



The View

January 2024

Nurturing Faith, Growing Hope, and Increasing Welcome in the New Year

As we step into the New Year, let us collectively embrace the promise of new beginnings, renewed faith, and the boundless possibilities that lie ahead. The dawn of a new year is an opportune moment to reflect on our spiritual journey, nurture our faith, sow the seeds of hope, and extend the warmth of welcome to all who seek solace within our church community.

Nurturing Faith:

Our faith is a living, breathing entity that requires continual nurturing and attention. This year, let us commit to deepening our connection with God through prayer, study, and worship. Join one of our Bible study groups and engage in conversations that challenge and enrich your understanding of faith. By nurturing our own faith, we contribute to the vibrant tapestry that is our church community.

Growing Hope:

In a world often marked by uncertainty, our faith provides a foundation for unyielding hope. This year, let's sow the seeds of hope not only within our hearts but also within the broader community. Actively seek out opportunities to serve others, support local initiatives, and be a beacon of hope to those facing adversity. Together, we can foster an environment where hope is not just a fleeting emotion but a resilient force that propels us forward.

Increasing Welcome:

Our church is a sanctuary for all seeking refuge and connection. In the New Year, let's redouble our efforts to increase our welcome to the community. Extend a friendly greeting to both familiar faces and newcomers. Consider joining our Evangelism and Membership ministry unit or participating in outreach programs that welcome those on the margins. By increasing our culture of welcome, we embody the teachings of love and acceptance that are at the core of our faith.

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Prayer Team

The Prayer Team meets on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Join us and help pray for our congregation and world. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a request form and place in the collection plate.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..."

1 Timothy 2:1

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As we enter this new year, let's hold fast to the words of Psalm 33:22, "May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Together, as one united family, we can nurture our faith, grow in hope, and increase the warmth of welcome in our beloved Chapel Hill.

May the New Year be a season of abundant blessings, profound growth, and unwavering joy for each and every one of you.

With grace and peace,
-Rev. Andrew

January Anniversaries

6 Anthony & Rev. Carla Gentry – 34 years

January Birthdays

3	Helen Hamilton	24	Al Renner
	Terry Sudhoff	25	Gail Tucker
4	Dottie Valet	26	Bill Tucker
9	Eva I.	27	Debra Sipes
14	Ross Justus	28	Anthony Gentry
20	Rev. Carla Gentry	29	Jen Carle

SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER SESSION MEETING

- Chapel Hill Treasurer Gary Dickerson went over the proposed 2024 budget; after some discussion, Session voted to approve the 2024 budget. Session sincerely thanks Gary and Kaitlyn Dryer for all the work that went into preparing the budget.
- A discussion took place during the Pastor's report regarding continuing communion with the prepackaged communion cup/wafer or to move back to pre-COVID style communion with bread and individual cups. The conclusion at this point was to continue with the prepackaged cup/wafer, and poll the congregation in the future to see if people feel comfortable going back to the pre-COVID method of communion service.
- Building & Grounds is now working through a heating unit on the roof which is not functioning properly. There is a fix available, which would be a stop-gap measure. The better option is to replace the unit so it will not fail for many years. Building & Grounds is working on pricing, a timeline, and the most effective solution.
- Session is looking forward to the Christmas Eve worship service. Ross Dryer will be in attendance and will accompany Paula Isgrig for "O Holy Night".
- Christian Nurture will be taking the youth to the Parkville Living Center for a service project on Martin Luther King day in January, where the youth will participate in building projects and assembling kits for soldiers.
- Karl Morrison, Tim Deveney, Becky Carle, and Carrie Gautsche rotate off Session at the end of December, and we thank each of them sincerely for all the work they put into their ministry units. What an outstanding group of Chapel Hill folks they are!

Respectfully submitted,
Carol S. Coe
Clerk of Session

Choral Corner

I want to start by saying a big thank you to everyone that helped make the Christmas Cantata happen! I thought everyone did a phenomenal job, and I know I can speak for the whole choir when I say that we were all very pleased with how it turned out.

