July 31, 2023

## Pastor's Message

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Chapel Hill UMC Staff

> Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

Kate Whitaker Hendrick Minister of Families

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Jim Hanigan **Building Manager**  CHUMC family, so far this summer we continue through the series The Path of the Disciple. We opened July discussing the need to be open to God's grace on the challenging and difficult path of discipleship as we seek to continue to grow as disciples and move on toward perfection in love. We closed out July considering that while the path of discipleship can be incredibly difficult, that we have the promises of God concerning the new reality that God is shaping in us, through us, and sometimes despite us to give us optimism and the strength to carry on.

As we enter August, we close the summer months with the third in our series of series entitled The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God. During this series we will explore the importance of encountering and recognizing the presence of God on the path of discipleship. In fact, when struggles, doubts, and fears arise, it is often the encounters of God's presence that keep us going. We walk the path of discipleship knowing God is present and at work in and around us and if we are attentive, we will encounter God in the most unexpected places. While John Wesley spoke of the means of grace as practices through which we can be assured we will encounter God's grace, he also emphasized the extraordinary means of grace in which God shapes us deeply individually and collectively.

The flip side of discipleship is that we do not simply seek the face of God, as we move on toward perfection in love, our commitment to love God and neighbor with all that we are empowers us to be means through which others encounter the face and grace of God.

The series will proceed as follows:

August 6 - The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God:

Wrestling with Our Hunger

August 13 - The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God:

What Are You Seeking?

August 20 - The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God:

Is It Fair?

August 27 - The Path of the Disciple: Searching for the Face of God:

Answering the Question

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

### **Annual Laity Event**

Aug. 12, 2023

What: Hope in Resurrection is the theme of this year's annual laity event hosted by the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries along with the Board of Laity of the North Texas Conference.

When: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 12 Program: Will be led by Rev. Danielle Buwon Kim, the NTC's Associate Director for Research and Development. It will include a panel discussion by laity engaged in exciting new ministries, followed by a Q&A.

In person: at Aldersgate UMC 3926 Old Denton Road, Carrollton, TX 75007 Online: A link will be emailed to you Aug. 10. Registration: The deadline is Aug. 9.

#### **Announcements**



# **Church Office Hours**

https://ntcumc.org/laity-event-2023

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!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYouTube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

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Faye	Chapman	8/04	Yvette	Ysaguirre	8/18
Kate	Whitaker Hendrick	8/06	Pam	Hodges	8/20
J.J.	Mendoza	8/08	Kassie	Hampton	8/21
Gaje	Allen	8/11	Meredith	Freeman	8/23
Jonathon	Fehlau	8/14			