



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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April 27, 2020

– Pastor’s Message –



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A message from Bishop McKee:

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

As we continue to serve and worship the Risen Christ during this Easter season, we do so in a challenging time because of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Since March 15, United Methodists have not worshiped in their churches or gathered in person for Sunday School classes or small groups. Yet, congregations continue to worship and study together online.

Many of us have learned how to use new technologies or have discovered social platforms that our friends, children and grandchildren often use. Thank you to the pastors and laity of the North Texas Conference for your leadership, creativity and faithfulness for proclaiming the Gospel online and for teaching and sharing the faith in unique ways. Amidst that, many of you are compassionately serving your neighbors.

Our clergy have risen to the challenges of pastor/preacher in the age of social distancing. They have learned new skills and consulted with each other. In many ways, they have worked harder, and I am grateful for our clergy and their witness. This has been no vacation, but there has been nothing but passion and joy in serving Christ. Thank you.

Laity and clergy alike have begun to ask questions about when we can return to our churches and worship together in person. The answer is “not yet.”

To set a date at this time would be premature because of the ever-changing spread of COVID-19. There are areas of the North Texas Conference that have very few COVID-19 cases, but the Dallas area continues to be significantly affected. It’s best to plan that congregations will not gather face-to-face through May 31. It is my hope and prayer that we will be able to re-open our churches at some point in June.

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## Prayer List

The Hampton Family	Jaime Riggsby's brother
The Gee Family	Doe Payne
Jocelyn Barnard	Rev. Allen's brother-in-laws
Scott Fletcher	Jimmy and John
Jennie Leamons	Lee Willhite's friend Rick
Tom Sanders	Charles Cancellare
Hector Marroquin	Brian Hutson
The Family of Riley Eye	<b>Those affected by COVID-19</b>
Wendy Canfield Collin	Nurses and Doctors
Robert Hager	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Wendy Canfield	Those who have lost jobs
Daniel	Students and teachers taking classes online
Lola Magee	Parents of students
Eileen Francis	First responders
Dot and Others	All patients in NY hospitals
The family of Jan Wooldridge in the loss of her nephew	Medical personnel who are working
Dottie Powell	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Jim & Artie Palmer	
Mike Bumgardner	
Margaret's friend Berna	

## Pastor's Message Part 2

How we begin gathering together in the future will be a challenge for each church. This cannot be "let's open the doors and pick up where we were." That would be foolish and potentially cause more harm.

Guidelines are being formed for that time when we can see each other in person again.

In the meantime, let us continue to serve in our communities. Please include in your prayers:

- Those who have died and their families
- Persons in the medical community who seek to bring healing and their families
- Persons and their families who have lost jobs.

Thank you again for your faithfulness. I am inspired by your creativity and your resilience and know that God is able to do a good work in you.

Peace,  
Michael McKee

## COVID-19 Masks – NEED YOUR HELP!

Hello CHUMC family, thank you to all who requested a handmade mask to help you stay healthy in this trying time. We have reached out to many of you and have an overwhelming need to produce and provide these masks (over 50 thus far). BUT, we cannot do this without help from you! Please see the needed areas below and reach out to me, Melanie Willhite, at 214-335-3365 or [melaniewillhite@hotmail.com](mailto:melaniewillhite@hotmail.com) to request a mask or volunteer to help. We expect to start making these quick now that Easter is over.

### We need volunteers to:

Wash and cut fabric

Sew

Deliver completed masks to doorsteps

### We also need elastic!

Thank you for reaching out in this way!  
Your Outreach Team

### Please Note:

While we are unable to gather, please remember CHUMC still has expenses. Please continue to make your faith pledge offerings by mail by sending them directly to our treasurer, Jan Wooldridge, at 12930 Mitchwin Road, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

Please send prayer requests to Alec and Adam at [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org). Please note, the office is closed during the week per Dallas County's Stay at Home Order, so the phone is not being checked. If you are unable to email, please ask someone with email to send your information to the office email or contact J.D. at (972) 467-7756.

In the case of a pastoral care emergency, please contact J.D. at (972) 467-7756.

**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)



Craig Davis 4/2  
Scott Bandy 4/11  
Sarah Womble 4/23  
Fred Maxwell 4/29

Andy Hoelle 4/8  
Linda Pace 4/18  
Larry Rains 4/27  
Aubrey Young 4/29

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