Thanks to so many: to all the singers for their hard work and practice, to the soloists for their willingness to share their talents, to Andrew for reading, and to Danny Lane for joining us on trumpet. But most importantly, thank you to Shao for preparing all of that music! A cantata like this is built upon a foundation of strong music accompaniment. In a cantata like this one in particular, with such contrasting musical styles, the choir takes so many cues from the music being provided by the piano. This was Shao's first cantata with us, and I know all of us in the choir appreciated his dedication and preparation!

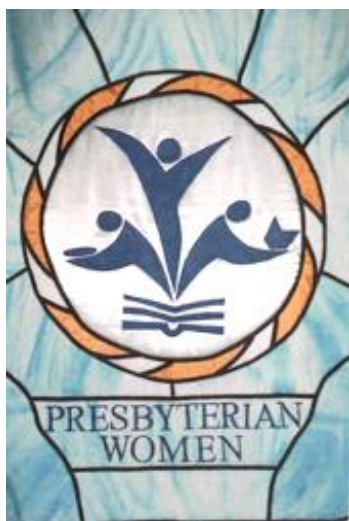
With the cantata completed, the choir takes a small break to relax and recharge. Our first rehearsal in the new year will be January 7th, 8:15 am. We will sing an anthem in the service that day. As always, anyone is welcome to join us, no matter your level of singing experience or confidence in your music skills. We would love for you to come by and try it out for a rehearsal! Now is a great time to join, since the new year means that all of us will be getting introduced to our spring slate of anthems together!

We look forward to making more music together in the new year!

God bless,

Jon Gill and the Worship & Music committee





Presbyterian Women had a wonderful meeting in December starting out with a delicious luncheon. It's true, church ladies sure know how to feed a group! Our next meeting is Thursday, January 18th, 12:30 in the kitchen. Carol Florio is leading the lesson on a person with Leprosy encounters Jesus from Luke 17:11-21. Judy Tucker is providing refreshments.

Our Circle of Presbyterian Women has three areas of mission we support: The Least Coin offering (money that jingles), Monetary offering (folding money) which goes to Heartland Presbytery to support the work of Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery, and donations to support Vicky's Pantry with gluten free dessert mixes. Please try to remember to bring your coins, folding money and gluten free mixes. Our Circle is always open for one more, so please join us for study, fellowship and of course food!

Church & Society



HILLCREST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Hillcrest Transitional Housing, a non-denominational organization, now has 90 units in the Greater Kansas City area in which clients can reside. These are in both Missouri (where 27% of homeless persons are unsheltered) and in Kansas (where 29% of homeless persons are unsheltered).

Clients may be homeless individuals, families including infants, and unaccompanied youth. Hillcrest Transitional Housing's proven 90 day and youth programs move clients from homeless to self-sufficiency.

Below is a list of items from their needs list. Cash is also welcome at this time of year or frankly, anytime. Visit Hillcrest Transitional Housing's website, hillcrestkc.org/donate if you are interested in donating in this way. Questions? See Caren Owsley at 816-229-7880 for more information. Thank you for your support.

Baby/Toddler snacks
Strawberry Jelly
Pancake/Waffle syrup
Pasta sauce
Dried Nuts (no salt)
Apple sauce/Fruit cups
Sponges

Salad dressing - Ranch
Alfredo pasta sauce
Canned meat
Dried Meals
Minute Rice
Trash bags
Swiffer wet pads

Men/Women deodorant
Nail clippers
Face wash
Lysol wipes/Glass cleaner
Toilet paper/Paper towels
Toilet bowl cleaner

The View is now offered electronically! If you would rather get The View delivered to your inbox than your mailbox, just email the office and your preference will be noted. We will take you off the mailing list and email you a PDF of The View each month instead. The January View will be our first version offered both ways. You only need to let the office know if you want to switch to electronic file. Please email Tomi at office.chpresby@gmail.com



Happy New Year Chapel Hill from Church & Society.

Our calendar of donations for the year is as follows:

January: Hillcrest Transitional Housing

February: Operation Breakthrough

March: Cherith Brook

April: Community Services League

May: Hope House: women's personal care items

June: Hillcrest Ministries

July: Operation Breakthrough: School Supplies

August: Cherith Brook

September: Hillcrest Ministries

October: Hope House: Halloween Costumes

November: Community Services League

December: Community Services League

Please join us on January 7 at 8:45am in the kitchen to plan any other activities we can schedule throughout the year. Thank you again for all you do to help those in our community less fortunate.

