



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

July 3, 2023

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

Well, friends, as I return from vacation, I wanted to share with you a little about Vin's and my experience at the North Texas Annual Conference of the UMC on June 11-13.

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.

As we seek to connect with new people, we heard about Generation Z from Rev. Dr. Auqueelah Ligonde and Rev. Trey Wince from ministry Incubators as well as some of our own NTCUMC CCYM Gen Z'ers. We learned they are more diverse than previous generations, digitally driven, have grown up in times of crisis, and are committed to common causes. The top causes among Gen Z'ers are 1) mental Health and care, 2) racism, 3) poverty, homelessness, & hunger, 4) abortion & birth control, 5) gun violence, 6) animal rights, 7) sexual harassment & abuse, 8) gender equity & sexism, and 9) education. Our CCYM members informed us that they believe strongly in the importance of providing care for people's mental health, addressing gun violence, and poverty & hunger.

As we seek to connect with new people, we heard about Generation Z from Rev. Dr. Auqueelah Ligonde and Rev. Trey Wince from ministry Incubators as well as some of our own NTCUMC CCYM Gen Z'ers. We learned they are more diverse than previous generations, digitally driven, have grown up in times of crisis, and are committed to common causes.

Continued on back...



**Chapel Hill UMC**  
Staff

Rev. J.D. Allen  
Senior Pastor

Kate Whitaker Hendrick  
Minister of Families

Melissa Sky-Eagle  
Worship & Music

Jill Cox  
Office Manager

Jim Hanigan  
Building Manager



## Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Family (Loper) of
The Gee Family	Eleanor Body
Tom Sander	Scott Malone
Grandma Gloria	Kathy Reynolds
Yvette's kids	(Barbara Tatum's
Edrese Hanigan	Daughter)
Kevin Patterson	Evelyn Womble
Judy Bull	Charles Cancellare
Scott Fletcher	Habib Khoury
Jim Cranford	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Don Oldfield	Iris Shiver's sister Janet
Phyllis Hendrix	Hiett
Martha Johnson	Aaron Brooks
Mike Hill (Barbara	Family of Bill Watson
Tatum's son-in-law)	(close friend of
Gay Keim (Kandy	Melissa Sky-Eagle)
Burdette's sister-in-	Jim Cranford's Family
law)	David Oldfield
	Mass shooting victims

## Announcements

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

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

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

## Join Us for Online Worship!

**YouTube:** [bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc)

Continued...

The top causes among Gen Z'ers are 1) mental Health and care, 2) racism, 3) poverty, homelessness, & hunger, 4) abortion & birth control, 5) gun violence, 6) animal rights, 7) sexual harassment & abuse, 8) gender equity & sexism, and 9) education. Our CCYM members informed us that they believe strongly in the importance of providing care for people's mental health, addressing gun violence, and poverty & hunger.

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 **Church Office** will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



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