

Greetings Dear CHUM,

It is difficult to put into words all that I feel and want to say now three weeks into this journey I have been on. I do want to say just a few things, especially just passing through this season of gratitude. Thank you does not seem adequate to express the depths of what I feel for all of you CHUM for the support and care you have shown me. While there is a part of me that really wants to get back at it, it is also a comfort knowing all those who have made it possible for me to recuperate as the doctors advice.

Our staff is second to none. It gives me peace and reassurance that all have stepped up and taken charge and kept things running smoothly. Debbie, Patty, Brian, Jodi, John, Matt, and Rob and all our staff are why we are able to do what we do. I hope you take some time to thank them, we are fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed staff.

Thank you to our Staff Parish Committee and our Retired Clergy and others who have scheduled our Sunday morning worship services in my absence to continue our excellent Sunday morning experiences in nurturing our mind, body, and spirit each week.

Our church leadership, committee chairs and members, volunteers, worship leaders, and all who serve in those capacities are crucial to our community of faith and I am grateful every day for their love of CHUM and devotion to not only our present ministries but to our future.

Thank you to all of you, every person at CHUM. It takes all of us to be a community, and while thank you seems so inadequate, I pray you know my deep and abiding love for our whole community in this time and always.

My recovery continues to be "slow but sure" and I seem to be progressing as the doctors said I should. I attribute that to the high quality of care I received in our medical community and facilities here in Wichita. But just as important, everyone of you who have said a prayer, gave a hug, sent a card, called, visited, sent a message via social media, as well as the myriad of other ways you have cared for myself and TruDee over these last few weeks have contributed to my healing and continued progress. Thank You!

My first follow up doctor and cardiac rehabilitation appointments are this week and hopefully after this week I will have a little better idea of what beginning to ease back into the church will look like. I am eager to be back with you and serving the church I love, but also know I want to be fully healed before I am completely back.

Most importantly I just wanted to take a moment here to say, Thank You, I Love You, and am doing well, and what the doctors are telling me to do.

Peace and Light for All Our Journeys,
Pastor Kent



Poinsettias for Christmas

Order forms will be available Sunday for poinsettias to be purchased "in honor" or "in memory" of a friend or loved one. The cost per plant is \$15.00 and the deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 13th. You may take your plant home to keep or share with someone after the Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th. These plants will decorate both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Kent's

Blog - <http://littlerev.wordpress.com/>

Email - kent.little@collegehillumc.org

Phone # - (316) 683-4643

Webpage - www.collegehillumc.org

College Hill

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,

Bold in the Ways of Justice,

and Graceful in relationships

with all Creation.

Church Services

9:00 am - Sanctuary w/ Communion

Traditional Service

10:15 am - Fellowship Hall w/ Communion

Contemporary Service

11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion

The 40 Worship Service

Sunday - December 3, 2017

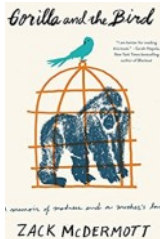
First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Adam Barlow-Thompson

November 19, 2017	
Attendance	243
Giving	\$8,964.00
November 26, 2017	
Attendance	213
Giving	\$13,089.00



Our Sympathy to ... TJ and Deedee Will-Gallegos and family, in the death of TJ's father, **Paul Will.**



Faith Sisters' Book Club

The ladies will be having brunch at The Hill Bar & Grill at Noon on Sunday, December 17 (in lieu of reading a book). The selection to be discussed on Sunday, January 21, at noon in the church parlor will be the book Gorilla and the Bird by Zack McDermott.



Kids' First Sunday is the First Sunday of Every Month

This Sunday, is Kids' First Sunday, your kiddos will join you in worship as we continue to help them learn to worship God together! We will have a children's time and activity bags for the children. *I want to encourage you to sit with your children in worship this month—the more they watch you worship, the more engaged they will be. When we worship together as a family, worship becomes meaningful for our children and their faith is developed!*

TGIF
December 1 @ 6:30pm
Albero Café
4811 E. Central
 Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!
 For more information contact **Janice Rich, 265-4879**
Also contact Janice for carpooling.

Missions and Ministries

This coming Sunday, December 3, is Mission and Ministries Sunday. Our CHUM children, Will and Eli, will be our bucket kids handing out M & M's and collecting the donations. Your contributions to this endeavor are greatly appreciated!



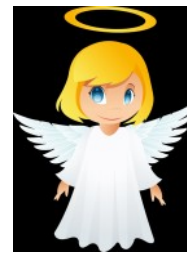
CHUM Crawl to Illuminations

On Monday, December 4, we have reserved the Lotus Hall for our CHUM Crawl. While the gardens are open from 5:30 - 8:30pm for viewing, we will open our doors at 5:00pm to help get you in early and beat the crowd. As soon as you pull through the gates into the Botanica parking lot you will want to look for parking spots at the north end. You will see the white concrete wall on your right and our entrance is through that wall...look for Patty in blinking lights to welcome you! The food and drinks will be ready by 5:30pm. You are welcome to come and go into the gardens, shop in the gift shop, sit on Santa's lap & get your picture taken with him, or just relax and visit with others. Wheelchairs are available - we will help you get one for use.

DEADLINE is Sunday the 3rd to reserve your food & ticket.

