



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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July 24, 2023

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

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 to explain how our United Methodists beliefs equip us for this pursuit, including embracing the sacred worth of all individuals and the beauty 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*



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## Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Kathy Reynolds
The Gee Family	(Barbara Tatum's Daughter)
Tom Sander	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
Grandma Gloria	Evelyn Womble
Yvette's kids	Leonard Calverley
Edrese Hanigan	Charles Cancellare
Kevin Patterson	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Sam Orton	Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Judy Bull	Hiett
Scott Fletcher	Aaron Brooks
Jim Cranford	Pat McCourtney
Don Oldfield	Matt McCourtney
Martha Johnson	Mass shooting victims
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	
David Oldfield	
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	

**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>

## Announcements



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

Our Communion Offering on  
August 6<sup>th</sup> will support  
Chapel Hill Preparatory Academy  
for school supplies



## 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.

## Join Us for Online Worship!

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**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)



Adam	Lubbers	7-Jul	Becky	Thompson	11-Jul	John	Fuls	7/14
Danielle	Kindred	9-Jul	Sherry	Vineyard	11-Jul	Daniel	Bandy	7/17
Judy	Bull	10-Jul	Walter	Hodges	12-Jul	Edrese	Hanigan	7/18
Nathan	Freeman	11-Jul	Tom	Wooldridge	12-Jul	Nick	Hendrick	7/23
Ava	Allen	11-Jul	Mitchell	Davis	14-Jul	Nancy	Putnam	7/25
						Pat	Khoury	7/27