



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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May 30, 2023

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,



#### Chapel Hill UMC

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Last June, the North Texas Annual Conference convened less than two years after the horrific mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Young children greatly anticipating their imminent summer vacation saw their lives shredded by a violent gunman. It was in the wake of this event and the rapidly increasing number of mass shootings that the laity of the North Texas Conference brought a resolution to the floor.

The resolution stated that people should be able to teach and learn without fear. It supported a previous clergy motion regarding hate crimes following the shootings in Buffalo, New York. It stressed we do not give in to a spirit of hopelessness as sin and death will not have a final say. It called upon us to embrace our baptismal vows to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. It affirmed the call of our United Methodist Council of Bishops "that our churches not settle for just active shooter training, but rather how we 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" and Bishop Michael McKee's reminder that we "be doers of the world and not just hearers.

With all this at its foundation, the resolution called us to action by working within our churches to educate and to end the evil of gun violence, to open ourselves to the power of God at work within us and do whatever we can to the current course of behavior once and for all, and to demonstrate our commitment to a future free of gun violence by participating in the Wear Orange Movement during National Gun Awareness Weekend during the first weekend of June.

As we approach another annual conference, our own North Texas community was impacted in the massacre of shoppers at Allen Premium Outlets. The need for transformation grows in its clarity.

Given the continued rash of mass shootings in our communities, state, and nation and in solidarity with the victims of gun violence, I invite you to join me and other members of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church in wearing orange during the first weekend of June, including for worship on Sunday, June 5. It is understood clearly that wearing orange is merely a symbolic gesture that should precede greater witness and action. While thoughts and prayers are a significant response to suffering in our world, we are called to do more as disciples of Christ. The prophets and Jesus had a clear stance against violence by action and inaction toward the innocents and spoke of the hope of a new creation in Christ.

Let us join together and overcome the scourge of gun violence in the United States, God willing.

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



## Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)
The Gee Family	Eleanor Body
Tom Sander	Kathy Reynolds (Barbara Tatum's Daughter)
Danny Halron	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
Grandma Gloria	Evelyn Womble
Yvette's kids	Leonard Calverley
Edrese Hanigan	Pat Moore
Kevin Patterson	Christine Lofland
Sam Orton	Christina Loper
Judy Bull	Charles Cancellare
Scott Fletcher	Larry Rains
Jim Cranford	Habib Khoury
Don Oldfield	Mass shooting victims
Phyllis Hendrix	
Martha Johnson	
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	



## 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

**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.

Our **Communion Offering** on Sunday, June 4th will support Peace with Justice Sunday.

**DFW Surf's Paddle With Your Pooch Fundraiser**, Sunday, June 4th from 4-6 PM. This event is free but space is limited! Sign up today at [www.dfwsurf.com](http://www.dfwsurf.com). All donations raised go to Chapel Hill UMC Outreach kids to go to camp. For questions, contact Minister Kate Whitaker Hendrick: [familyministries@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:familyministries@chapelhillumc.org)

## 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 for 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](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Gordon Putnam	6/13	Yolanda Recalde	6/22
Andrea Rains	6/16	Patsy Kaphengst	6/24
Kathy Bandy	6/18	Pat Thompson	6/30
Victoria Bell	6/18		