



COLLEGE HILL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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January 5, 2026



CHUMites,

It's hard to believe that a new year has begun: 2026. What will this year hold? Growth? Challenges? Loss? Heartache? Disorientation? Power?

You might have made a new year's resolution, a commitment to make a change in your life, start a new habit, or stick to healthy routines. Or you might have set an intention for the year, something that orients your daily life around your priorities. Yesterday, if you attended worship in person, you were invited to prayerfully select a word that was written on a star to guide you through this year, just as the star guided the magi to Jesus. (It's not too late to pick one out; they'll still be up this Sunday, January 11 or call the church office and ask us to mail you one!)

As we move into the new year, I already find that my heart is disturbed, unsettled, and full of sadness. Like you, I am struggling to make sense of the US invasion of Venezuela, the capturing of Maduro and Flores, and the assertion that the US will run Venezuela, including conveniently taking their oil.

Sometimes it feels like there is too much to lament in the world, it seems like God is absent, and it seems like justice and peace will never come.

Pastor Chali reminded us in his sermon on January 4 that the Christmas story concludes with an epiphany of divine promise and complexity. It's a revelation, but not the kind that gives us warm fuzzies as we sip cocoa around the Christmas tree (which I do love doing).

The stories of our faith and Matthew 2 tell us the real, raw story of life when people manipulate their power for their own gain, when innocent lives are taken in vain, and when fear grips people's hearts. They also tell us that God is there: in the laments that are wailed and cried, in the stars that guide and inspire, in wise friends and wise strangers, and in the way that Christ comes to us in our dreams always leading us home to ourselves and home to peace, even if by another road.

As we start this new year, I'll keep showing up with love in the world. I'll grow my roots even deeper into God's Word of Hope. I'll keep investing in my faith community. I'll keep uncovering the image of Christ that is imprinted on my soul.

I hope you'll join me on this journey of faith, hope, and love. Let's be God's people; the ones who follow Jesus from the margins.

Peace,

Pastor Jill

CHURCH SERVICES

9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & on site)

10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & on site)

Online Services can be found on our Facebook page, Apple TV, Roku, YouTube or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord

Sermon: Come on in. The Water's Fine!
Rev. Bev Baumgartner—Preaching

Sunday, January 18, 2026

God Is Too Big

Sermon: One and Only:
The Replacement Model
Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

Sunday, January 25, 2026

God Is Too Big

Sermon: Above All Others:
The Fulfillment Model
Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

Sunday, February 1, 2026

God Is Too Big

Sermon: In Conversation:
The Mutuality Model
Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preaching

College Hill

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,
Bold in the Ways of Justice,
and Graceful in relationships
with all Creation.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5

6:00pm Meditation Group

January 6

9:00am Food Pantry Open

1:00pm Staff Meeting

January 7

6:00pm NA Board

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 8

7:00am ROMEO's

10:00am Needle Art's Guild

7:00pm Uptown Neighborhood Association

January 9

Church Office Closed

January 11

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary

10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall

10:15am Sunday School Classes

11:30am Faith Sister's Book Club

January 12

10:00am EmberHope Management Team

5:30pm EmberHope Informational Meeting

5:30pm Trustees Meeting

6:00pm Meditation Group

6:15pm Finance Meeting

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

January 13

1:00pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Justice Together Team Meeting

6:00pm Marketing Meeting

January 14

9:00am EmberHope Department Meeting

1:30pm God of the Bible

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 15

7:00am ROMEO's

10:00am Needle Art's Guild

6:00pm EmberHope Foster Parent Class

6:30pm Cozy Night

January 16

9:30am Food Pantry Set Up

11:00am Open Door Lunch

January 17

9:00am Food Pantry and Breakfast

January 18

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary

10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall

10:15am Sunday School Classes

January 19

Church Office Closed—Martin Luther King

January 20

1:00pm Staff Meeting

January 21

1:30pm God of the Bible

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 22

7:00am ROMEO's

10:00am Needle Art's Guild

6:00pm EmberHope Foster Parent Class

6:00pm Mission Committee

January 23

Church Office Closed

January 24

10:00am Elaine Hanna Celebration of Life

January 25

9:00am Worship-Sanctuary

10:15am Worship-Fellowship Hall

10:15am Sunday School Classes

1:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

January 26

5:00pm Needle Arts Guild

6:00pm Meditation Group

January 27

10:00am EmberHope Connections Meeting

1:00pm Staff Meeting

6:30pm NAMI Share and Care Group

January 28

1:30pm God of the Bible

6:00pm NA Board

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 29

7:00am ROMEO's

10:00am Needle Art's Guild

6:00pm EmberHope Foster Parent Class

January 30

Church Office Closed

January 31

9:00am CCM Gathering

9:00am Needle Arts Guild Education Day

OUR SYMPATHY

Prayers of sympathy to Lloyd Hanna upon the death of his wife Elaine, whose Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, January 24 at 10 am.

Prayers of sympathy to Joan Poss upon the death of her husband Gary. Celebration of Life date is not yet confirmed.

CHUM ADVENT SPIRAL



JOIN US FOR A COZY NIGHT!

Come gather with friends for a cozy night of sharing.

Bring 5 homemade items, all the same thing

(Ideas: Bath Bombs, Bread Starters, Salsa, Candy, etc...

something you enjoy making).

We will then have a time of sharing

where you will be able to pick 5 other things brought by friends,
so you will go home with 5 homemade goodies from your friends.

Also, please bring a snack to share.

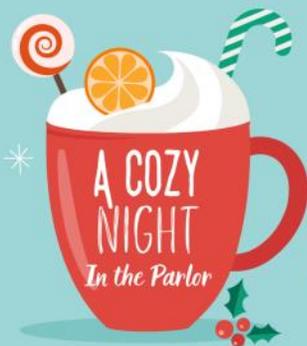
For more info, contact Carri Siebenmark - csiebenmark@att.net

6:30pm - January 15, 2025

College Hill

United Methodist Church

In the Parlor



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings

10:15am on 2nd Floor

No Youth Sunday School the first Sunday of each month.

All youth, 6th -12th grades, come join us as we gather together in our classroom on 2nd floor. Contact Rev. Bev Baumgartner with questions.

bev.baumgartner@collegehillumc.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

for 3 years old through 5th grade

Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am

No Children's Sunday School the first Sunday of each month.

CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available on Sunday mornings for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

It is available from 8:45 - 11:15 am.

The nursery is located on the main floor across from Fellowship Hall.

Contact Jodi Rice with questions:

jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org



God of the Bible

Wednesdays January 14th to February 11th

5 Sessions from 1:30-3:00PM

The God in the Bible is bigger and more expansive than we think!

Rock, Cloud, Mother Hen, Wise Woman, Father are just a handful of names for God we find in the Bible!

This study is provided by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of the United Methodist Church.

Participants will receive a student workbook!

Led by Pastor Jill, this class will meet in hybrid format either in person in the Study, or by Zoom.

Questions contact Pastor Jill at jill.sander-chali@collegehillumc.org



Scan the QR Code to sign up.



CHUM Youth had a progressive Christmas dinner party. One of their stops was at the WSU President's house. They enjoyed dinner with President Rick Muma and First Gentleman Rick Case.



CHUM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information for the newsletter is by Noon the Thursday before. Newsletters are emailed on Monday morning. Please submit all information to: brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org

Address Service Requested

You all are amazing!!

THANK
YOU!



With the gifts that came in today postmarked by December 31, 2025, we not only reached but exceeded our goal. We can't begin to tell you how grateful and humbled we are by your generosity. Thank you all!