



Why Do We Give?

At my age I have experienced many life stages. When Nancy and I married, we went from having nothing to having something. We began our married life tithing. When I became self-employed and we had children, my income and our expenses became lumpy. We lost our anchor to a fixed percentage and continued to give as we had the year before, making only occasional adjustments. Inevitably our giving as a percentage of our income declined.

As our children grew to need us less, we felt both a loss of people to care for. For us that led to a renewed interest in giving.

Then, our surviving parents died and we felt a greater sense that we are the beneficiaries of the efforts of others with a duty to give for them. This led again to a sense of giving.

Nancy is planning her retirement and that leads to a different desire to serve. I continue to work, and that leads to a wish that money serves as a substitute for time.

We are aware that we have experienced seasons of giving, and for those of our generation, it truly is our season of giving. To paraphrase Luke 12:48, to them to whom a lifetime has been given, much is required.

We love that we have CHUM as a worthy vessel for our giving in a church that is vibrant, growing and doing God's work.

<http://collegehillumc.org/give/stewardship-campaign>

Request that pledges be returned on November 21st.

On November 15, I included a giving chart in the newsletter. The chart was supposed to be part of my sermon slides on Sunday, but it didn't make it into the power-point so I asked Patty to include it in the newsletter. However, I failed to write a description to give the chart context. I am sorry for the mis-understanding this caused.

On Sunday, November 14, the sermon was on the story of the widow's mite. In my sermon, I shared that the purpose of the temple treasury was to take care of people like the widow. She wasn't morally or ethically obligated to give unlike the scribes and wealthy who were morally and ethically obligated to give to the temple treasury. However, she gave extravagantly, perhaps because she knew others who had greater need than she did. Jesus was sitting and watching people put their money in the treasury, lamenting the large amounts (but small percentages) that the wealthy were tossing in. The economic system had failed the widow, just as our economic system continues to fail many people today.

I made a comparison to giving percentages today, which is why I referred to the chart. Just like in ancient times the data today show that people who make less money are far more generous and on average give away a much higher percentage of their income than people who have higher incomes. The calculations in the chart are based on actual tax returns in 2017. The chart was not meant to indicate that people who make less money should give more, but that they actually are giving more--and it is an indictment on our current economic system that continues to fail to live up to a heavenly vision where everyone is taken care of.

Thanks to those who reached out to me to draw my attention to the fact that the chart needed to have context and a proper explanation!

Peace,
Pastor Jill

Church Services

**9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & indoor)**

**10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & indoor)**

Online Services can be found on the College Hill United Methodist Church Facebook page or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Face the Future with Trust

Fear Not Advent series

Rev. Dr. Kalaba Chali

(Pulpit exchange this Sunday.)

Series Theme: The Christmas story is full of as much fear as it is hope. Over and over the people in the story and the people hearing the story are told not to fear - God is with them.

Sermon Theme: When Mary learns of her pregnancy, she is scared. This can't end well for an unwed, teenage girl in biblical times. Though Mary is scared of this unknown future, she leans in to trust that God will be with her on the journey. Let us also lean in to trust that God will be with us, even as we face the unknown future.

Luke 1:26-38

Mary finds out that she is pregnant; God assures her she is not alone.

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

November 21, 2021	
Attendance	
Views - 9:00am	106
Views - 10:15am	71
9:00am	69
10:15am	83
Total Giving	\$13,532.00

With Heartfelt Sympathy **Our Sympathy to ... Steve & Clairissa Maddy and family**, upon the death of Steve's sister, Lynette Gallentine, this past week. Also, to **Rev. Bob Simison** and family upon the death of his wife, Pearl. Bob served as our associate minister in the 1980's. Bob & Pearl attended College Hill for many years following his retirement as a United Methodist elder. Our sympathy as well to **Nicole Alvarado** upon the death of her grandmother, Claudell Alvarado. To **Jan, Matthew & Ashley, and Amanda Barnum**, upon the death of husband, father and soon to be first time grandfather, Scott Barnum, from Colby, Ks.

Sunday's Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this past Sunday, November 21, were in celebration of **Dick and Marilyn McKee's** 60th Wedding Anniversary. The flowers were on the altar in the Sanctuary during the 9:00 Worship service. We wish to extend a Happy Anniversary to the McKees!

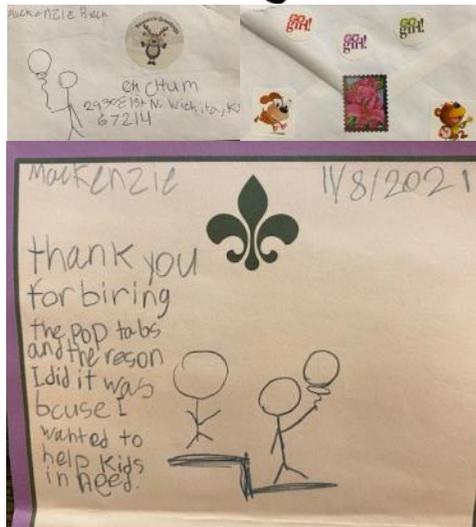
BUILDING CLOSED
November 23, 25 & 26
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

