



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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May 13, 2024

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,

General Conference wrapped on Friday, May 3. As I mentioned to you before General Conference began, our North Texas Conference and Central Texas Conference delegates went to General Conference supporting three goals, along with other delegates from many other conferences: Regionalization, Revision of the Social Principles, and Removal of LGBTQ+, or "homosexual," language from our Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. I can report that, with General Conference completed, all three goals were achieved.

All the regionalization petitions passed. Regionalization provides for the U.S and the central conferences of Africa, Europe, and the Philippines to each be regions of the church with flexibility to revise and adapt certain sections of our Discipline for greater missional effectiveness in each region. While all petitions passed, one was an amendment to our United Methodist Constitution which will have to be ratified by a cumulative 2/3's vote of all of the annual conferences across the globe for us to have regionalization fully established as intended. These votes will be completed and the results announced by the end of next year.

The revision of the Social Principles was a project begun by General Conference in 2012 and involved input from across the connection over many years. It was approved with an amendment from a delegate from Zimbabwe which provided two definitions of marriage and intended to positively affirm that we have multiple opinions on the matter of marriage in our Methodist Church though we aim to remain United. Our Discipline no longer states that "The United Methodist does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." "While it is clear this is a sensitive matter in the Church, we seek to practice a humble conviction about our differences and embrace John Wesley's Catholic Spirit: "in the essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and, in all things, charity."

This same spirit applies to the removal of LGBTQ+, or "homosexual," language from our Discipline. In addition to the revision of our Social Principles, our Discipline no longer contains prohibitions on practicing LGBTQ+ clergy, clergy performing LGBTQ+ weddings, or churches hosting LGBTQ+ weddings. However, the Discipline also allows each layperson, clergy person, and local church the liberty to follow their own conscience in these matters rather than enacting a new universal requirement.

General Conference was full of change, which will empower us to remain one church while doing ministry based on conviction and context. I invite you to join with me in praying for love and unity as we journey forward into the future of the United Methodist Church.

*Grace and peace,*

*Rev. J.D. Allen*



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## Prayer List

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|---|---|
| CHUMC Homebound                           | Terri Moore                                     |
| The Gee Family                            | Rev. J.D.'s Brother-in-Law                      |
| Yvette's kids                             | Steve Ramsey                                    |
| Judy Bull                                 | Julia & David Knutt                             |
| Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law) | Stacey Ramsey                                   |
| Aaron Brooks                              | Greg Hartman                                    |
| Matthew Shivar                            | Nancy Putnam                                    |
| Janis Coggshall                           | Ruby Wiechman                                   |
| Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)         | The Family of Lance Bryan                       |
| Gary Fuls                                 | The Family of David Nunley                      |
| Mark Loper                                | Bowie High School                               |
| Joanne Marchant                           | Mass shooting victims                           |
| Claudia Marchant                          | Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas |
| Wesley Freeman                            |   |

## Pastor's upcoming Vacation Schedule and other times he will be out of the office:

- **Wednesday, May 22** - Clergy Session of Annual Conference
- **Sunday, May 26 through Thursday, May 30** – Vacation
- **Monday, June 3 through Tuesday, June 4** - Annual Conference
- **Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9** – Vacation
- **Wednesday, June 12 through Sunday, June 16** – Vacation
- **Wednesday, June 19 through Thursday, June 20** – Vacation
- **Wednesday, June 26 through Sunday, June 30** - Vacation

## Announcements

- **Invest in our children!** During the Month of May, buy stock in the children for Children's Camp – see Minister Kate or the flyer in the Narthex for more details.
- **Fellowship Lunch** after worship Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Venue TBD.
- **Our Communion Offering** Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> will support Peace With Justice.

## Join Us for Online Worship!

**YouTube:** [bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc)

## Church Office Hours

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

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.**

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

**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](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



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| Sierra   | Mendoza | 3-May  | Charles  | Loper     | 27-May |
| Kristen  | Hampton | 12-May | Gordon   | Putnam    | 13-Jun |
| Silvia   | Ochoa   | 14-May | Andrea   | Rains     | 16-Jun |
| Ralph    | Minton  | 16-May | Kathy    | Bandy     | 18-Jun |
| Laurie   | Peake   | 19-May | Victoria | Bell      | 18-Jun |
| Margaret | Young   | 22-May | Yolanda  | Recalde   | 22-Jun |
| Ruth     | Fuls    | 25-May | Patsy    | Kaphengst | 24-Jun |