



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • October 15, 2026

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children.

Children from grades one to five are invited to attend Sunday School following the offertory (when the last hymn begins).

Participating from home on Sunday morning? Join us via live stream...

Click Here: <http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live>

Contact Information

Rev. Briones can be reached at revcbriones@gmail.com or 952-935-3025.

Christian's emergency line is **612-495-8203**.

In the event of an emergency on a Friday, please call the church (952-935-3025) and leave a voicemail and the message will be passed along to Christian.

He will be in touch as soon as possible.



In Prayer

- Prayers for Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and for our nation.
- Julie Ford is home recovering from spinal surgery.
- Prayers for Kim Howard and her daughter, Jodi Bartusek, as they make decisions about treating Jodi's breast cancer.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, Jane Berne's friends – Karen and Larry, Charles Camilli, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Emily Gray's friend Laura, Joann Hunt, Jordan Kerr, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, The Shermans (Sonny, Ashley & Dakota), Landon Trosen



We will receive the Neighbors in Need offering THIS Sunday, October 18

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

Thanks in advance for your support and generosity!

Coffee *and* Community – Thursday, October 15th at 9:30 am

Join us for the fall kick-off of Coffee and Community on October 15th at 9:30 am. Our very own Pam Huey, who is passionate about recycling, will lead a conversation about the importance of using resources wisely in our everyday lives. What are your recycling strategies? How can we improve our planet's health for younger generations? We'll meet in the Break Room at Chapel Hills for this inspiring conversation while enjoying coffee and delicious treats. Questions? Call Chris Solso at [612-812-9334](tel:612-812-9334) or email: cksolso@gmail.com

Chapel Hills is Accepting Grant Applications for 2026

We welcome your help in identifying organizations which could benefit from a Chapel Hills Grant! Grants can vary in amount and range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars. While there are no specific limitations on the types of projects that can be funded, special consideration will be given to well-defined projects that support children/youth, address food/housing insecurity, or strengthen communities.

Applications are due no later than **October 31, 2026**.

Questions? Ask Chris Solso (cksolso@gmail.com or 612-812-9334)

Souls to the Polls

It's important for all of us to vote on or before the mid-term elections on November 3. The polls are now open on weekdays.

Chris Solso and Bob Huber are willing to drive anyone who needs a ride to their designated polling place. They recommend voting early to avoid the long lines and possible disruptions on November 3. If you need a ride, please call Chris ([623-812-9334](tel:623-812-9334)) or Bob ([612-961-5845](tel:612-961-5845)). Anyone else willing to be a driver should contact Chris or Bob.

You can find a sample ballot for all local and state-wide races at:

<https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/>

Let's all get out and VOTE!

An Important Read... shared by Rev. Christian:

Voting as a site of resistance and usher of authoritarian rule.

Click Here: <https://prospect.org/2026/07/28/trump-attempt-coup-january-6-election-republican-congress/>

A Note from *Rev. Christian...*

Prayers for Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and for our nation:

I just wanted us to remember and lift up our congresswoman Ilhan Omar in prayer at this time. Congresswoman Omar has been a voice of moral courage, an advocate for healthcare for all and a fierce critic of Trump administrations government corruption and moral bankruptcy. On Monday morning federal agents were sent to Congresswoman Omar's DC home. It is clear that there is nothing beyond the Trump administrations tactics of abuse of power through the weaponization of law enforcement agencies. I suspect soon there will be announcement of what was "found," (by "found" I obviously mean falsified/planted documents) followed by legal intimidation of our congresswoman.

For 10 years, Ilhan Omar has been a target for Trump, and this is an escalation of his previous attacks. May we lift her up in prayer and stand with her at this time.

Voting information:

As we near the midterms, I just wanted to pass along this website with information on registering to vote, where to find polling locations, and everything on your ballot! Voting is not the only thing we can do resist the Trump regime, but it is one, very easy way to stand up!

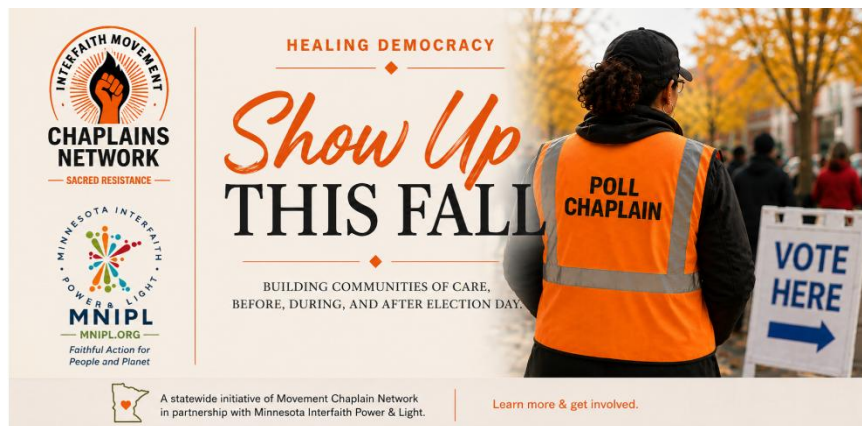
<https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

Looking for a way to get involved around elections?

