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Sunday, February 15, 2026

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

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

Children ages 5 and older are invited to attend Sunday School
immediately following the offertory.

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.

Christián'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 Christián.

He will be in touch as soon as possible.



In Prayer

- Jane Berne's brother, Chris, who will be having open heart surgery this week.
- Louise & Jim Ford's daughter-in-law, Chris Ford, passed away after battling cancer.
- Jeff Olander is recovering and doing well after receiving a full lung transplant.
- Brittany McBeath's brother, Adam Thurber, who is recovering from pacemaker surgery.
- Joann Hunt who is dealing with falls, pain, and a torn Achilles tendon.
- The family and friends of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, John Burgart, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Louise Ford, Juleah Foss, Bob Huber, Russell Hunt Jr, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, Marion Rova, Allii Scudder, Ashley Sherman, Shelley Tang, and Amanda Trosen

Book Group - (1:00 to 3:00 pm)

- **Thursday, February 12th**

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho, available at the library.

- **Thursday, March 12th**

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Heads-Up...

The mailboxes in the narthex have been re-organized/re-alphabetized.

Don't be alarmed if your mailbox location has moved.

Copies of *Outgrow*, the 2026 Lent devotionals are available in the narthex.
(written by the United Church of Christ's Stillspeaking Writers' Group)

Join Us... Collaborative Lenten Meal (Soup Supper) & Prayer Service

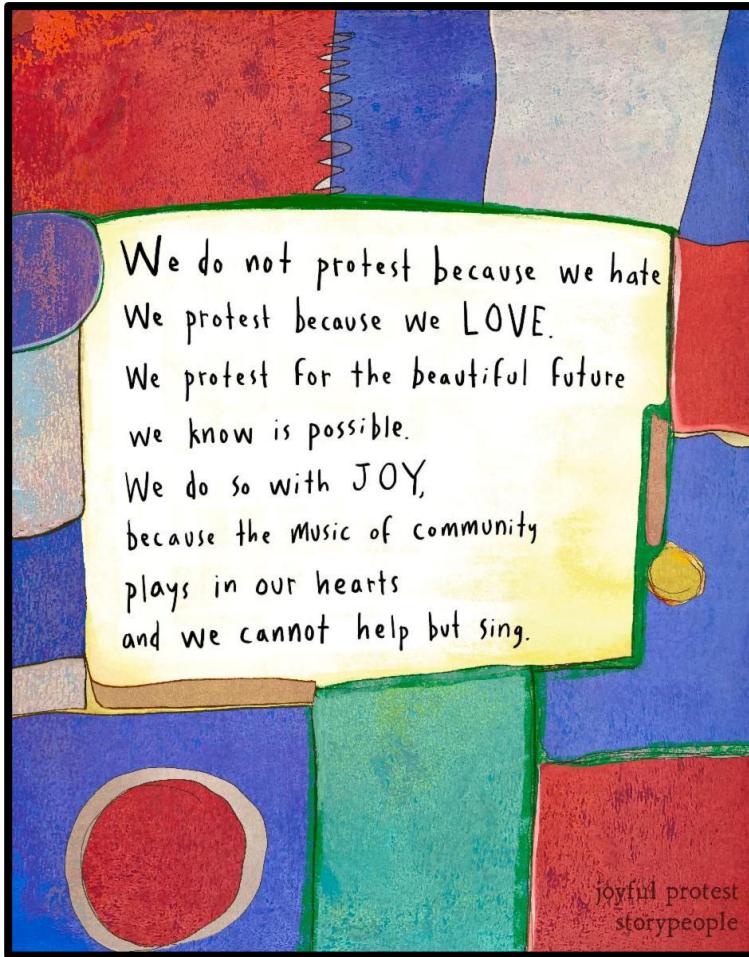
Meal - 5:30 pm • Service - 6:30 pm



Date	Hosted By	Location
Thurs, Feb 26	Morningside Hills UCC	4201 Morningside Rd, Edina
Thurs, March 5	Chapel Hills UCC*	6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina
Thurs, March 12	Lynnurst Congregational UCC	4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis
Thurs, March 19	Union Congregational UCC	3700 Alabama Ave S, St. Louis Park
Thurs, March 26	Morningside Hills UCC	4201 Morningside Rd, Edina

* The Hospitality Team is looking for folks to help host the Lenten meal and service on Thursday, March 5th at Chapel Hills. It will be a simple meal of soup, bread, and desserts. We will need help with setup, providing soup/bread/desserts, greeting, serving, and cleanup.

