



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC

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CHUMC Family,

The Lenten Season, our season of reflection, confession, commitment and growth is here. Yet it is not intended to be the only time of the year we are to focus on these things. Rather it is a season of training to help align our vision on these things rooted in God's grace each day.

As we seek to be rooted in God's grace, the Lenten season with an emphasis on fasting is a time to seek release from our attachments. Attachments are those parts of life we believe we cannot do without. Richard Rohr says attachments manifest themselves in our spiritual powerlessness. We seek to feed ourselves with our attachments and find life rather than leaning on God and God's grace which offers true life. Attachments are the same as physical addictions. They are often, however, not as visible to the public view as physical addictions.

There are any number of things in this life that become attachments which distract us from and negatively impact our relationship with Christ and one another. Much of the time our greatest attachment is our own way of thinking, spoken of in Alcoholics Anonymous as our own stinking thinking. Being attached to our own thinking limits our ability to listen to God and one another and find the life God promises. Rather, we find conflict and division with all of their resulting impacts.

Lent is a season when we remember the significance of and practice detaching from all that holds us back from that eternal life God promises. Detaching liberates us so we can connect with the real. With God. With love. With love for God and one another. Let's engage in this with prayer this season. What are our attachments? What are those things we think are so vital to life that we cannot imagine giving them up? How can God's grace liberate us to find God's beautiful life?

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

Prayer List

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



Easter Lilies may be ordered for \$15 each. They will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. An insert honoring or remembering your loved one(s) will be placed in the bulletin. Your flower(s) will be available to take home after the service. All orders are due by Noon on Sunday, March 16. Please complete one form for each order and be sure to print legibly. Make checks payable to Chapel Hill UMC and place it on the desk in the church office.

Announcements

- **Church Council Meeting**, Today, Monday, March 10 at 6 PM

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



JD	Allen	8-Mar
Cindi	Moore	11-Mar
Anna	Schulz	12-Mar
Lee	Willhite	15-Mar
Haley	Byrd	16-Mar
Kelly	Lopez	17-Mar