



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,



Chapel Hill UMC

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In a recent newsletter we reflected on the Wesleyan Quadrilateral which states that "(John) Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason." While this was not laid out verbatim by Wesley, it is an accurate representation of his understanding of the sources for our faith in his sermons and other writings.

On this Labor Day, we may consider another summary from Wesley's sermons and other writings: his political manifesto. The list was compiled by the New Room in Bristol, England, a Methodist chapel founded by John Wesley. This 12-point manifesto begins with three points that relate directly to labor.

First, Wesley believed in the importance of reducing the gap between the rich and the poor, especially relevant today considering that in 2022 the pay gap ratio between the average pay for CEOs in the United States and their lowest paid workers ballooned to 670-1. Wesley believed such a divide in his country full of affluence still abided the presence of squalor and vice, driven by unjust poverty that "contracts and depresses the mind."

Second, Wesley believed in the importance of seeking to ensure full employment and discouraging idleness. The New Room advises Wesley "never criticized the laboring classes for the idleness and indiscipline." He did, however, speak to the importance of the dignity of work and emphasized the need for opportunities to be provided for all to participate in and contribute to the economy, including providing microloans to those with business ideas.

Third, Wesley believed in the importance of a living wage and was horrified that employed individuals were unable to fully provide for themselves and their families. In the United States, the minimum wage has been on a steep decline when adjusted for inflation since 1968 and has not been raised since 2009.

Methodists in the United States took John Wesley's writings, applied them to their context in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and participated in the labor movement that resulted in increased wages, stronger unions, 40-hour work weeks, and child labor laws. These Methodists would go on to create the 1908 Social Creed for the Methodist Episcopal Church which would lay the groundwork for our current United Methodist social Principles.

When we observe Labor Day, we are continuing a long Methodist tradition.

**Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen**



Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	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	Family of Nancy Ochoa
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Maui & Louisiana wildfire victims
David Oldfield	Hurricane Idalia victims
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Mass shooting victims

Announcements

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 7, at 7 PM. The first week will be a welcome back from Summer break party and devotion.

Notes For A New Day Join Central and North Texas United Methodists as we read, pray, and meditate for a rotation of conference clergy, staff and delegates to our general and jurisdictional conferences in our daily devotional emails.

<https://www.notesforanewday.com/>

Bishop To Visit Districts Bishop Saenz will meet with clergy and laity to engage in worship and discuss what's next for the NTC and The United Methodist Church, Sept. 23, 2-4 p.m. at Christ UMC in Farmers Branch.

During the month of September, we will be collecting items listed as urgent pantry needs by Metrocrest Services:

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URGENT PANTRY NEEDS

- Feminine hygiene products
- Adult incontinence supplies (Depends)
- Baby Diapers
- Canned Soup
- Baking Items
- Peanut Butter



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!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

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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



Beverly	Holmes	9/15	Joanne	Marchant	9/22	Jessica	Venancio	9/26
Nancy	Hartman	9/17	Anaya	Ochoa	9/22	Emily	Metzger	9/28
Megan	Willhite	9/17	Roxanne	Rawdon	9/23	Ruth	Medcalf	9/29
Laurie	Willhite	9/17	Kaye	Bandy	9/26			
Felice	Reeves-Ricks	9/21						