Heart of America Men's Chorus

You are all invited to the Mistletoe Magic show that will be held at Newman University in DeMattias Performance Hall. Show times are Saturday, December 9, at 7:00pm or Sunday, December 10, at 4:30pm. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. We have several CHUMites in the show! Check out hoamc.org for more details.



Be A Blessing - Adopt An Angel

What started as a phone call for my family to adopt a family led to four additional families and an extra 11 kids who are needing a little extra help this Christmas season. This is how our Angel Bulletin Board started this year. The gifts you provide will go to children in need who would otherwise go without during Christmas this year. Your donations would need to be turned into the office by Sunday, December 17th. **No need to gift wrap them.**

Happy Shopping and Thank You,
 Jodi Rice

Volunteer Opportunity

There are still 5 spots available to join Jodi Rice and other families to help at the Kansas Food Bank on Wednesday, December 20, from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Children must be 7 years or older to be able to join and help. RSVP to Jodi soon! What a great way to do something for others this holiday. Call Jodi at the church office 683-4643 or email her at: Jodi.Rice@collegehillumc.org.

Christmas in the Parlor

Hey, can you believe it's less than a month to Christmas? Oh my! Looking for something unique and hand made for Christmas gifts? Stocking Stuffers? Come check out Christmas in the Parlor, December 17, 2017 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. There will be Handmade Cards, Handmade Jewelry, Homemade candy and baked goods. We will be making hand stamped jewelry with your word on it, come check it out. Money raised will go to support our High School and Middle School Mission Trips. Also on this same Sunday, Steve's Jams and Jellies will be selling their merchandise in the Parlor and part of the proceeds will come back to CHUM's budget.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - Thank you to everyone for helping with Hanging of the Greens. The window sills & Narthex look much Christmas-ier. We watched a quick TED Talk - Consider four O'clock in the morning this week. Christine treats this week. Don't forget our class will be having 1 or 2 teams for the Trivia Night on Friday.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - We have decorated the Parlor and are back in class. Keep Charlie, Nori, Kent, Gary and Chico in your prayers!

CHILDREN, Children's Center - We have begun our Advent series and Celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Sunday, we will worship with our families in Fellowship Hall at the 10:15am Worship service.

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Thanks again to Jim Graves on leading our class in discussion of the book, The Journey by Adam Hamilton. Prayer Requests: Donna's brother, David; Kent Little; Stan Capper; all the travelers and all the unspoken prayers. Pat Lipper has devotions next.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - Following Thanksgiving indulgences, twelve joined together! Keith Williamson returned to finish "That Beautiful Romance". Tabletalk focused on if we had ever been part of a movement and the signs we see of spiritual movements today. Sunday, Chapter 8: "Salvation from the Suicide Machine".

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Moe opened class since Bob & Nancy are still traveling. We wish them safe travels! Dr. Brake taught on 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 24 and Jude 3: To celebrate in worship and daily live by remembering the redemptive life and death of Jesus. Self-examination is necessary for everyone coming to the Lord's communion table. Betty reported on Betty B.'s move to a new location. Moe's daughters, Jane and Kathryn, are visiting today - welcome! Have a blessed week. Special prayers to those who are not with us. 15 present in class today.

TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Bride's Room B14 @ 11:15 am - Join us for discussion on spiritual development and personal growth.

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We continue our discussion in the "Way of Life" study by Brian McLaren.



Thank You CHUM & Volunteers!
325 Turkeys given out
360 bags of food handed out
300 breakfasts served

**Welcome
To Our New Members!**

Faye Thornton
Marcia Khalidi
Nadia Khalidi
Alia Khalidi

We welcome these four new members into our CHUM Family. They became members on November 19th during the 10:15am Service.



**College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry**

**December 3
Christmas Decorating/Candy Making
11:30am - 1:00pm**

UPCOMING CALENDAR



**December 10
Botanica Light's Tour
6:00 - 9:00pm
Cost is \$5.00**

**December 17
Christmas Party
11:30am - 1:00pm**

**December 24
December 31
No UMY
(due to the holidays)**



CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available for children under the age of 4 years each Sunday. It is located at the west end of building across from the elevator next to Fellowship Hall.

**Children's Ministries
Welcomes All Children!
Children's Sunday School
for 2 year olds - 5th Graders**

Sunday school will take place in the Children's Center during the Sunday school time from 10:15 - 11:30am. Take children directly to their classroom and pick them up at 11:30am from their classroom.

KID's CONNECTION

Every Wednesday evening
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Children's Center (basement)
All children welcome!
*(Ends December 13 and
will resume January 24)*

QUOTES from Rob Simon's Bulletin from November 26, 2017

Many of you wanted copies of the quotes Rob shared during the service on Sunday. Since they were only on the screen, here are his quotes so you have a hard copy of them.

“Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful.” ~ Buddha

“Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” ~ Melody Beattie

“Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out.” ~ John Wooden

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.” ~ Robert Brault

"If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get." ~ Frank A. Clark

“Non-judgment is your affirmation that the world is beautiful, that all is growth, and that you are going beyond it.”
~ Stuart Wilde, The Force

“There is a feeling of inner peace that comes from total relinquishment of judgment.”
~ Marianne Williamson

“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right doing there is a field. I'll meet you there. When the SOUL LIES DOWN in that grass, the world is too full to talk about.” ~ Rumi