



Archie Shivar CHUMC Homebound  
 Audrey Oppenheim  
 The Hampton Family  
 The Gee Family  
 Nita & Jonathan Horne  
 Nette  
 Kurt Maerschel – Confirmand  
 Emily Smith – Confirmand  
 Betty Peace  
 Rick Hallstrand  
 Jocelyn Barnard  
 Scott Fletcher  
 Jennie Leamons  
 Praise – Meredith Freeman's Graduation  
 Jim Hanigan  
 Kirk Connally  
 The Mendoza Family  
 Jill Weisenburg-Chambers  
 Charles M.



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

January 7, 2020

– Pastor's Message –



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By now, you have seen the news reports. A wide ranging group of United Methodists met together with a well known mediator to work out an agreed plan for separation to submit to the 2020 General Conference. This plan will enable us all to put decades of contention regarding the inclusion of LGBTQ people in the Church behind us and allow churches and clergy to live into their ministry authentically whatever their beliefs.

The agreed plan begins with traditionalists, meaning those who have decided they cannot participate in a denomination in which there are churches, conferences, and jurisdictions, practicing full inclusion of LGBTQ people, will form a new denomination and receive \$25 million over four years to aid in the formation of their denomination. Any other groups wanting to form their own denomination would receive \$2 million. The next step is General Conference would move to adopt the Connectional Table's plan to make the UMC in the United States a regional conference much like the central conferences in the rest of our global church. This would allow the US Regional Conference to remove the prohibitive language regarding LGBTQ people from its Book of Discipline without requiring other regional/central conferences who remain a part of the United Methodist Church to do the same. The final piece of the deal is setting aside \$39 million to support ministries with communities historically impacted by systemic racism.

I believe this proposal provides a pathway to a healthier time in our Church where all people will find a place they are fully included and loved. There is still much work to be done before it becomes a reality, but this proposal provides the greatest hope for our Church in the decades that have followed our entry into this dispute in 1972.

I hope you'll join me in praying for our Church as we move toward General Conference in May. Pray for our bishops and other church leaders who will be communicating the implications of this agreement to their delegates and constituencies. Pray for the General Conference delegates who will be voting on this and perhaps other proposals. Pray that people will be moved with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as General Conference discerns next steps.

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### Upcoming Usher List

1/5 – Dave & Ilene Oldfield, Larry & Andrea Rains  
 1/12 – Kevin & Kelly Patterson, Tom & Jan Wooldridge  
 1/19 – Craig & Mitchell Davis, Robert Putnam, Linda Pace  
 1/26 – Pat Moore, Kandy Burdette, Sandra Fletcher, Charlie Wood

### - Pastor's Message Part 2 -

As you pray, if you would like to know more about the agreement announced this weekend, you will find a link to a letter from Bishop McKee posted this past Sunday, including a link to the entire text of the agreement on the CHUMC Facebook page.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



### All-Church Email Issue

We understand some of our members are still having issues with mass emails from our church going to their junk or spam mail folders. Unfortunately, to our knowledge, there is not a solution to this issue that can be implemented on our end. **However, when a church email goes into your junk mail, you can often select or open the email and click "Not Spam" or "Not Junk" which will send the email to your inbox and cause your email provider to recognize in the future that email address is not junk mail.** In addition, while the address the emails come from says "no-reply" please know that if you do reply to these emails the replies will come to church office.



### Inclement Weather Procedure

In the event of inclement weather our office will close if DISD closes. This is so that our staff and congregation can stay safe during those winter storms that we get every now and again. Please stay safe this winter and bundle up!



### End of Year Family Fun Night & Posada Report

We are super excited to have Project Transformation start up once again for the new year! We ended the semester with two amazing celebrations. At the Family Fun Night we gathered together and enjoyed looking at the children's faces as they opened their gifts. It was such a beautiful thing to see how a generous act from our church can make such a huge impact on these children and their families. The following day we celebrated with a traditional Hispanic celebration. The Posada was a great time of fellowship and an opportunity to celebrate the work our Project Transformation interns have done so far. A huge thank you to the UMM for providing dinner at the posada and to all of those who were able to attend and support either one of those events. If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with Project Transformation this new year make sure to contact Idalia or Berenice.

### Church Calendar

- Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:30 PM Planning Retreat
- Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:15 AM Sunday School
  - 10:30 AM Worship
  - 11:30 AM Children's Council
  - 11:30 AM Family Life Meeting
  - 4:00 PM Children's Choir
  - 4:00 PM Youth
- Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 7:00 PM Worship Meeting
- Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Plus 4's Square Dancers
  - 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Glen Womble 1/15	Archie Shivar 1/16	Jose Ramirez 1/17	Amy Swanson 1/18
Janis Cogshall 1/22	Alex Young 1/23	Barbara Tatum 1/29	Sarah Bandy 1/30

Want something in the Newsletter?  
 Send your newsletter article to [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org) by 8am Friday.

Need to reserve a room or get an event on the calendar?  
 Please fill out an Event Request Form located on our website: [chapelhillumc.org](http://chapelhillumc.org), email [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org), or in the folders on the table in the narthex.

Want to have a bulletin insert or announcement slide?  
 Look at the standards and procedures in the folders on the narthex table and turn it in by 4pm Thursday.

Have something to celebrate?  
 Email the office with your celebration by Monday at 11am so that we can put your celebration in our "Hats Off" section to have everyone know the joy you are experiencing in your life.