April 10, 2023

Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

> Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

Kate Whitaker Minister of Families

Melissa Sky-Eagle Worship & Music

> Jill Cox Office Manager

Jim Hanigan Building Manager We took a brief hiatus last week from our walk through Bishop Ruben Saenz's installation sermon. We return to it this week with the final emphasis from his sermon: Bishop Saenz's commitment to the North and Central Texas Conferences of the United Methodist Church to encourage us, set us free, and go before us into the future all while celebrating progress and acknowledging that it is okay to fail as we celebrate taking risks for Christ.

Bishop Saenz's commitment to us is meant to free us to be entrepreneurial in how we go about making disciples for the transformation of the world, or, as we might more appropriately say, follow where the Spirit leads us. This is an acknowledgment that each local church has its own context rooted in its own specific blend of diverse demographics and the specific needs of its community. These factors, as we network and build new relationships, will impact how we do ministry. The demographics will shape how we make the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Reign of God relevant to our community as we seek to make disciples. The community needs will shape how we practice the Reign of God through charity and justice as we seek to be part of God's transformation of the world. And we need not fear if we discern the Spirit incorrectly and fail. We will celebrate the risk and the effort and start anew.

Bishop Saenz has committed to go into the future by imagining what the church will need to be in 2050. He began this project years before coming back to Texas in learning about younger generations who are the present and the future of the church. At the Metro District Huddle on April 1, Bishop Saenz laid out the following ways millennials and Gen Zers, collectively, differ from those who came before. Diversity is the norm for them, and they seek diversity in religious community in terms of race, gender, and sexuality. They have different financial priorities than their parents and grandparents and tend to be much more frugal. They face increasing mental challenges as they feel more isolated and alone. They lean more progressive socially and politically. They are more likely to be single for longer, never marry, and have more non-traditional households.

As we go into the future and build the church of 2050, we need to account for these differences and discern how the Spirit is leading us to make the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Reign of God relevant into the future in our contexts. Through success or failure, our efforts to follow the Spirit into the future will be celebrated.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen



Prayer List

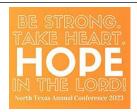
CHUMC Homebound Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) The Gee Family Gay Keim (Kandy Tom Sander Burdette's sister-in-Danny Halron law) Grandma Gloria Eleanor Body Kathy Reynolds Yvette's kids (Barbara Tatum's Edrese Hanigan Daughter) Kevin Patterson Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew) Sam Orton **Evelyn Womble** Gloria (Pinson) Ming Family of Nick Barnett Judy Bull Christel Hensley and Scott Fletcher Family Family of Gloria Jim Cranford **Dennison Ming** Margaret Young Arlington Lamar High Martha Johnson School Community Thomas Jefferson High Don Oldfield School Community Phyllis Hendrix Martha Johnson Mass shooting victims



<u>Church Council Meeting</u>, Monday, April 10th at 7 PM.

<u>Outreach Meeting</u>, Sunday, April 16th at 11:30 AM.

<u>Family Ministries Council Meeting</u>, Sunday, April 23rd at 11:30 AM.



Join us in June for Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2023 North Texas Annual Conference, an opportunity for us to gather to worship, learn, pray and proclaim what it means to truly be the church.

Annual Conference: June 11-13 at Christ UMC Plano

Laity Session: June 11 at First UMC Plano

Registration opens the week of April 24. Additional details, including childcare, maps, meals, speakers and more, will be available then.

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.

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Craig	Davis	4/2	Linda	Pace	4/18
Dave	Horton	4/3	Sarah	Womble	4/23
Corky	Rawdon	4/3	Larry	Rains	4/27
Jill	Cox	4/13	Fred	Maxwell	4/29