



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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An excerpt from the statement of Rev. Thomas Bickerton, President of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, in response to the tragic mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas:

My "statement" today is quite simple: Let's go on the offense. If you are a pastor, weave our theology of a lived-out faith into sermons that challenge people to convert their fears, angers, racist tendencies, and complicit behaviors into a mobilized witness of the power of God to do far more than we could ever dream of or imagine. If you are a lay person, determine today how you will take the faith you nurture each week in a pew to the streets, the places where you work, and the homes where you live. If you are a church body, don't settle for just active shooter training. Determine that you will actively work to transform lives from violence to peace, elect officials that will not settle for inaction, and inject communities with the grace and love of Christ that will alter the course of our current behaviors.

Let's go on the offense today and play whatever role we can to change the cycle of violence, end racism and other behaviors that treat people less than they were created to be, and create a narrative that will compel people to live a life with a heart of peace.

In his book, *To Bless the Space Between Us*, John O'Donahue writes, "Now is the time to hold faithful to your dream, to understand that this is an interim time full of awkward disconnection." As a bishop of the church, I refuse to see this period of our lives as a permanent time of disarray. Instead, I choose to see this as an interim time, a time that will not remain as it is, a time that will not be the standard upon which we experience the life we have been blessed to live. As United Methodists we embrace a gospel and a mission that we state has the power to transform the world. The risk is that they will only be nice words that easily roll off our tongues just like every statement made after the latest act of violence. The risk is that we will see our current state as a permanent one, rather than as an interim time that we can, with the power of God in our midst, change.



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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Marie Rinker
The Gee Family	Family of Nancy Williams
Jennie Leamons	Matthew Shivar
Tom Sanders	Bobby, & Margaret Lyon
Judy Charvat	Family of Norma Wood and Charles Wood, Jr.
Beverly Holmes	Tony Wood
Danny Halron	Evelyn Womble
Donna Daggett	Tornado victims
Tim Harrison	Those impacted by invasion of Ukraine
Lynn & Dixie Copeland	Those affected by COVID-19:
Gary & Judy Anderson	Nurses and Doctors
Jayde Wisner's Nana	All patients in hospitals
Carter Tatum	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Donna Hoisington's niece, Jana	First responders
Jim Taylor	Medical personnel who are working
Grandma Gloria	Parents of students
Yvette's kids	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Brigit Ilona Fincham	Students and teachers taking classes online
Betty Garrison	Those who have lost jobs
Martha Johnson, rehabbing at home	
Edrese Hanigan	
Jim Hanigan	

Announcements

Homeless Relief Packets:

Our children are collecting goods to create homeless relief packets for our neighbors. Please see the on the way out so you can determine what you can provide. We will be gathering together after worship on June 5 to prepare these relief kits.

Project Transformation Lunch:

This summer's Project Transformation team will be in worship with us on Sunday, June 5th and we will be having lunch with them to welcome them following worship. Please let Meanie Willhite know if you will join us.

Project Transformation (PT) Volunteers:

PT Summer Camp begins June 7 and you are incited to volunteer. You can sign up at the green table in the Narthex. Our volunteer needs include: morning and afternoon door greeters, Family Fun Night Volunteers on June 23 and July 21, and Providers of morning snacks for our PT staff.

Sack Summer Hunger:

We are once again participating in Metrocrest Services Sack Summer Hunger this year from Saturday, June 4, through Saturday, July 30. You can sign up to participate on the table in the Narthex. Volunteer needs include: drivers to pick up food from Metrocrest Services, drivers to deliver food to a couple of homes each Saturday, and people for on-site distribution.

Pastor's Message Part 2

The call today is for every United Methodist Christian to go on the offense, stating what we believe the power of God can do in our midst, opening ourselves to power of God at work within us, and doing whatever we can to alter the current course of behavior once and for all.

The journey continues...

Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen

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All Church Meeting:

We will have an All Church Meeting on June 12.

Neighbor Knocking:

Are you a social individual? Or do you know how to pray? Then, you can join us for Neighbor Knocking on the morning of Saturday, June 11 as we go around our neighborhood getting to know our neighbors.

Bible Year 2022 Readings

Mon. 5/30: Ps. 113:1-118:29
Tues. 5/31: Ps. 119:1-88
Wed. 6/1: Ps. 119:89-176
Thurs. 6/2: Ps. 120:1-126:6
Friday, 6/3: Ps. 127:1-130:8
Saturday, 6/4: Ps. 131:1-136:26
Sunday, 6/5: Ps. 137:1-140:13

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



Gordon Putnam 6/13
Kathy Bandy 6/18
Patsy Kaphengst 6/24
Jennie Leamons 6/27

Andrea Rains 6/16
Matthew Shivar 6/22
Terri Moore 6/24
Pat Thompson 6/30

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