

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



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Sunday, October 25, 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



It's Not too late to donate to the Neighbors in Need (NIN) special mission offering.

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link...

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina>

- **By Check** (write NIN on the memo line)

Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436 or drop it in the offering plate.

Thanks in advance for your support and generosity!

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.

Click Here for the Application: [Chapel Hills Grant Application](#)

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

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

Souls to the Polls - Let's all get out and VOTE!

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.



- Find a sample ballot for all local and state-wide races at:
<https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/>
- Information on registering to vote, where to find polling locations, and everything on your ballot:
<https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>
- Looking for a way to get involved – Think about becoming a poll chaplain:
<https://www.mnipl.org/take-action/healing-democracy-2026/>



Coffee *and* Community @ Chapel Hills

On Oct. 15, a small group joined together for coffee and treats and to listen to Pam Huey and Laura Feierabend talk about how important recycling is to the future of the planet. Pam enjoyed showing off her Ridwell container and its cloth bags that she stuffs with plastic bags, batteries, light bulbs and many other things. Ridwell takes what curbside recycling can't, including wine corks, old clothes, and much, much more.

Ridwell is a nationwide company that, for a relatively small fee, picks up these recyclables every two weeks at your home. Every pickup includes a featured category, and, as an example, Ridwell will soon be picking up Halloween candy that didn't get handed out. This week's featured category is pots, pans and bakeware.

Laura had a three-sheet recycling guide that provides excellent information for Hennepin County residents on what goes and what doesn't go in your big blue bin, and much, much more. You'll find the advice at: hennepin.us/recycling#what-to-recycle and hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide and <https://tcplasticfree.ecochallenge.org/challenges/plastics-101>

The Oct. 15 discussion turned to what Chapel Hills could do to be more environmentally friendly with compostable dishes and cups that ordinarily go in the trash.

Coffee and Community meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am.

Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to present a topic of interest or bring a treat to share. And, please let us know what topics would be of interest to you.

Questions, ideas, suggestions?

Contact Chris Solso (csolso@gmail.com or 612-812-9334) or Julie Guelich (julie.guelich@gmail.com or 952-270-1432).

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.

Andrea Erickson's 40th Anniversary: Celebrating 40 Years of Song and Service

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 Event

Saturday, November 7th

Noon to 1:45 pm

Chanhassen

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.

Book Group – Thursday, November 12th (1:00 to 3:00 pm)

Join us as we discuss James: A Novel, by Percival Everett. An alternate telling of the Huck Finn story, from the viewpoint of his friend and protector, the slave Jim. Books are available to checkout at church thanks to the magic of Library Book Kits.

All are welcome to attend... join us even if you haven't read the book.

Confirmation Class

Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

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!

Coffee & Community – Thursday, November 19th

Join us at 9:30 am for coffee, an engaging conversation, and delicious treats, as we explore a different topic each month. We meet on the third Thursday of each month.

An Invitation from Union Congregational UCC

You are invited to a FREE puppet show featuring the Hunter Marionettes at Union Congregational United Church of Christ (3700 Alabama Ave S, Minneapolis) on **Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 pm**. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends for a family friendly puppet show. All are welcome!



Theater Mu's production of Kung Fu Zombies vs Southeast Asian Girl Scouts

Our own "Ben the Tenor" invites you to see him perform in his latest production, "Kung Fu Zombies vs. Southeast Asian Girl Scouts," running October 31–November 15, 2026.

Click here for details and how to purchase tickets:

<https://www.theatermu.org/kfz-girl-scouts>

Follow Thin Mint, Samoa, and Do-Si-Do as they protect their Saint Paul community, which was abandoned by local authorities during the zombie apocalypse. Between helping their elders, doing medicine runs, and building campfires, they've probably earned, like, four Gold Awards each. But what if the zombies aren't the most dangerous monsters out there?

Looking Ahead

25	OCT, SUN		9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
			11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)
27	OCT, TUE		10:45am – 2:45pm	MnCAN Aphasia Groups
28	OCT, WED		7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
1	NOV, SUN		9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service - All Saints Sunday
			11:15am – 12pm	Reception Celebrating Andrea's 40-Year Anniversary
			11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)



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



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



"The Compassionate Life"

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

People ask Jesus questions for a variety of reason. Sometimes they want to seek answers or ideas. They want to know more about themselves and their place in Christ's kin-dom. They want to hear Jesus' teachings and stories. And sometimes, they just want to trick Jesus, or trip him up. They want to ask him a question with no answer.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

After this exchange, Jesus asks a question that those gathered cannot answer, about the nature of humanity and divinity. Question and answer exchanges are part of living and loving. On this Higher Education Sunday, we honor those institutions connected with the United Church of Christ where questions are welcome not as a barrier to faith, but as a sign of it.

There are 48 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ, including academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They span the United States. Each is independent, self-governing, and fully accredited.

Each institution expresses partnership with the church. Closely related schools participate as full members of the UCC Council for Higher Education. Others are historically related, which means they recognize a past relationship with the church but are not full members of the Council.

These institutions provide opportunities to explore moral values, the importance of social responsibility, an ethic of service, and the ability to think critically. Many have campus ministries that are ecumenical and interfaith. Each embodies the UCC ethos where God is Still Speaking (<https://www.ucc.org/about/higher-education/>).