is there. That picture you wish you would not have shared. The impulsive social media message you posted out of anger. You may have reacted fairly quickly and deleted those, but we all know you can never know if it wasn't preserved elsewhere before you did. Everyone can know almost everything you've ever done online and that's been shared about you online. It's a rather unnerving reality at times.

In Psalm 139, the Psalmist writes about our God: "you have searched me and know me."

The Psalm communicates the ways in which God knows every little thing about us and that:

"Even before a word is on my tongue, O lord, you know it completely."

Can you imagine? How can we stand before a God from whom we cannot hide anything? Should we wither in shame and embarrassment?

Surprisingly, the answer is, "No." The Psalmist reminds us that the God of grace seeks our well-being affirming that God's "hand will lead me," and God's "right hand will hold me fast."

We are accountable for what we say and do, the fruit of our lives. However, even when we fall short, God is with us offering a way forward: a way of renewal through grace. The one who searches us and knows also seeks to forgive us and transform us.

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



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Prayer List

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

Announcements

- **Chili Cook-off/Dessert Auction**, Sunday, March 2 from 2-4PM.
- **Our Communion Offering** Sunday, March 2 will support UMCOR.
- **Ash Wednesday Service** 6:30 PM March 5.

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



Brianna	Lopez	6-Feb
Sarah	Baird	26-Feb
Kathy	Scheihagen	26-Feb