



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

March 20, 2023

Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

This week, we continue our reflections on the February 19 sermon of Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., and the United Methodist message of "our message of God's grace and our concern and commitment for personal holiness, evangelism, service in the world, and social justice,"

Let us reflect on Bishop Saenz's third emphasis: strengthening the bonds of our sacred connection with God, with each other, and with our neighbors and collaborating with our sister churches, with our ecumenical partners, and with community associates.

Strengthening our sacred bond with God and each can come with a renewed focus on our means of grace: worship and sacraments, prayer and bible study both individually and together, holy conferencing in which we encourage one another along the way, fasting, serving our neighbors, and working for justice. All of these things are shared with us by God as means by which we can connect with God's grace and be continually transformed by God's love on our way to Christian Perfection in which love guides our lives. This is encapsulated in our General Rule of Discipleship: to witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our connectional system has always shown that we can more fully make disciples for the transformation of the world when we join together with other local churches. We are in a time of transition in the UMC and at CHUMC when such partnership may be all the more vital. We will see this partnership as we join together for Maunday Thursday and Good Friday with Christ UMC. Such partnerships can also empower us in our ministries of witness and outreach in our community, in our conference, in the denomination, and around the globe.

We can also extend the reach of our grace and love received from God by partnering with churches of other denominations, other faith groups, and community organizations. There is a great deal of commonality with churches of other denominations, including those churches that recently disaffiliated from the UMC and other faith groups in terms of the call and privilege to love our neighbors and we can do great things. The same is true for teaming up with community partners such as Metrocrest Services as CHUMC has an extensive history of doing.

Bishop Saenz brings a hopeful vision to our conference. May we find hope and strength through community with God, each other, our neighboring churches, and community organizations as we heed the call to love God and love our neighbor in 2023.

***Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen***



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Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Martha Johnson
The Gee Family	Don Oldfield
Tom Sander	Phyllis Hendrix
Danny Halron	Juan Torres' friend
Grandma Gloria	Leonardo Meadow
Yvette's kids	Family of Andy Hoelle
Edrese Hanigan	Verlyn Madson
Kevin Patterson	Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)
Sam Orton	Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)
Gloria (Pinson) Ming	
Judy Bull	Eleanor Body
Scott Fletcher	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
Jim Cranford	Family of Nick Barnett
Margaret Young	Arlington Lamar High School Community
Martha Johnson	
Don Oldfield	Mass shooting victims
Phyllis Hendrix	



Bishop Saenz, Jr. to answer your questions at District Meetings

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. is excited to meet with lay and clergy of the North Texas Conference on Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM-Noon at First United Methodist Church Duncanville. To submit a question, please go to <https://ntcumc.org/district-huddles> and fill out the form.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
10 AM – 2 PM

For pastoral appointments outside of office hours, you may call the office to schedule.

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

Announcements

Church Council Meeting Monday, March 20th at 7 PM

Family Ministries Council Meeting Sunday, March 26th at 11:30 AM

Chili Cook Off Sunday, March 26th 4-6 PM
Benefitting the Children and Youth Bridgeport Camp.

Holy Week We are joining together with Christ UMC at 2807 Valwood Pkwy for Maunday Thursday Worship with Holy Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae Worship. Both services start at 7 pm.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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



JD	Allen	3/08
Cindi	Moore	3/11
Lee	Willhite	3/15
Haley	Byrd	3/16
Kelly	Lopez	3/17