Think about becoming a poll chaplain.

Click the link below for available times:

<https://www.mnipl.org/take-action/healing-democracy-2026/>





\$2,312.00
Cash
Donations
to Benefit
VEAP



Approx.
3,500
Pounds
of Paper
Shredded



78
Carloads of
Documents



92
Pounds
of Food
Donated

What's Happening in November??

All Saints - Sunday, November 1st - During Worship

On All Saints' Sunday, we will remember with gratitude our beloved family and friends who now rest with Christ in the Communion of Saints.

We look forward to honoring their lives in this service of remembrance and celebration. Please submit the names of loved ones who died this past year, along with a photo, their relationship to you, and date of death to chapelhillsucc@gmail.com.

Let's Eat Cake – 40th Anniversary!

Join us on **Sunday, November 1st**, as we celebrate Andrea Erickson's 4 decades of leading our choir. She will be choosing some of her favorite pieces (prelude, anthem, offertory, hymns, and postlude). Don't miss this joyful, music-filled service and the opportunity to say THANK YOU! Stay following the service for a reception.

Feed My Starving Children • Hands-On Outreach Event

Join us on **Saturday, November 7th** from Noon-1:45 pm (18732 Lake Drive, Chanhassen). Kids and adults will work together to hand pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

The signup sheet is on the counter outside the office. Rides are available.

Questions, ask Pam Huey or Chris Solso.

A Feast of Gratitude: Pledge Sunday Potluck

Join us on **Sunday, November 15**, right after our 10:15 am worship service.

Let's share a meal together to celebrate our church family as we reflect on God's abundance and look forward to the year ahead.

Come break bread together as we honor our past, celebrate our present, and pledge for our future. Please bring a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share.

Sign-up in the Narthex. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals

Bonnie, Specs, Zozo, and Bubbles McFish Face

Pets not in attendance:

Tigger, Grayson, Jupiter, Ghost, Rizzo, Bear, Hanu, Charlie, Remi, Mochi, Inga, Sally, Cooper, Jackie, Benquin, Siggy, Frankie, and Ollie



Looking Ahead

15	OCT, THU	● 9:30 – 11am	Coffee & Community
18	OCT, SUN	● All day	Choir is OFF
		● All day	Neighbors in Need Offering
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)
20	OCT, TUE	● 10:45am – 2:45pm	MnCAN Aphasia Groups
21	OCT, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal



Receiving Non-Perishable
Food Items

October Birthdays

Everett Kopperud – 1st
Craig Goodwin – 3rd
Dakota Sherman – 3rd
Ryan Harvey – 4th
Pat Heiman – 7th
Landon Trosen – 14th
Lynn Pearson – 17th
Stephanie Tesch – 18th
Louise Ford – 20th
Miles McBeath – 27th



GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking this link...
<https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina> or by scanning the QR Code to the left.
- **By Check** (indicate what your donation is for on the memo line)
Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436



"Living Messages"

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

In the 1920's when minister's wife Lesbia Scott's three children were young, she enjoyed writing simple hymns for them about everyday things. "Make us a hymn about a picnic," they would ask. Or "write a hymn about a foggy day." She collected the songs she wrote for her children in a long-out-of-print collection.

The only one that remains in regular circulation was not a favorite of hers, or her children's, but it continues to capture the imagination of singers generations later. *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* (*#295 in *The New Century Hymnal*) canonizes the gospel writer Luke, queen Margaret of Scotland, Joan of Arc, John Donne and Ignatius of Antioch - not by name but by characteristics. Today will you sing this song in your church? Which image makes you smile? Which image makes you wonder? Which image makes you understand something about God's people you didn't before?

*I sing a song of the saints of God,
Faithful their whole lives through
Who bravely labored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And another a shepherd in pastures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one too.*

*They loved their God and they lived that love,
It was loving that made them strong;
They did what was right for Jesus' sake,
Lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's no earthly reason, none in the least,*

*They lived not only in ages past:
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is filled with living saints,
Who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea;
for the saints are folk like you and me,*

And I mean to be one too.

*The New Century Hymnal. Cleveland, Ohio. The Pilgrim Press; United Church of Christ. © 1995 The Pilgrim Press. Hymn #295
Words, Lesbia Scott. Music, John H. Hopkins.