

Meet Pastor Jim Chandler

Pastor Jim Chandler joined the KUMC ministry team July of 2017. He is Pastor to Senior Adults. He helps lead the SAGES (Senior Adults Growing, Exploring and Serving) program, luncheons and educational day trips that SAGES might go on both here in the DFW area and out of town. He also leads our Extending the Table (Holy Communion) teams that visit three of our older adult communities of Brookdale, Evergreen and Heritage House. These are senior living centers and nursing facilities. When called upon he does officiate at weddings and funerals. He visits hospitals and other care centers as well. Jim also helps lead worship and preach. Being an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, he does baptisms and officiates at Communion in worship. Even though he is retired and part-time, he assists the other pastors wherever needed. He leads special classes on grief and spirituality and end of life planning.

What he likes best about my ministry is the opportunity to enrich the lives of people in the church and community by sharing Christ's love. He also feels blessed to work alongside a wonderful staff here at KUMC.

Jim and his wife, Donna, fell in love with Keller UMC when they started attending four years ago. The warm spirit and can-do attitude of the people really drew them in. This church is a difference maker and a strong witness in the whole community.

Growing up in Oklahoma and spending most of his teen years in Lamont, Oklahoma up by the Kansas border in Grant County and graduating with a BA degree from Phillips University in Enid, Jim had no idea that he and Donna would move to Texas after they married. After receiving his Master of Divinity from TCU's Brite Seminary, they decided to make Texas their home.

Having been lead pastor for eighteen years for two of the largest congregations in our Central Texas Conference, he is able to bring that experience to serving on

the Ministry Team here at Keller UMC. It is a blessing to serve with Pastors Jason, Estee and Lauren and the entire staff and lay leadership of this wonderful church.

Since he is part-time, his normal office days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He helps in worship services twice a month. His church email is jimc@kellerumc.org.