



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

September 11, 2023

Pastor's Message



CHUMC family,

Chapel Hill UMC

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My first move as an United Methodist elder was in 2014 First UMC Boyd. I had previously served as the associate pastor at FUMC Carrollton but was sent there to be the pastor.

That summer was one of severe drought, more severe than our current drought.

We were searching for a youth minister, so I was leading our youth one Wednesday night. We played a game that involved loaves of bread being torn into small pieces which had touched many hands so no one would want to eat them. I decided to take my kids to the lake where we could feed the bread to the ducks. I asked where the best spot to go might be, got my kids in the car, and we drove South to Azle where there was a park at Eagle Mountain Lake where we found a pier to walk out on. To our surprise there were no ducks to be found. Why? Because the drought had dried the lake so badly that the nearest water was hundreds of yards from the end of the pier. All we had in front of us was dry ground and overgrown brush.

Life happens sometimes and our souls feel like that lake. Health problems. Lost loved ones. Growing tensions in the public sphere. Failure. Inflation. The ground of our soul is dried and cracked and, seemingly, void of life. It is in these we can count of the depth of God's love to come to the rescue. To fill the reservoir of our soul with the living water that is Jesus Christ which gives us hope beyond our dry, cracked, overgrown inner life. To remind us of the hope we have for new life and new creation.

That lake? Well, the rains came. It was once again filled, and the waters could once again be enjoyed from the pier. May God's love water our dry souls this day.

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



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Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Kathy Reynolds
The Gee Family	(Barbara Tatum's Daughter)
Tom Sander	
Grandma Gloria	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
Yvette's kids	
Edrese Hanigan	Evelyn Womble
Kevin Patterson	Leonard Calverley
Sam Orton	Charles Cancellare
Judy Bull	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Scott Fletcher	Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Jim Cranford	Hiett
Don Oldfield	Aaron Brooks
Martha Johnson	Pat McCourtney
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Matt McCourtney
David Oldfield	Janis Coggshall
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Family of Nancy Ochoa Maui & Louisiana wildfire victims
Judy Charvat	Hurricane Idalia victims
Linda Horton	Mass shooting victims
	Morocco Earthquake victims

Announcements

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.

Brenda Bogart, renowned Dallas artist and author of two books will be our guest speaker on Laity Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 Worship.

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



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

Facebook: 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



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						