Your help will be greatly appreciated! Look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday.



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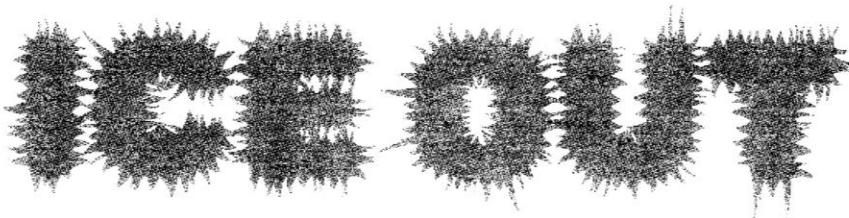
There's no bread.
The bakers have gone into hiding.
The seats at the table are empty.
The Twelve are out marching with the thousands.
The streets are filled with a new song.
Only Judas sits at Target Plaza, counting his silver,
while Pontius Pilate issues a carefully worded statement.
Meanwhile, the centurions have quotas to fill.
But out on the streets there's a Communion.
Jesus takes the city in his hands and says,
"This is my body, broken for you."

Rob Hardy
February 2, 2026

"ICE Out" Posters

Chapel Hill's own, Liz Derby, the creative force behind the artwork at Little Dipper Art, has produced a series of wonderful, limited edition "Ice Out" posters that you will love to have and display. They are available for purchase at the stores listed below or there will be a handful available at church with a requested \$10 donation to the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. Act now to get one or more of these great art pieces with an important message! www.littledipper.store

LITTLE DIPPER ART



WHERE TO FIND POSTERS

Minneapolis

Atomic Polish
Audrey Rose Vintage
Big Hill Books
Bryant Lake Bowl and Theater
Comma, a Bookshop
Dome Salon and Creative Space
Ferris
flourish pilates+bodywork
i like you
Migration Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Mill City Laser
Mindful Voice and Body
Mitrebox Framing Studio
Mother Earth Gardens - Longfellow
Mother Earth Gardens - Northeast
Olio Vintage
Open Studio Sewing
Patina - S Mpls
Serenity Acupuncture LLC
SK Coffee: Downtown Minneapolis
SK Coffee: Whittier
Soundwoven Goods
StyleTrolley
Tanglewood Gardens
The 701 Salon
The GRIND - North Loop
The Toolbox Collective
turquoise vintage
Wildflyer Coffee
Yess Yoga

St. Paul

A Pocket Full of Posies
Center for Lost Objects
EggPlant Urban Farm Supply
Encore Consignment Boutique
Ergo Floral
i like you too
June Room Vintage
Larissa Loden
Luminary Coffeehouse
Mariposa Massage LLC
MidModMen+friends
Minneapolis Craft Market at MSP
Next Chapter Booksellers
Patina - Highland Park
Patina - Selby & Snelling
SK Coffee: Coffee Bar & Roastery
Springtime Studio
The Mustache Cat
The Yarnery
Wildflyer Coffee - Saint Paul

Metro

Patina - Eden Prairie
The GRIND - Edina
Saturn 5 Studio - Fridley
Patina - Golden Valley
Cream & Amber - Hopkins
Patina - Maple Grove
The Vintage Storyteller - Maple Plain
Patina - Roseville - Roseville
The Thinking Spot - Wayzata
Patina - Woodbury

SEE MAP





FEAR IS KEEPING FAMILIES INSIDE

HELP SEND A CARE PACK OF FOOD AND RELIEF TO A
NEIGHBOR IN CRISIS.

There are 2 ways you can help feed people who urgently need your support.

