July 24, 2023

Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

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Jim Hanigan Building Manager In an opinion piece in the Dallas Morning News on July 12, our resident bishop, Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., offered public thoughts on the current period of disaffiliation in the United Methodist Church. He explained that while this time is painful and we grieve the loss of denominational friends, that the UMC remains strong, especially in North Texas where we saw only 48 of our churches (15%) disaffiliate.

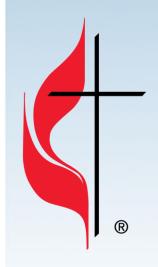
He explains this painful process ultimately helps to clarify our Christian identity as the "commitment to our historic doctrines remains steadfast, and we strive to unite our personal holiness with God's vision for a just society."

When we speak of our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, Bishop Saenz points to four main outcomes: "to assist individuals in deepening their love for God, to spread the message of new and abundant life in Christ, to serve others, especially those facing poverty, and to pursue mercy and God's justice to promote whole and flourishing lives for all."

Bishop Saenz goes on the explain how our United Methodists beliefs equip us for this pursuit, including embracing the sacred worth of all individuals and the beauty of the of the diversity they hold, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral which embraces scripture as authoritative and which church tradition, personal experience, and reason based on wider fields of knowledge helps us to understand more clearly, and the commitment to love of God and neighbor while understanding this love embraces both the idea of "saving souls" and "seeking God's justice for the world."

This summary provides a cogent call to us as we consider Christ's call to be about "the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith." (Matthew 23:23) May we be in prayer together as we seek how we can pursue our call together. As we are, we will explore these topics in more depth in August.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen



Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sander Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Edrese Hanigan Kevin Patterson Sam Orton Judy Bull Scott Fletcher Jim Cranford Don Oldfield Martha Johnson Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) David Oldfield Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw)

Kathy Reynolds
(Barbara Tatum's
Daughter)
Scott Malone (Iris
Shivar's nephew)
Evelyn Womble
Leonard Calverley
Charles Cancellare
Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Hiett
Aaron Brooks
Pat McCourtney
Matt McCourtney
Mass shooting victims

Concerned, curious, want to talk about unification? Participate in a Zoom focus group: In anticipation of a proposed unification of the Central, Northwest and North Texas Conferences in 2024, the Conferences are seeking input from clergy and laity alike. Participants will be asked:

What do you appreciate most about your Conference?

How would you like to see a new Conference carry out its mission in the future (staffing, programs, budget, etc.)?

The leader of the focus groups will be John Wimberly, an experienced congregational and judicatory consultant. The meetings will be 60-90 minutes. You have 3 dates to choose from July 17 at 3 PM, July 22 at 10 AM, and July 27 at 7 PM.

Register: https://ntcumc.org/focus-group





Volunteers needed Saturdays, June 3rd through July 29th Sign up sheet in the Narthex



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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Ava	Allen	11-Jul	Mitchell	Davis	14-Jul	Nancy Pat	Putnam Khoury	7/25 7/27
Nathan	Freeman	11-Jul	Tom	Wooldridge	12-Jul	-		
Judy	Bull	10-Jul	Walter	Hodges	12-Jul	Nick	Hendrick	7/23
Danielle	Kindred	9-Jul	Sherry	Vineyard	11-Jul	Edrese	Hanigan	7/18
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Adam	Lubbers	7-Jul	Becky	Thompson	11-Jul	John	Fuls	7/14