TGIF
Friday, November 26 @ 6:00pm
Tropical Smoothie
2768 N. Maize Rd.
 Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!
 For more information contact **Janice Rich, (316) 312-4029**

Quarter Pole

We cashed in the filled quarter pole and we are thankful for the \$102.00 it collected. This money has been placed into CHUM's Community Garden account to help with the expense of maintaining this garden. We will continue collecting quarters in the Quarter PoLe and will have the Quarter Pole at worship services on Sundays. Set those quarters aside and bring them to church and place in the quarter pole. The monies collected will now go towards the purchase of extra items for the Blessing Box during this winter season. Your donations of items directly to the Blessing Box are so much appreciated! Linda Ruzich is currently filling and repairing the box and will put these monies to great use in purchasing much needed items.

Thank You



Mackenzie's thank you note for all who contributed aluminum tabs.

NEW Suitcases, Backpacks or Duffel Bags for Susan's Kids

Bring in your contributions to the church.

Adopt A Family

Adopt A Family is a ministry partnership between Calvary UMC and United Methodist Open Door that we are so excited to have CHUM participate in again this year! We are excited to be participating and providing gifts for families in HUD and Open Door programs who are coming out of homelessness and who are working to stay out of homelessness. We will help to provide gifts for children and adults of all ages and serve between 150 to 300 individuals a year! If you are interested in giving this year to Adopt A Family email Jodi to help fulfill our list of names and gifts jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org.

Aluminum Tabs

We will continue to collect all aluminum tabs for Mackenzie to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House. Our hope is to help her bypass the goal she has set to reach for donation next October on her 10th birthday! Drop your tabs off in the church office or leave a message for Patty if you need them picked up.

Faith Sisters' Book Club

For the month of December, book club will be held at the Hill Bar & Grill located at Douglas and Oliver. This will be at 11:30am on Sunday, December 12. Contact Diane Kemp to let her know you will be attending so she can make a reservation. Email her at: dianekemp@gmail.com.



The book being read this month is Ladies Who Lunch: A Satirical Taste of L.A. by Josef Woodard.

COVID Tests available
Rapid Antigen Test
Location: College Hill UMC
 Rapid Test (Binax): **Yes**
 Hours: **Monday 11am - 3pm**
Tuesday 9am - Noon
Thursday 10am - Noon

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

CLASSES MEET AT 10:15 AM UNLESS NOTED

AGAPE - Thanks to all who helped with decorations yesterday. We had a very fun outing to the Wild Lights at the zoo Sunday evening! Assignments for our adopted family from the Mental Health Association were finalized. Please bring wrapped gifts to class on Dec. 12th. Next week we will resume our video series. Happy Thanksgiving!

COMMON THREADS - We looked at the Second Commandment: "You shall not make for yourself an idol" By way of DVD, Adam Hamilton guided us into the culture of ancient Egypt and its numerous gods and how the Second Commandment rejects that multiple-gods understanding of the universe. Sunday: the Third Commandment. Common Threads meets in Room B4 after the 9:00am service on Sunday mornings. This class also is available via Zoom on Mondays at 7:15pm. Contact Rick Biles at jamesrichardbile@gmail.com to join the Zoom meetings.

COMMUNICATORS - Happy birthday to Robin and Trudy! Nominations for new class officers are now open. Sunday, we will wrap gifts for the adopted family and decorate our classroom, devotions by John Brewer. Prayers for Susan Peterson & family. Thank you, Don, for reminding us to practice gratitude.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES - Six joined together for Pre-Thanksgiving Zoom Class! Keith Williamson shared the passing of Pearl Simison; husband, Bob, was a past Associate Minister at CHUM. Happy Birthday (before the Day of Turkey) to Ann Reed! Keith reviewed this week's selections focusing on Dr. Sam 'Olu Gon III thoughts as Senior Scientist and Hawaiian Conservationist, as well as Master Chanter. He shared Aloha-ina as emphatic compassion to family and all elements of nature. Next Zoom meeting on Dec. 5, we continue learning Indigenous Spirituality and Spirits of the Rainforest.

VICEROY - We want to welcome our visitor, Caryol from Oklahoma. Please keep class members; Gary, Mike S. Mike O. and Brian J. in your prayers. For Advent, we will start class with a short devotional before the weather report. After, we will continue with Tony Keddie's book Republican Jesus: How the Right has Rewritten the Gospels.

Worship
WITH US ONLINE

Links to Sunday, November 21st
Worship Services

9:00am

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CHUM's  Channel

Look for us at [https://
www.youtube.com/channel/
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view_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0_SDrUvXInezViBKayicxw?view_as=subscriber).

abide
John 15:4

College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:15am on 2nd Floor

All youth, 5th-6th and 7th-12th grades, come join us as we gather together indoors in our classroom on 2nd floor. Contact Brian Sutton with questions

Brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org

Children's Sunday School

for 5 years old through 4th grade

Sunday Mornings

10:15am Indoor

Contact Jodi Rice

Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

CHUM Nursery is Open

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

It is available from
8:30am - 11:15 am.

During the 9:00am service, children will be in the nursery on the main floor across from Fellowship Hall.