Adult Sunday School

Sharing Our Stories: Reflections from Women in Ministry

Join us between January 7th and February 4th for an Adult Education series sharing the lived experiences of women in the congregation who are ordained and have pursued a variety of vocations. Come and hear their call stories of serving in their various contexts. This is a great chance to ask any questions you might have and to celebrate how God has been calling them and journeying with them. Sharing their stories are: Rachel Greiner, Paula Isgrig, Carla Gentry, Barb Sherer, and Jen Baer.

Call or email Jen Baer with any question or concerns: 408-421-4455, jenniferannbaer@gmail.com

Greeters Responsibilities

TWO GREETERS - GREET AT UPPER AND LOWER ENTRANCE

ONE GREETER – GREET AT LOWER ENTRANCE

ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE SERVICE

MAKE A NAME TAG (CHURCH OFFICE IN MAILBOX)

BE YOUR SMILING, WELCOMING, WONDERFUL SELF

JANUARY GREETERS

1/7 – Patty & Terry Sudhoff

1/14 – Colette Laukner

1/21 – Ron & Ruth McCubbin

1/28 – Joyce Carpenter

FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/4 – Betsey & Curt Congdon

2/11 – AJ F.

2/18 – Joyce & Gary Dickerson

2/25 – Morrison Family

Janaury 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Terry & Patty Sudhoff	Colette Laukner	Ron & Ruth McCubbin	Joyce Carpenter
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Mike & Traci Dryer	Bill & Ruby Gulick	Dixie & Jim Bozarth	Tony Isgrig & Kay Isgrig
Terry & Patty Sudhoff	Lynn Beatty & Leanna Kryzck	Jen Baer & Colette Laukner	Becky Carle & Gordon Dryer
Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes
Gillian M. & Josie M.	Matthew F. & John D.	Charlotte D. & Finlee G.	John D. & JT B.
Word with Children	Word with Children	Word with Children	Word with Children
Kristina Anson	Lona Maxey	Erin Gill	Paula Isgrig
Liturgist	Liturgist	Liturgist	Liturgist
Phyllis Whitney	Sarah Deveney	Curt Zollers	Paula Isgrig



We had a great group of both current youth and returning alumni (and returning youth directors too! Michelle and Paula were both there!) We shared snacks and hot cocoa and had a candy cane hunt. We also looked through pictures from the last 10+ years, sharing memories and marveling at how young everyone was. The congregation is invited to visit the youth area and look at the pictures we've added to our memory wall.

From Erin: Thank you to everyone that came for Alumni Night. It was a very special treat to see so many of you all back together in this place. My heart is so full!



Chapel Hill donations of gifts and
volunteers made CSL's 2023
Christmas Store a joyous event!
Thank you to all who contributed.



Thank you Deacons for the Cookies & Cocoa event.
Holiday cheer was in the air.



Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Pageant was spectacular!

Thank you to all the children and the parents that supported them. Special appreciation for Phyllis Whitney for her direction and dedication. Thank you to everyone involved in the costumes and music. It was a very special service.



Youth and Kids

Youth Group Epiphany Gift Exchange

Thursday, January 4th, 7-8pm

Youth (grades 6-12), our first youth group meeting back from break will also be our annual Epiphany White Elephant Gift Exchange! This is one of our oldest ongoing youth group traditions.



Bring a wrapped gift to share! White Elephant gifts should be inexpensive, thrifted, or re-gifted. If you buy something, think \$5 or less! Crazy or silly things are encouraged- this is just for fun!

2nd Semester Youth Group meeting dates:



Presbytery Youth Event

January 15 (MLK Day)

We're planning a Youth Fellowship event on Monday, January 15 (there's no school- its MLK Day), meeting up with our friends from around the Presbytery! We'll carpool from Chapel Hill, and meet up with everyone else at Parkville Presbyterian at 10am for a morning of service projects. Then we'll head to TShotz for lunch and a few hours of golf. (Not a golfer? Most of us aren't! So come anyway!) Sign up in the CHPC App before the end of the day on January 7th.

Also save the date for March 10: We'll all be meeting up at camp to clean up the old cemetery on camp property. Details coming soon!

