October 2, 2023

# Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,

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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 On September 23, the clergy and laity of the Metro District met with Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. As you can imagine, after a season of disaffiliation, the two conferences have fewer churches. About 15% of our North Texas churches left the UMC. In Central Texas, around 50% departed. With this in mind, Bishop Saenz gave us an update on the discussions and plans regarding the unification of the Central Texas Conference and the North Texas Conference, which should be approved at Jurisdictional Conference in the summer of 2024 and enacted in September 2024.

This meeting, however, was more focused on the future and hope. With this in mind, Bishop Saenz advised he had a retreat with the cabinets of the two conferences and spent time in prayer and reflection among lay who are leaders in the conference to develop a vision and foci for the coming years as we seek to lead the church for the generation which will be taking the lead in 2050.

The vision going forward is that we will be followers of Jesus seeking God's vision of a loving, just, and free world for all people.

The foci for our ministry as United Methodists in our two conferences are:

- 1) Multiply Jesus followers
- 2) Champion children and youth
- 3) Maximize care and healing
- 4) Pursue and embrace diversity
- 5) Tell our United Methodist story

Please be in prayer regarding how we can serve together in pursuing this vision.

Grace and peace, Rev. J.D. Allen



### **Prayer List**

CHUMC Home Bound 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) Judy Charvat Linda Horton 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 Janis Coggshall Rev. J.D. Allen Minister Kate Whitaker Hendrick Nancy Putnam Barrett Family on loss of extended family member Maui & Louisiana wildfire victims Hurricane Idalia victims Mass shooting victims Morocco Earthquake victims



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/

# **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.

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#### <u>Announcements</u>

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

Outreach Meeting, Sunday, October 8 at 11:30 am

<u>Church Council Meeting</u>, Monday, October 9 at 7PM.

**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**: <a href="mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org">office@chapelhillumc.org</a>



George	Johnson	2-Oct	Robert	Putnam	24-Oct
Doe	Payne	6-Oct	Jim	Hanigan	25-Oct
Iris	Shivar	15-Oct	Jan	Wooldridge	29-Oct
Madeleine	Davis	18-Oct	Charles	Wood	30-Oct
Wilson	Moore	18-Oct	Leslie	Ochoa-Funez	30-Oct
Christopher	Younger	20-Oct	Joe	DeLeon	30-Oct
Oscar	Lopez	20-Oct	Denise	Maxwell	31-Oct
Wesley	Freeman	21-Oct			