During the 10:15am service, the drop off and pick up will be downstairs in the Children's Center.

Parent's Day Out
Let Us Watch the Kids Awhile

Christmas Party!

Gingerbread Nativity Decorating, Carols, Games, and Christmas Crafts

December 4th, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org



Address Service Requested

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on December 12, 19, 24, and 26. They are \$16 each and can be given in honor or memory of a loved one. **Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 8.** Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve services.

Place my order for ___ poinsettias. (Please choose: I will pick up Please deliver to shut-in)

Please circle "Honor" or "Memory", indicate how you want the dedication listed and include who the plant is given from:

Honor/Memory: _____

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Honor/Memory: _____

Honor/Memory: _____

From: _____



ADVENT KINDNESS CALENDAR

Make a Christmas card for a neighbor.

1

Leave a kind note on someone's car.

2

Donate clothes to a homeless shelter.

3

Take a friend to coffee.

4

Host a game night with family and friends.

5

Donate pet food to a local rescue.

6

Share a treat at work/school today.

7

Give someone a compliment.

8

Walk your neighborhood and pick up trash.

9

Give up your place in line to someone behind you.

10

Hold the door open for a stranger.

11

Candy Cane flock a parking lot.

12

Clean someone's car windows.

13

Mail Christmas Cards to a Nursing Home

14

Put post it notes up for people you love.

15

Leave a note and or treat for your mail carrier.

16

Tape popcorn to a Redbox.

17

Bake cookies to share with your neighbors.

18

Spend the afternoon in PJ's watching movies.

19

Wave at random people while driving.

20

Call a family member or friend just to say hi.

21

Take a bubble bath and relax.

22

Let your family know how much you love them.

23

Christmas Eve Services 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

24

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THANK YOU ALL!
ADVENT DECORATIONS ARE UP!



DECEMBER EVENTS

All services on our Website and Facebook page

Advent Daytime study
led by Pastor Jill Sander-Chali
Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22
from 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Read and reflect your way through Advent with this devotional "Keep Watch with Me: An Advent Reader for Peacemakers," featuring diverse contributors: black, white, LGBTQ, Latinx, Palestinian, and more. Then, join Pastor Jill during lunch-time on Wednesdays for a brief conversation centered on the weekly devotions!

Jelly & Card Sale in the Parlor
Sunday, December 12th

We will have The Jelly Guys, Kirk Haney will have beautiful note cards, and Carol Hirsh will have a variety of crafts on sale in the Parlor. The sale will take place from 8:45 – 11:30 am. If you have any old jelly jars from The Jelly Guys, be sure to bring them in and receive a discount on your purchase. A % of all sales will be donated to the church budget. CHUM Coffee will be sold: 4 oz for \$5.

Christmas Eve
December 24th
(ALL services will include
candlelight/glow sticks.)

4:00pm Carols Around the Crib
Service in Fellowship Hall

Join us for an interactive service of Christmas carols and a narration of the Christmas story where you have a part to play. Youngsters and those young at heart will enjoy this service and get home before dark!

6:30pm Contemporary Service
Fellowship Hall

Join us for a wonderful service that includes music by the Art & Soul Singers and the Changing Faces Band and ends with candle lighting - light that we take out into the world with us to share with those around us as we leave!

8:30pm Traditional Service
Sanctuary

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service with the Chancel Choir, communion, and candlelight.

11:15pm Service of Light
Sanctuary

Join us for a special service of music as we celebrate Christmas morning by candlelight.

Advent Study led by
Pastor Maddie Johnson
Sundays, December 5, 12, and 19
from 1:30-2:30 pm CHUM Parlor
Prophecies of Light

Do the Old Testament prophets really predict the events of the New Testament? Do the Advent prophecies really predict Jesus's birth? If you are curious about these questions of prophecy, join Pastor Maddie in December for a three-week study on the famous Advent prophecies found in the book of Isaiah.

Sunday, December 12th

Chancel Choir Cantata 9:00am

This year's cantata "O Sing, All Ye Faithful" tells the story of Christmas.

Pre-recorded Children's
Christmas Pageant will be
shown in both services.

Join the children on their journey back in time to the very first Christmas when God gave us the best gift of all. The nativity story will be portrayed through narration.

Special Music in 10:15 Worship

The band will share in extra-special music interspersed by scripture reading focused on hearing God's voice speak to us through the Christmas story!



Decorate CHUM's Christmas
Tree beginning December 5th

A lighted Christmas tree will once again be set up in the middle of Trinity Garden. We are asking you to stop by at any time and add an ornament to decorate the tree. Ornaments will not be returned. Come enjoy the tree at any time!



In Person Only

Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 15th

1:00 or 6:30 pm in CHUM's Chapel
This short service with Pastor Jill is for everyone but especially for those who have suffered loss this past year and are grieving. Spend some time with us on this longest night of the year as we worship together.

One Service Sunday
December 26th at 10:00am
Fellowship Hall

Let's celebrate the end of 2021 and the Christmas season, as we all worship together in one service! Brent Sprunger will lead this service. We will have music by both the choir and Art & Soul Singers and band.