1. Donate an emergency Care Pack

- \$30 helps fill and deliver a Care Pack to feed a family for one week. How many families are you able to feed today? If making cash donations, you can make checks out to Chapel Hills and add VEAP Care Pack in the memo line. You can also go to our website to donate online... [Click HERE](#).

2. Donate items for Care Packs

- Donate any of these most needed items:
 - pasta and sauce, canned fruits & vegetables, bread, peanut butter & jelly, canned protein (pork, chicken, beans), rice, soup, toilet paper and soap

Emergency Grant Program • Please give to this vital initiative!

The Minnesota Conference UCC soon will launch an emergency grant program to respond to the needs reported by UCC clergy and leaders in the wake of the surge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minnesota.

The grant program will support our churches, clergy, and communities in key ways:

- UCC leaders throughout the state have voiced a need to provide food, medicine, rent assistance, and other necessities for individuals and families in their congregations and surrounding communities who are afraid to leave their homes.
- UCC leaders are experiencing first- and second-hand trauma as they are caught in ICE actions as observers. These leaders need immediate self-care activities and intermediate respite in the weeks to come to address their exhaustion and need for self-care and spiritual renewal in a safe place.

These grants will be open to leaders throughout the state, in rural areas, small towns, and urban settings. We invite you to give to this important fund and are grateful for your support as we help our leaders and congregations navigate the tremendous challenges that ICE has brought to our state.

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link... [GIVE ONLINE](#) (pull-down menu, select **other** and type in **Emergency Grants**)
- **By Check** (write **Emergency Grants** on the memo line) and send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436. Or, drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

February Birthdays

Noah Kabanuk – 1st

John Burgart – 14th

Bob Huber – 17th

Jordan Kerr – 19th

Jayden Ruscher – 21st



A NEW Address for Jordan Kerr:

1608 W 140TH ST

BURNSVILLE MN 55337-4419

Looking Ahead

12	FEB, THU	● 1 – 3pm	Book Group
15	FEB, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
17	FEB, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
18	FEB, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
22	FEB, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
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GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link...
<https://app.easytithe.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



“Dazzling Reign”

Transfiguration Sunday

The setting sun cast a warm glow against the wooden beams of the Vermont barn where my wedding reception was being held. As candles flickered on the tables, the music for the father daughter dance began playing. My father's eyes glistened when he realized the song chosen for our twirl on the dance floor was from “The Sound of Music.” The movie had always been a favorite in our family as Julia Andrews traipsing through the Alps always tugged at my father's Swiss heart.

Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow until you find your dream.

In the movie, Mother Superior sings this to young Maria — played by Julia Andrews — who is struggling with God's call in her life. The older nun reminds Maria that following God will always mean going in surprising directions. There will be struggles, doubts and tears. But search the high and low, Mother Superior says. Follow the dream that will indeed require “all the love you can give, every day of your life for as long as you live.”

The season of Lent is upon us, but before we trudge along with Jesus on the way to the cross, we find ourselves having a mountaintop experience. It is here we join Jesus who takes two of his followers to witness divine glory. Jesus is transfigured in dazzling light and the pillars of the faith, Moses and Elijah, stand with him. Jesus' friends are in awe.

It is an amazing moment meant to renew us for the journey ahead, bolstering our waning faith. But we are not meant to stay on the mountain forever. There is life to be experienced. There are mountains to climb, streams to ford, and rainbows to follow.

I chose this song for my dance with my father because I got married later in life. I was at the point where I thought saying “I do” would never come from my lips. Yet through my setbacks my father would always encourage me to hang on to faith. Follow your dream. Don't give up.

Lent is beginning. Take one last look at the dazzling glory from your mountaintop view. Now grab hold of God's hand and make your way back down into the world. Give your hopes, dreams and desires to God. As you do, make sure to give them all the love they will need for as long as you live.

God of mountain highs and valley lows, give us the strength and courage to follow You no matter how difficult or disruptive the path might seem. Help us to trust that where You lead us is to the place where the deepest desires of our hearts are found. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's *Sunday Bulletin*.)