



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

April 22, 2024

Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,

The first General Conference since the Special Called General Conference of 2019 which, ultimately, led to last year's season of disaffiliation in the United Methodist Church begins tomorrow. You may be wondering just what this means for us in the North Texas Conference and in our local churches. Does it mean more discord?

Well, our North Texas and Central Texas delegates enter into General Conference hoping and praying for a spirit of unity and hopefulness for our future as they experienced at our last South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2023. They also share that there are three R's being worked towards this year: Regionalization, Removing LGBTQ+ or "homosexuality" language, and Revising the Social Principles.

Regionalization focuses on allowing different United Methodist regions to modify certain sections of our Book of Discipline of the UMC as missional needs and legal contexts require. The seven central conferences in Europe, Africa, and the Philippines have the authority under our Constitution. Regionalization would include the United States. This provides for adaptability without creating a doctrinal free-for-all. You can learn more here: [Regionalization plan heads to General Conference \(umnews.org/en/news/regionalization-plan-heads-to-general-conference\)](https://umnews.org/en/news/regionalization-plan-heads-to-general-conference)

Removing LGBTQ+ or "homosexuality" language consists of removing the language stating that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." This language has been the major source for discord and division in the UMC since 1972. The intent of this pursuit is to embrace unity rather than uniformity amidst our differences of opinion on what inclusion of LGBTQ+ people looks like in the Church, specifically related to marriage and ordination. This change would allow conferences, local churches, and clergy to follow their conscience in these areas and adapt to their missional contexts.

Revision of the Social Principles of the UMC is being pursued in an effort to make the Social Principles "more globally-relevant, theologically grounded, and succinct". These principles are not church law, but they do lay out our denominational agreements on the most relevant social issues of our day around the world and the church's stance on these issues. You can learn more about the Revised Social Principles here: [Revised Social Principles: Updating The UMC toolbox for social witness \(https://www.umc.org/en/content/revised-social-principles-updating-the-umc-toolbox-for-social-witness\)](https://www.umc.org/en/content/revised-social-principles-updating-the-umc-toolbox-for-social-witness)

These and other important matters make for a lion's share of challenging work for our general conference delegates. Please be in prayer for the delegates and the Church as General Conference takes place from April 23 through May 3.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



Chapel Hill UMC

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Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Claudia Marchant
The Gee Family	Wesley Freeman
Yvette's kids	Terri Moore
Judy Bull	Rev. J.D.'s Brother-in-Law
Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)	Rhonda Ramsey
Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)	Steve Ramsey
Aaron Brooks	Julia & David Knutt
Jim Cranford and Family	Stacey Ramsey
Matthew Shivar	Greg Hartman
Habib Khoury	The family of Yvette's Grandma Gloria
Janis Coggshall	Mass shooting victims
Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)	West Texas Wildfire Victims
Gary Fuls	California Flood Victims
Mark Loper	Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas
Joanne Marchant	

Announcements

Family Ministries Meeting, Sunday, April 28th at 11:30 AM.

There will be a **Celebration of Life** for Evelyn Womble on Saturday, May 4th at 10am.

Our **Communion Offering**, Sunday, May 5th will support Chapel Hill Preparatory Academy.

RoughRider Baseball Game - For those who reserved tickets, please give your payment of \$27 per ticket to Tom Wooldridge and if you pay by check, please make the check out to CHUMC.

Calendar of Events

April	
Monday, April 1	Easter Monday - Church Office is Closed
Sunday, April 7	Communion Offering: Native American Ministries
Monday, April 8	Church Council Meeting 6 pm
Sunday, April 14	Chili Cookoff 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 28	Family Ministries Meeting 11:30 am
May	
Month of May	Mission Emphasis: Chapel Hill Prep-Teacher Appreciation
Sunday, May 5	Fundraiser - Stocks
Saturday, May 11	Communion Offering: Chapel Hill Prep Academy
Sunday, May 19	RoughRiders Baseball Game 7:05 pm
Monday, May 27	Potluck 11:30 am
	Memorial Day – Church Office is Closed
June	
Sunday, June 2	Communion Offering: Peace with Justice
Sunday, June 2	Family Ministries Meeting 11:30 am
Sunday, June 9	Fundraiser – Paddle with your Pooch 2:00 pm
Sunday, June 16	Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am
Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28	Bridgeport Camp: Jr. & Sr.

Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are
Monday through Thursday
10 AM – 2 PM

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



Craig	Davis	2-Apr	Linda	Pace	18-Apr
Dave	Horton	3-Apr	Sarah	Womble	23-Apr
Corky	Rawdon	3-Apr	Larry	Rains	27-Apr
Jill	Cox	13-Apr	Fred	Maxwell	29-Apr