

### CHUM The Rundown 08.04.25

From Brian Sutton <a href="mailto:sutton@collegehillumc.org">brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org</a>

Date Mon 8/4/2025 12:23 PM

**To** Brian Sutton <bri> brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org>



# **ATTENDANCE 08.03.25**

9:00am In Person - 72 9:00am Online - 174 10:15am In Person - 85 10:15am Online - 134 Budget Giving - \$8094.76

# What's Happening at CHUM?

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Restorers of the Streets Youth will be leading worship.

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!

### 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.



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



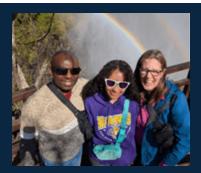
Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River in Livingstone, Zambia



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



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



Double rainbows on the Zambia side of Victoria Falls!



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



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



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



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



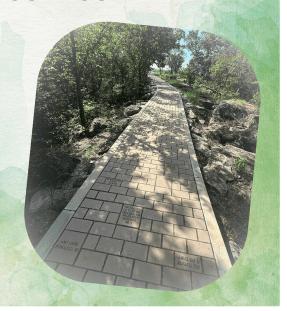
The kids are raising funds to purchase a brick for Inspiration Way at Camp Horizon!

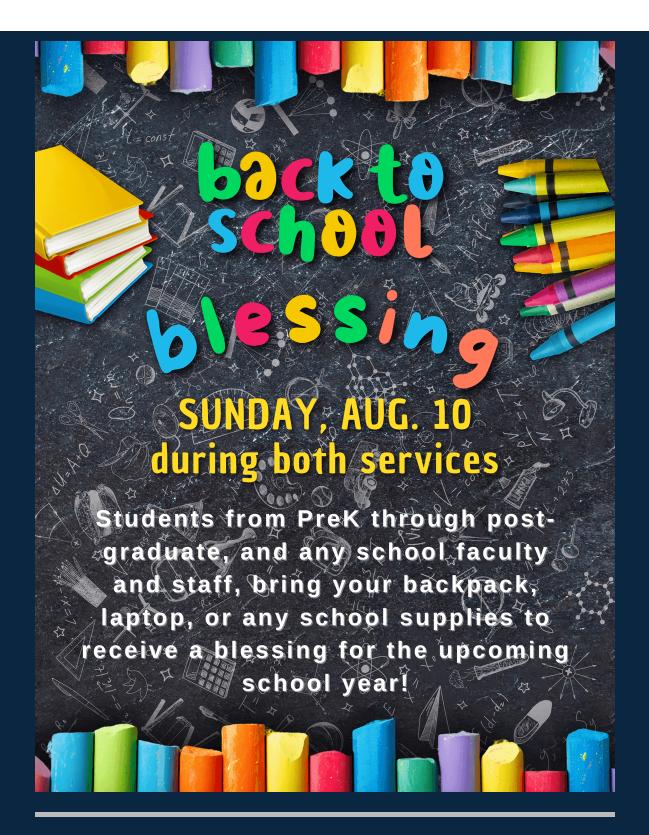
Sunday, Aug. 10

In the Parlor between services
Outside the Fellowship Hall
after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

PAPA BRIAN SUTTON
YOUTH PASTOR, MENTOR
ADVOCATE AND FRIEND

Inspiration Way is a highly traveled pathway between Inspiration Lodge & Inspiration Point at Camp Horizon.





# 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.



# CHUMBLESSING Things WE NEED THE FOR THE FOR

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING SINGLE SERVE ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE COOKING OR REFRIGERATION AVAILABLE:

PORK AND BEANS VIENNA SAUSAGE TUNA CRACKERS READY-TO-EAT CEREAL GRANOLA/FRUIT BARS BOTTLED WATER PEANUT BUTTER

These items can be placed in the Blessing Box wagon near the office.





THANK YOU

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!





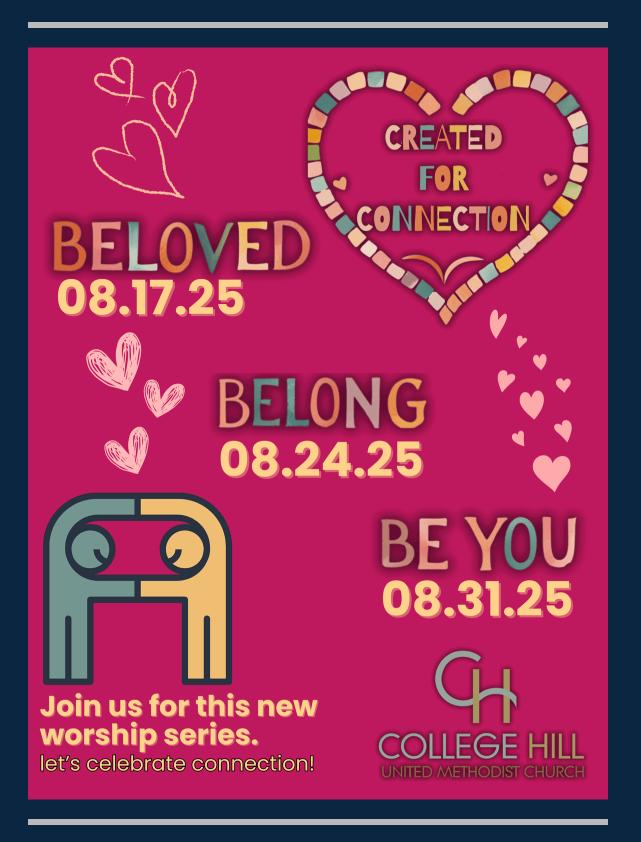
# Current realities in the West Bank, Gaza subject of webinar on Aug. 14

Join us for a webinar at 7 p.m. CT Thursday, Aug. 14, about the current realities in the West Bank and Gaza. 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 (<a href="https://www.kairosresponse.org/">https://www.kairosresponse.org/</a>).

Here is the link to the Zoom webinar. (you might have to click on the link to the article below for the link to work) <a href="https://gp-email.brtapp.com/viewemail/4377044#toc13">https://gp-email.brtapp.com/viewemail/4377044#toc13</a>



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Food • Clothing • Shelter

# Important Information

- Arrival: 11:00am
- O Serve: 11:30am
- Homeless Resource Center 402 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Questions? Contact: Carri Siebenmark csiebenmark@att.net

Help us provide lunches for Open Door at their drop in center. Dates are listed below that we still need to fill. Your class, group, family etc... would prepare a meal for 150 people. Lunches can be hot meals or sack lunches. You would deliver and serve the meals.

# **Available Dates**

09/19/25

11/21/25

12/19/25

Sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

> Help for cost of the meal is available from our missions committee up to \$200.







# ROMEO's

Retired Old Men Eating Out
Thursday mornings at
7:00am
Spears Restaurant
4323 W Maple St.

# **TGIF**

Friday, August 8: Albero Bistro 2884 N Greenwich Court Suite 600

Everyone is welcome to join us at 6pm for dinner and conversation!
For more information contact

Janice Rich, (316) 312-4029

# 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



College Hill United Methodist Church 2930 E. 1st Street Wichita, Ks. 67214 316.683.4643 collegehillumc.org

Manage Email Preferences