



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

October 14, 2024

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC Family,

As I reflect on this past week's clergy retreat and the first-ever session of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference in Abilene, Texas, I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19)

God is doing something new among us as clergy from the historic North, Central and Northwest Texas Conferences came together to fellowship, worship and build new relationships for our work ahead, demonstrating the power of unity and the strength we find in our shared faith.

More than 1,500 clergy and lay members and guests attended the first session of the Horizon Texas Annual Conference. The members adopted budgets, policies and our 2025 financial plan, laying a solid foundation for the successful launch and future of the Horizon Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church.

It was inspiring to preside and experience the laity and clergy vote in virtual unison to adopt all legislative petitions, the 2025 budget and the resolution to adopt an international missional focus on global migration, reflecting our commitment to "love the stranger" and see Christ's face in all people.

The Horizon Texas Conference is purposefully and powerfully poised to:

Multiply Jesus' followers: By sharing the good news and making disciples who make disciples.

Champion children and youth: Nurturing the next generation in faith and service.

Maximize care and healing: Extending Christ's compassion to all who suffer.

Pursue and embrace diversity: Reflecting God's diverse creation in our fellowship.

Tell our story of Christ's love: Proclaiming the Gospel's transformative power.

In all these efforts, we strive to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God as we journey to the Horizon and to the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people.

Now, we go back to our churches. We go back to our towns. We carry something with us. It is unity. It is purpose. It is hope. We felt it at the historic, first-ever Horizon Texas Annual Conference in Abilene, Texas.

We will be bolder now. We will serve others. We will not waver in our faith. This is God's work. It is grand. We are part of it.

God's kingdom is here. It is also ahead. Always ahead. We chase it with passion for Christ and for the sake of a wounded world. We have work to do. Lots of work. Big work. God-sized work.

We have hope. We have spiritual grit. We move forward. Onward to God's horizon ... to infinity ... and beyond!

— *Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., HTC*



#### Chapel Hill UMC

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## Prayer List

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

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>October</b>        |   |
| Sunday, October 6     | Communion Offering: World Communion             |
| Sunday, October 13    | Laity Sunday/Children's Sabbath/Sermon 10:30 am |
| Saturday, October 26  | Chapel Hill Prep School Fall Festival 2-6 pm    |
| Sunday, October 27    | Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am             |
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| <b>November</b>       | <b>Mission Emphasis: Sukkot Booth</b>           |
| 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

- Chapel Hill Prep **Fall Festival and Vendor Market** Saturday, October 26, 2 to 6 pm.
- **Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch**, Sunday, October 27 at 11:30 AM. There is dessert for everyone if you bring your lunch and there will be a limited number of sack lunches available for \$5.

## 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

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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|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 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 |