



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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CHUMC Family,

Below is a selection from a letter from the bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The full text and the invitation to a webinar can be found here:

<https://www.htcumc.org/news/beyond-borders>

As your South Central Jurisdictional bishops, we write to you with burdened hearts regarding our nation's complex immigration issue. We recognize the diverse perspectives within our congregations and the deep concerns many of you have expressed about this challenging reality.

Our nation stands at a crossroads, with significant proposed changes to immigration policies. These proposals include plans for sweeping large-scale deportation of undocumented immigrants, which could potentially separate families, including those with U.S. citizen children. Proposed expedited removal procedures have raised concerns about due process and access to legal representation. Additionally, proposed changes regarding the issuance of visas will likely impact many in our nation.

These and other potential actions have created fear and uncertainty among many in our communities, particularly those who are undocumented or have loved ones in vulnerable situations. As Christ followers and United Methodists, we are called to prayerfully reflect on these developments and the lives and communities these policy changes will impact.

Scripture and our Wesleyan tradition affirm the inherent worth of every individual, regardless of legal status. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves, expressing God's care and love for the vulnerable and displaced through compassion and hospitality.

We recognize that immigration policy is multifaceted, involving questions of national security, economic impact, and social integration. There are valid concerns about these aspects, and we hear your voices on these matters.

While policy solutions may differ, we can unite around our core Christian principles:

- Welcoming the stranger
- Treating all people with dignity and respect
- Showing compassion for those in vulnerable situations

We invite all United Methodists in the South Central Jurisdiction to engage in respectful, empathetic conversations about immigration. Let us create spaces where diverse viewpoints can be shared without judgment, seeking understanding and common ground.

Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Rev. J.D.'s Brother-In-Law
The Gee Family	Caleb Whitaker
Yvette's kids	Yvette's Mom, Patricia
Matthew Shivar	Jim Taylor
Aaron Brooks	Amy Vuong's Brother
Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin)	Kathy Hill
Judy Bull	Nancy Hartman's brother, Randy Staton
Janis Coggshall	Pat & Don McCourtney
David Loper	All of our mental and physical health
Claudia Marchant	Mass Shooting Victims
Terri Moore	Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas
Julia and David Knutt	New Orleans Attack Victims
Stacey Ramsey	California Wildfire Victims
Mike Tatum	
Kaye Bandy	
Gary Fuls	
John Fuls	
Corky Rawdon	
Carolyn Curtis	
Pat Moore	

Announcements

**Laity Covenant Day, Saturday, January 25, 2025
8:30am -11am**

Take time to center yourself and find "Sacred Calm" with international mediator and author, Hesha Abrams, at the Horizon Texas Conference **Laity Virtual Covenant Day.**

[register for Laity Virtual Covenant Day](https://ctc-reg.brtaapp.com/LaityCovenantDay25)

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YouTube: bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube

Facebook: 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



Jazmin	DeLeon	6-Jan	Janis	Coggshall	22-Jan
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Margarita	Ochoa	11-Jan	Barbara	Tatum	29-Jan
Sandra	Hammett	12-Jan	Sarah	Bandy	30-Jan
Glen	Womble	15-Jan			
Jose	Ramirez	17-Jan			
Amy	Swanson	18-Jan			