Kingdom Kids

Sunday, January 21 6:30-7:30pm

Our Kingdom Kids met in December for some holiday fellowship. Pastor Andrew got in on the fun, standing in as our Christmas Tree! The kids did a great job decorating him- check out these pictures!

2nd-Semester Kingdom Kids dates: February 25, March 24, April 28, May 19



Don't Miss Reminders and Notifications!

This time of year, there is always a chance that our Youth Group or Kingdom Kids plans change at the last minute due to weather or illness. Opt-in to receive these last-minute updates by signing up for the group text! We use a service called Remind to send these, but you have to sign yourself up.

If you aren't already getting Remind messages, go to the CHPC App and click on the sign-up link. <https://app.jotform.com/212147842696160>



Summer Youth Mission Trip 2024

Participant and parent meeting: January 21

This summer, SEVEN of our youth will be traveling to St Louis to serve with AMEN St Louis's mission outreach program! We're excited to start preparing for our trip. Our first brief parent and participant meeting will be January 21, immediately following worship. We'll set dates for future check-in meetings and start formalizing our fundraising plans.

Chapel Hill Day Camp

July 8-12, 2024 9-5 each day, half day for Preschool

Mark your calendar for Day Camp this summer! Heartland Staff will be joining us again for a week of fun, faith, and friendship. Kids currently completing Kindergarten through 5th grade can sign up for full day camp, and we have a half-day preschool camp for our littlest friends. Teens and adults can serve in a variety of volunteer roles. Camper registration will be open this month at Heartlandcamps.org, and volunteer sign-up will start in the spring. Save the date!

Heartland Overnight Camp- Sign Up Now For Summer 2024



Registration is open for Summer 2024 overnight camps, and we have several Chapel Hill Kids already signed up! For anyone else considering an overnight camp at Heartland, register soon, because spots are going fast. If you would like to try to sign up with a friend, Erin can help you figure out who is signed up and when! Overnight camp is available for campers currently completing grades 2-12. Registration is open at heartlandcamps.org.

FosterAdopt Connect Holiday Party

THANK YOU to the youth and adults who helped at this year's FosterAdopt Connect Holiday Party. The party organizers at FAC expressed how much they appreciate our help every year. Here's a few pictures of our volunteers being awesome and serving others



January Dates

4	Youth Group, 7pm	11	Youth Group, 7pm
6	Elder Training, 10am Deacon Training, 11:30am	15	MLK Day Presbytery Youth Event, 10am
7	Christian Nurture Meeting, 8:30am Church & Society Meeting, 8:45am Worship & Music Meeting, 10:45am	18	Presbyterian Women, 12:30pm Youth Group, 7pm
9	Session, 7pm Deacons Meeting, 7pm	21	Summer Mission Trip participant & parent meeting, TBD Kingdom Kids, 6:30pm
		25	Youth Group, 7pm

2024

Stewardship Corner



"Mom! The usher found the frog I put in the offering plate!"

Yea! Chapel Hill is off to a good start for the New Year! As of this writing, 61 Pledges have been received for 2024 compared to 62 Pledges for 2023. And remember, if you haven't had a chance to complete your pledge form for 2024, it's not too late! *A hearty and grateful Thank-You to all who are able to pledge and/or give toward the many works of Chapel Hill!*

General Fund Summary (Excludes Prepaid Pledge and All Designated Funds)

	November 2023-Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Jan. 1-Beginning Balance	\$191,455	\$191,455	\$0
Income	\$287,971	\$279,169	\$8,802
Expenses	(\$273,378)	(\$283,986)	\$10,608
Nov. 30-Ending Balance	\$206,048	\$186,638	\$19,410



Online Giving for Chapel Hill Offerings Now Available

Give your pledge, general offering, special offerings, memorial or to other funds directly from your phone. Scan the QR Code at left to link to the Chapel Hill Giving Page, follow the prompts and use the dropdown menus to make your selections. Once completed, the system will immediately send you a receipt. If you choose to cover ACH bank transfer or credit card fees, those amounts will be included on your quarterly giving statement. (Note: ACH bank transfer fees cost less.) And, of course, checks are certainly still accepted. *Thank-you!*

“Resolution 1: I will live for God. Resolution 2: If no one else does, I still will.”

-Johnathan Edwards



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