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Pastor's Message

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Graduation is a significant milestone in a young persons' life. Yesterday, we recognized some of this year's grads from CHUMC. In many ways, this is the pandemic class. They were freshmen when the pandemic hit, disrupting not only their freshman year but altering much of their sophomore year as well. They learned from home. They missed their friends. They lost opportunities for scheduled trips around the state and country. Yet they persevered. And they are thankful that things returned to normal before their senior year, a luxury the class of 2020 did not have.

We stand beyond proud of how they persevered. Yet they would likely tell you they were not alone in this trying time. They had parents, siblings, teachers, administrators, coaches, directors, friends, and others who found ways to be there for them throughout the trying time that was the pandemic and make it to their high school graduation.

The commitment to one another that brought this year's grads through the past four years bore witness to the God of love. It is our God of love who is there with us in our trials and our suffering. God promises to be there for us even when God seems most absent. Truth be told, while the pandemic has passed, the trials and suffering have not. And despite the continuance of trials and suffering, we know the God revealed in the resurrected Christ who presides over all creation overcomes evil and death and continues to shower love into our lives and through our lives to others.

I pray you find rest in the love of God today.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen



Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sander Danny Halron Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Edrese Hanigan Kevin Patterson Sam Orton Judy Bull Scott Fletcher Jim Cranford Don Oldfield Phyllis Hendrix Martha Johnson Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)

Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Eleanor Body Kathy Reynolds (Barbara Tatum's Daughter) Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew) **Evelyn Womble** Leonard Calverley Pat Moore Christine Lofland Christina Loper Charles Cancellare Larry Rains

Habib Khoury

Mass shooting victims



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.

Announcements

<u>Family Ministries Council Meeting</u>, Sunday, May 28th at 11:30 AM

Sack Summer Hunger: We are once again participating in Metrocrest Services Sack Summer Hunger this year on Saturdays, June 3 through July 29. 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.

Our <u>Communion Offering</u> on Sunday, June 4th will support Peace with Justice. Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day and Rev. J.D. Allen will be on vacation the rest of the week.

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.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube

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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



Kristen	Hampton	5/12	Laurie	Peake	5/19
Silvia	Ochoa	5/14	Margaret	Young	5/22
Ralph	Minton	5/16	Ruth	Fuls	5/25
			Charles	Loper	5/27