



Dear CHUMites!

Yikes! It's August! It's hard to believe that summer fun has almost come and gone! The academic year is often when we see our most steady onsite attendance and that makes me excited to see some of you who I've missed over the summer.

If you've been traveling or if you or your family have gotten out of the habit of attending CHUM in person, I invite you to show up again! While I love that we have the online option (for those who live out of town, those with health or mobility issues, or when we need a day at home), I must admit that there's something special about being in the room with other CHUMites. Sometimes sacred space helps me pay attention to God's presence.

This Sunday is a great time to get back into the habit of attending worship because our youth will be sharing about their mission trip in both services, we are doing a back to school blessing for our educators, school staff, and students as well as a blessing for the uniforms for Spaght Elementary, AND the choir will be back in full force singing at the 9 am service!

This summer was good for me to reset some habits, have fun, try new things, and appreciate the beauty of creation. I am grateful for the rejuvenation that I feel in my soul and the way I feel closer to God. One of my highlights was my family's three-week vacation to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia (my husband's home country)! We got to travel with my parents, and we saw family and friends who live far from us. We saw beautiful sights, wild animals, and natural wonders.

Here are a few snapshots from our trip!



Chali, two of Chali's high school teachers, Tony and Mary Ann (my parents) and Raoul (Chali's brother) at Mulungwishi Methodist Mission, a boarding high school that Chali attended.



Chali and me at the beach near Kolwezi, Democratic Republic of Congo.

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CHURCH SERVICES

9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & on site)

10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & on site)

Online Services can be found on our Facebook page, Apple TV, Roku, YouTube or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Restorers of the Streets

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali—Preacher

The youth will share about their mission trip to Oklahoma, emphasizing the connection between spiritual wellbeing and social justice. "There is no holiness but social holiness." God renews our spirits as we participate in renewing and healing the world. We heal ourselves as the world is healed. We will talk about our visit to the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa, our visit to the First Americans Museum, our service opportunities with Oklahoma Indian Methodists and others, and the fun things we did along the way.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Sermon Series: Created for Connection

Sermon: Beloved

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali

One of the greatest lies our culture has taught us to believe is that we have to earn love. Unfortunately, our families of origin and even Christianity have reinforced that love is dependent upon accomplishments and works righteousness. However, our faith teaches us that God loves us because we exist. We are worthy of love simply because we are human beings. This is our birthright, given to us by God, our Creator!

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AUGUST 3, 2025

Attendance

9:00am In Person 72

9:00am Views 174

10:15am In Person 85

10:15am Views 134

Budget Giving \$8094.76



Quarter Pole collection will be used for Laundry Love

The quarters we collect will be used to purchase laundry supplies and then also handed out to individuals washing their laundry at the laundry mat.

There is a collection pole outside the office when the office is closed.

Let's support this great ministry.



Friday, August 8:

Albero Bistro 2884 N Greenwich Ct Ste 600

Everyone is welcome to join us at 6pm for dinner and conversation!

For more information contact
Janice Rich, (316) 312-4029



Lunch with family after Sunday worship in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo



Chali, Mapalo, me, Mary Ann (my mom) and Tony (my dad) by the Zambezi River at the top of Victoria Falls (Mosi-oa-Tunya) in Livingstone, Zambia



Double rainbows on the Zambia side of Victoria Falls!



A hippo emerging from the waters of the lake in Chobe National Park in Botswana



Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River in Livingstone, Zambia



Elephants in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park in Livingstone, Zambia



A leopard resting after killing an impala in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park in Livingstone, Zambia



Jerusalem-Francophone United Methodist Church which is Chali's home church in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

CLASSES MEET AT 10:15 AM UNLESS NOTED

AGAPE — Join our inclusive, discussion-based community where people from diverse faith backgrounds come together to share wisdom, explore spiritual insights, and grow together in understanding. Today we continued our study of Galatians to compliment the current sermon series. Chapter 2. Snacks today were provided by Kroeker's.

*Next week snacks - Horning's

COMMON THREADS — We discussed fellowship and its importance in our spiritual well-being. We noted attendance at CHUM worship services on Sunday mornings have evolved to roughly one-third "in person" and two-thirds "on line." We asked ourselves how this evolution affects our sense of Christian fellowship with our fellow Christians.

COMMUNICATORS — Greetings, we focused on chapters 42 & 43 in the book "What if Jesus was Serious?" Will continue with chapters 44 & 45 next week. Debbie Snell has devotions next week. Mark your calendars on Aug 24 for Meet and Greet, and Aug 28 for class social at Evan's Ceramics. Prayer requests: Renee's leg/knee; Sharon Peters; Eddie Ravens; Renee's family; and all those unspoken prayers and concerns. Happy Birthday to Judy Tuckwood. May we all be blessed.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES — We are taking off for the summer, but will begin zooming with a new book selection in September!

VICEROY — The book "The Underground Church" authored by Robin Meyers, seems to have generated much discussion as we continue to read the preface. We find Robin tries to speak with prophetic honesty.



Resting with family at their home in Kolwezi
Me, Given (my niece), Mapalo, Ono (my sister-in-law), and Elise (my niece)



All but two of Chali's living siblings are pictured here! Back row: Flo, Pamela, Chali, and Raoul Front row: Mwanza, Flo, Lili, Christian

It was good to travel and now it's good to be back home. I'm so glad that we love and serve a God who is closer to us than our very breath and always with us wherever we go AND that we love and serve a God who cannot be contained by one culture, one language, or one tradition who always invites us to grow and learn!

See you in worship! Pastor Jill

West Bank and Gaze Webinar at 7 p.m. CT Thursday, Aug. 14. Carol Ekdahl Garwood, the chair of the Great Plains Holy Land Task Force, who has led several delegations and participated in others over the last two years, will share her experiences. Besides those trips, she continues to be in constant contact with the current genocide happening in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. She is a member of the leadership team of United Methodists for Kairos Response or UMKR where you can find many resources (<https://www.kairosresponse.org/>).

The link to the below will take you to the article. There is a zoom link in the article to join.)

<https://gp-email.brtapp.com/viewemail/4377044#toc13>

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings

10:15am on 2nd Floor

No Youth Sunday School the first Sunday of each month.

All youth, 6th -12th grades, come join us as we gather together in our classroom on 2nd floor. Contact Rev. Bev Baumgartner with questions.

bev.baumgartner@collegehillumc.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

for 3 years old through 5th grade

Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am

No Children's Sunday School the first Sunday of each month.

CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available on Sunday mornings for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

It is available from 8:45 - 11:15 am.

The nursery is located on the main floor across from Fellowship Hall.

Contact Jodi Rice with questions:
jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

07 AUGUST | **STAND WITH MARY DEAN** | 6:00PM

On Thursday evening, August 7, 6:00 pm at City Hall, Mary Dean will deliver a proposal to Mayor Lily Wu and Wichita city council formally requesting that the city establish a reparations commission to address historic discrimination including redlining, environmental racism, loss of property, health disparities, financial discrimination and other harms caused to Black Wichitans. Mary invites CHUM members to join her in solidarity as she speaks. Members of CHUM youth will offer their own testimonies supporting Mary's proposal. The more people we have in attendance, the more impactful our presence will be!

You are welcome to simply show up at city hall on 8/7, but Pastor Bev would like to give Mary a general idea of how many can attend. Scan the QR code to sign up!



Wichita City Hall
455 N Main, Wichita, KS 67202



CHUM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information for the newsletter is by Noon the Thursday before. Newsletters are emailed on Monday morning. Please submit all information to: brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org

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