



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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### Pastor's Message



**Chapel Hill UMC**  
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As businesses start to open and some things are starting to reach a form of new normal, it is natural for a question to arise: when will we be able to gather for in-person worship once again? We know increasing numbers of churches are gathering back together and may wonder when that will include us.

Bishop Mike McKee, presiding bishop of the North Texas Conference, emailed last week to let us know that the Metro and North Central district churches are asked to wait until at least July before we reopen for in-person worship. This is a hard reality but we know it is in the best interest of not just the church, but the public interest to not gather yet as we see multiple reports of churches of having closed again after reopening, resulting not only in the spread of the coronavirus with fatalities in their local church but in their communities as well. Therefore, as we seek to honor our Wesleyan commitment to love our neighbor and do no harm, we will remain closed for now. But our Reopening team is hard at work to make sure all proper precautions are taken when we gather again.

I know this is disappointing news, but this coming Sunday provides hope for us. It is Pentecost. The day the Spirit, which descended upon Jesus, descended upon the Church. This Spirit connects us as one even when we are apart and assures us that we are children of God. Likewise, we remain empowered to share the good news of God's love and the reign of God taking shape in this world with those around us, even if the methods change.

So take heart. Jesus, the ascended Lord, rules over us in love. We are not forgotten. And, though we do not gather at this time, we are still one.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

## Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Don Keim
The Hampton Family	Sally Medcalf
The Gee Family	The Medcalf and Keeler Families
Jocelyn Barnard	<b>Those affected by COVID-19</b>
Scott Fletcher	Nurses and Doctors
Jennie Leamons	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Tom Sanders	Those who have lost jobs
Hector Marroquin	Students and teachers taking classes online
Dottie Powell	Parents of students
Artie Palmer in the loss of Jim	First responders
Mike Bumgardner	All patients in NY hospitals
Rev. Allen's family in search of jobs	Medical personnel who are working
Charles Cancellare	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Charlie's family member Dot	Travel restrictions being lifted
Edrese's caretaker Esther	
Jamie Rigsby	
Mike McClure	
Melanie Willhite	
Kim Lucero	

## Congrats, Grads!

We are celebrating the various graduations our members are experiencing this past year. We have members celebrating high school graduation, college graduation, and even graduation from the workforce. Congratulations to our friends:

### High School Graduates

Glorie Romine; graduating from Creekview High School in Carrollton this May, will be attending Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Minnesota to play softball. Glorie aspires to receive a BS in Biological Sciences in order to care for animals.

Madeleine Davis; graduating from The Colony High School this May, will become a cosmetologist to help people be and feel beautiful.

Lillian Harlow; graduating from Creekview High School in Carrollton this May, will be attending St. Edwards University in Austin, TX, and will pursue a BFA with an emphasis on musical

theatre.

Taylor Horn; graduating from R.L Turner this May, will be attending Brookhaven Community College and plans to attend UNT after two years. Morgan Pasioka; graduating from Marcus High School in Flower Mound this May, and aspires to be a teacher.

### College Graduates

Meredith Freeman; graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington this past December with a Bachelor's in Social Work, has received a job as the Community Engagement Coordinator for Hope Tutoring, aspires to become a Licensed Master Social Worker).

Berenice Baeza; graduating from the University of Texas at Dallas this summer with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Marketing, and will continue working as a full-time intern in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

### Workforce Graduates

Fred Maxwell; graduated from the workforce this year and is now retired. Aspires to enjoy his family, travel, and return to Chapel Hill whenever that is possible.

### 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)



Leslie Joslin 5/4	Pat Moore 5/8
Todd Swanson 5/9	Kristen Hampton 5/12
Silvia Ochoa 5/14	Ralph Minton 5/16
Laurie Peake 5/19	Clare Connally 5/21
Margaret Young 5/22	Ruth Fuls 5/25
Charles Loper 5/27	

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