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Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026

Receiving New Members

Worship Service & Communion @ 10:15 am

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

- NO Sunday School Today -

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

- Pam Huey's sister, Paula, has been hospitalized with a recurrence of lymphoma.
- Maria S. – age 69, a friend of Kim Vacanti, has been diagnosed with cancer for the 3rd time.
- Ben Dutcher's friends, sisters Alana & Meredith Glass. Meredith – age 33 has been diagnosed with a very rare cancer (stage 4) and sadly her body has stopped responding to the chemotherapy.
- Sonny, Ashley & Dakota Sherman as they navigate many uncertainties due to domestic abuse and loss of housing. A GoFundMe has been setup @ <https://gofund.me/da3f33ace>.
- The family of our dear friend, Mariann "Mary" Hacker, as they mourn a treasured life.
- Joann Hunt is currently at the Aurora on France. Cards would be appreciated (6500 France Ave S #2302, Edina 55435).
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, John Burgart, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Louise Ford, Juleah Foss, Bob Huber, Russell Hunt Jr, Jerry Kerr, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, Jeff Olander, Marion Rova, Allii Scudder, Shelley Tang, and Amanda Trosen

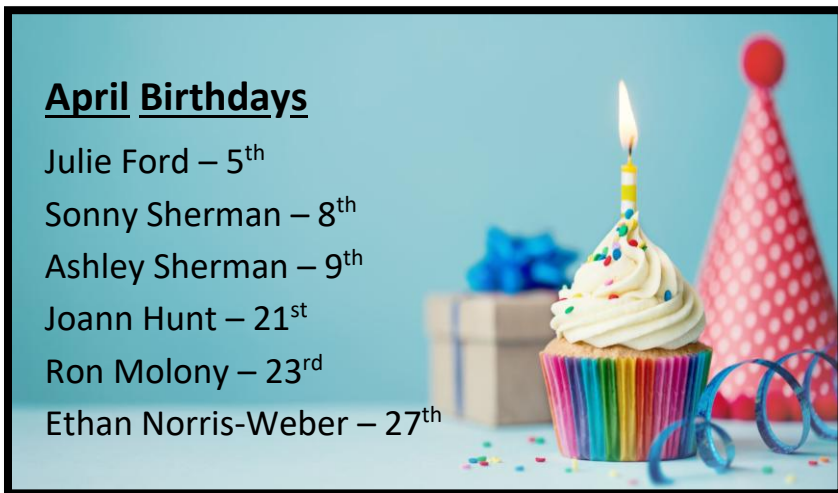


On Easter Sunday, we will receive...

- 11 new members...
- a dynamic message...
- communion...
- fabulous music...
- and literally feel the spirit of new life all around us!

**Please Join us in welcoming
our newest members on Easter Sunday!**

Sunday School will be back in session
on Sunday, April 12th.



**From 9 to 99...
Milestones worth honoring!**

Dorothy (born March 27, 1927)
Katara (born March 23, 2017)

Sharing Our Easter Blessings

Chapel Hills will be collecting a special offering on Easter Sunday to help people in our community who are struggling to pay rent in the aftermath of Operation Metro Surge. As Reverend Christian announced last week, we have received a generous gift to be used to strengthen our church's mission and outreach. The Church Council designated an initial \$5,000 of this gift for VEAP's Rental Assistance program. And, in recognition of the continuing needs of our neighbors, an additional \$5,000 has been designated to match all gifts made on Easter Sunday in support of VEAP's rental program. This is an opportunity to double the impact of your gift.

VEAP's Rental Assistance Program is outstanding. Not only is this organization a long-time, trusted mission partner of Chapel Hills, but it has developed an effective program to provide rental assistance to support individuals and families experiencing financial emergencies. Residents of Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and Minneapolis are eligible to apply for VEAP's rental program.

Book Group – Thursday, April 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

The River We Remember by *William Kent Krueger*

All are welcome to join the conversation... even if you have not read the book. By the way, did we mention there will always be sweets included?

A Message from Joann Hunt

My dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers and visits. God has blessed me with wonderful services while I have been immobile for the last several months. I look forward to improvement now in my 88th year. I miss you all and will be thrilled to see you again soon.

With great love,
Joann Hunt

Cooks of Chapel Hills – Pasta Bar

Saturday, April 18th – 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of great food and conversations. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Rides are arranged if needed – be sure to note it on the sign-up sheet.

Questions? Email or call Ann Derby (aederby1@gmail.com or 952-828-0829)

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Looking Ahead

5	APR, SUN	● All day	Easter Sunday
		● All day	NO Sunday School Today
		● All day	Receiving New Members
		● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Communion
7	APR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
8	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9	APR, THU	● 1 – 3pm	Book Group
12	APR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
15	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
18	APR, SAT	● 6 – 8pm	Cooks of Chapel Hills (Pasta Bar)
19	APR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)



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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



“Stepping Toward New Life”

Easter Sunday

There has always been something powerful about Mary’s lonesome walk to the tomb that first Easter morning as each grief-filled step leads to renewed hope. And the beauty is that while we know what awaits her — not a lifeless body, but rather the Risen and Resurrected Lord — she doesn’t.

In her pre-dawn funeral march, she has no clue that with just a few more difficult steps she will understand how God’s promises are true. She will be awed to see how death doesn’t get the victorious last word. She will hear the blessed new hellos that come after the heart-breaking good-byes.

Whenever I find myself moving in slow motion and the weight of loss makes it hard to take even one tiny shuffle forward, I take my side next to Mary. I imagine walking with her to the tomb of death that will be revealed as the tmb of life. I walk with her noticing how the darkness gradually changes color. One step forward and the black sky turns to gray. Another step forward and the gray lightens with twinges of pink. Yet another step and the pinks give way to dazzling golden hues. Each step, a step of faith. Each step, a step of promise. Each step leading to the promise of a resurrected life.

It happened to Mary, and it can happen to you on this day, the Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday!

Remember Mary and find the courage in your losses of life to keep stepping forward, for those are the steps leading to hope and healing. Those are the steps that will reveal to us the loving compassion of our Risen Lord and Friend.

God of Resurrection Hope, we praise You for the new day dawning. In Jesus, our hopes are renewed. In Jesus, grief will turn into joy. In Jesus, our tombs will indeed be made empty. May the steps of faith we take be strengthened by Your Love and may we never step moving forward toward Your beautiful promises. 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*.)