

July 3, 2023

Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

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Chapel Hill UMC Staff

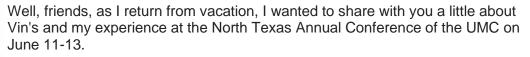
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The theme for Annual Conference was "Be Strong. Take Heart. Hope in the Lord." From Psalm 31:24. With this in mind, we acknowledged the challenges that churches continue to face post-pandemic as well as the pain and sorrow so many of us face in this season of disaffiliation, especially as we approved the disaffiliation of seven more churches. Yet we acknowledged that when we experience death, resurrection is what follows. New opportunities for sharing God's love arise with every historical church decline, so we were called to seek where God is leading us and continue to find ways to be churches planting churches, thinking outside of our traditional boxes to reach new people and make disciples for the transformation of the world.

The good news in the conference is new churches are springing up out of disaffiliation and new disciples are joining the NTCUMC. The NTCUMC finances remain strong with a commitment to lower apportionments for 2024. However, a special called annual conference will be held in the Fall to adopt a budget as the Center for Connectional Resources needed the final figures following these latest disaffiliations and to get a clearer view of the impact of the pending merger of the NTCUMC with the Central Texas Conference and possibly the Northwest Texas Conference.

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Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sander Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Edrese Hanigan Kevin Patterson 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)

Family (Loper) of Eleanor Body Scott Malone Kathy Reynolds (Barbara Tatum's Daughter) Evelyn Womble Charles Cancellare Habib Khoury Iris Shivar's sister Bea Iris Shiver's sister Janet Hiett Aaron Brooks Family of Bill Watson (close friend of Melissa Sky-Eagle) Jim Cranford's Family David Oldfield Mass shooting victims

Announcements

<u>Sack Summer Hunger</u>: Saturdays through July 29^{th} , 9 am – 10:30 am. You can sign up to participate on the table in the Narthex.

<u>Outreach Committee Meeting</u>, Sunday, July 9th at 11:30 AM.

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

Join Us for Online Worship!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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Finally, we passed a handful of resolutions concerning both continuing to commit to go forward as One Church loving alike while we may not all think alike and allowing people to serve their specific contexts and which served as a response to a number of issues that have taken shape in our recent Texas legislative session as well as a commitment to action in line with our United Methodist Social Principles. This included a resolution authored by our General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates that petitions General Conference to remove discriminatory language from our discipline. We also passed a resolution that petitions General Conference to expand sacramental authority to include deacons in addition to elders.

Annual Conference has concluded. God's future calls us forward. May we go forward in this next year seeing together to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

The **<u>Church Office</u>** will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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**: <u>office@chapelhillumc.org</u>



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