



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • May 2, 2024

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Sunday, May 5th • 10:15 a.m. **Worship Service & Communion**

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children.
Sunday School for children ages 5 and older takes place at 11:15 a.m.

The service will also be available via YouTube for those desiring to participate from home.

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



In Prayer

- Prayers for Beau & Kelly Onischuk as they mourn the life of their infant daughter, Saylor, who passed away on March 16th.
- Ken Puglisi had another surgery last week to clean out his carotid artery. While the surgery went well, he was back in the hospital again over the weekend with swollen neck and difficulty breathing and swallowing. Prayers for Ken and Ann.
- Prayers for our dear friend, Molly Lee-Lafferty, who is working through a new health diagnosis.
- Sandy Rippie is now receiving comfort care at home. She would love to see some of her friends. Please feel free to text Chris: 612-670-1976 or Deborah: 612-669-1708 to arrange a time to visit.
- Vicky Block is getting her strength back. She has to have a redo on the interrupted hip operation.
- Michelle Liebl asks for prayers for her three nephews, Sam, Noah, and Maki as they battle health issues.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Jordan Kerr, Cheryl Marsch, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson.

Book Group – Thursday, May 9th

We're meeting at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th to discuss Jared Diamond's Guns, Germs, and Steel. **All are welcome to join the conversation.**

In June we will discuss Watership Down by Richard Adams. On deck we have A Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese and Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grant.

Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. **We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 19th.** As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

People are asking...

"How can we help on Sunday mornings?"

Listed below are several ways you can help on Sunday mornings. If you find one or all of the following to be a perfect fit, then please add your name to the **Sunday Morning Opportunities** sheet (outside Christián's office). We will connect with you and add you to the calendar rotation.

- **Reader:**

Participates during worship by reading the scripture lessons. You will receive a copy of the reading(s) in advance. Readers of all ages are welcome to volunteer!

- **Greeter:**

The greeters are typically the first connection our friends and visitors have on Sunday mornings. Greeters stand or sit at the Sanctuary door by 10:00 am to greet folks, hand out bulletins, and offer a friendly welcome as they arrive.

- **Treater:**

The treaters host coffee and fellowship following worship. Written information about setup and cleanup are provided ahead of time.

- **Streamer (Audio-Visual):**

Being able to provide a live stream of our worship service is an important feature for folks who are unable to attend in person. The good news is that the system is very simple and can be as easy as turning a button on and off! If you are interested in helping or learning more, please see Tom or Barb Okonek.

Thank you for considering these important Sunday morning roles.



Receiving Non-Perishable
Food Items

Birthdays...

Amanda Trosen & Waid Whatley (May 1st)

Julie Guelich (May 10th)

Jim Ford & Nancy Norris-Weber (May 31st)

Contact Information

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

He also has open office hours from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If possible, do try and send an email ahead of time so he knows to expect you.

Feel free to drop in and say hey! He'd love to chat with you.

Looking Ahead

2	MAY, THU	● 8 – 10am	Spring Yard Clean-Up
5	MAY, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Communion
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Ages 5 & Older)
6	MAY, MON	● 3:30 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
7	MAY, TUE	● 3 – 7:30pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
8	MAY, WED	● 3:30 – 6pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
9	MAY, THU	● 10 – 11:30am	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
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- <https://app.easytith.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina> or by scanning the QR Code on 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



“Friends Together”

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rural Life Sunday • Orthodox Easter

John 15:9-11 *As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

Great Thanksgiving Communion Prayer for Rural Life Sunday

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our God thanks and praise.**

Dear God, Creator of all things.

Long ago, in the very beginning, you knelt down and scooped a handful of dirt from the ground. You looked at the handful of dirt and you knew it could live. And so you formed us, not crawling upon the face of the Earth, but intimately connected with Her.

In all times and places, your people have looked at the soil and, having first given thanks for what that soil can bring forth, have then planted seeds, tended and sown.

The result of that gratitude and hard work is laid before us now on this table. Wheat and water, ground and risen, became bread. Grapes, painstakingly crushed, became juice/wine. Like Jesus, who gathered with his friends on that holy night long ago, today we give thanks for the elements before us, and for the lands and people that produced it. We sing with gratitude as your people have sung across the lands and the generations,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!