



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



Chapel Hill UMC
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CHUMC Family,

On September 28, your CHUMC lay member to annual conference, Vin Scheihagen and I were in Abilene to attend the Unification Conference. This conference organized the vision and structure of the Horizon Texas Conference which is constituted through the merger of the Central Texas Conference, North Texas Conference, and Northwest Texas Conference. The result of this merger is a larger yet more nimble conference here in Texas that will aid us in fulfilling the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

One piece of this merger, along with the work of the General Conference earlier this year, is providing some financial relief to churches as they seek to do fruitful ministry. General Conference approved a new Compass Retirement Plan built around a defined contribution and matching program that looks to provide significant savings to churches who receive full time clergy that look to more than offset increases in clergy insurance in 2025. The Horizon Texas Conference has reworked the apportionments billing structure to reduce costs to churches as well. One-third of the apportionments is determined by local church membership in relationship to conference membership. The other two-thirds is a financial factor. The financial factor was based on expenses in the past. However, apportionments will be determined by giving (pledged giving, non-pledged giving from identified giving, and giving from unidentified givers) going forward. This excludes giving such as that for memorials, capital campaigns, etc., so that only funds meant to support ongoing operations and ministry are used as a factor. This approach should result in a fairly noticeable decrease in CHUMC's apportionments for 2025.

Beyond the financial realities, we approved leadership and committee membership for the newly formed conference and committed to the vision to "be Jesus followers who seek the loving, just, and free world God imagines for all people" and our five strategic priorities which will provide a clarity and focus for ministry:

- Multiple Jesus Followers
- Champion Children & Youth
- Maximize Care & Healing
- Pursue & Embrace Diversity
- Tell Our Story

I look forward to continuing with you as we serve together at CHUMC and in the Horizon Texas Conference. We live in the present and follow Jesus Christ into the horizon of the future. glory be to God.

Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Gary Fuls
The Gee Family	Patti and Harry Heckard
Yvette's kids	Adi, GISD former teacher
Matthew Shivar	John Fuls
Aaron Brooks	Corky Rawdon
Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)	Afton Claiborne
Judy Bull	Gabe Sanders
Janis Cogshall	Carolyn Curtis
David Loper	Shepherd Resources
Claudia Marchant	Mass Shooting Victims
Terri Moore	Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas
Julia and David Knutt	Hurricane Helene Victims
Stacey Ramsey	
Ruby Wiechman	
Mike Tatum	
Kaye Bandy	

Calendar of Events

October	
Sunday, October 6	Communion Offering: World Communion
Sunday, October 13	Laity Sunday/Children's Sabbath/Sermon 10:30 am
Sunday, October 20	Fellowship Lunch – Brown Bag Lunch 11:30 am
Saturday, October 26	Chapel Hill Prep School Fall Festival 2-6 pm
November	Mission Emphasis: Sukkot Booth
Sunday, November 3	Communion Offering: UM Student Day
Sunday, November 17	Thanksgiving Feast 11:30 am
Sunday, November 24	Advent Decorating following Worship 11:30 am
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving – Church Office is Closed

Announcements

- **Church Council Meeting**, Monday, October 14 at 6 PM.
- **Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch**, Sunday, October 20 at 11:30 AM.
- Chapel Hill Prep **Fall Festival and Vendor Market** Saturday, October 26, 2 to 6 pm.

Join Us for Online Worship!

YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc

Laity Sunday, October 13th at 10:30 AM

Farmers Branch Fire Chief, Daniel Latimer will be our guest speaker. He will be emphasizing community connections as he talks about unity in the community. He is a dynamic speaker and an outspoken Christian. Please put this on your calendar and invite your friends and family.

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.

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



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