

Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • April 10, 2025

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Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Breakfast (between 8:45-10:00 am)

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? 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.



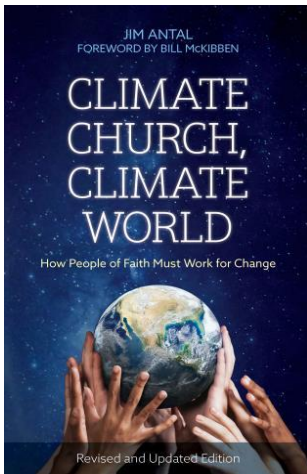
In Prayer

- Prayers for Sandy Davis-Lerner as she mourns the death of her husband, Harry Lerner.
- Prayers for Dorothy Lundberg who is mourning the loss of her dear friend, Dorothy Kirk.
- Amanda Trosen who is recovering from a serious seizure.
- Louise and Jim Ford's daughter-in-law, Christine Ford, who is battling kidney cancer.
- Ann Puglisi and family as they mourn a treasured life.
- Michelle Liebl's father is currently receiving hospice care.
- Emily Gray appreciates prayers for a joyful journey through her chemo treatment.
- Patty Sexton who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- Joann's nephew, Russell Hunt Jr, is receiving infusions for leukemia.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Tom Ford, Joann Hunt, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Annette Ronan, Nolan Sapp, Allii Scudder, Gail Stalpes, and Traci White-Hobson

Join Us... Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service

Meal - 5:30 pm • Worship Service - 6:30 pm

Date	Hosted By	Location
Thurs, April 10	@ Lynnhurst Congregational UCC	4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis



Book Group - Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Climate Church, Climate World – Rev. Jim Antal contends that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—climate change multiplies all forms of global social injustice. After illuminating how human beings are responsible for the dangers our planet now faces, Antal proposes how people of faith can embrace new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices that honor creation and cultivate hope.

Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, April 13th

Join us for breakfast – anytime between 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. (egg casserole, baked french toast, fruit and coffee & juice). For planning purposes, please sign-up in the narthex.

Receiving New Members on Sunday, April 20th

Please contact Pastor Christián (612-495-8203) if you are interested in becoming a Chapel Hills' member. New members will be received on Sunday, April 20th during worship.

April Birthdays

Julie Ford – 5th

Sonny Sherman – 8th

Ashley Sherman – 9th

Joann Hunt – 21st

Ron Molony – 23rd

Ethan Norris-Weber – 27th



Collaborating with Neighboring UCC Churches

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our Lenten soup supper and worship service.

The event was well-attended, and we were delighted to welcome guests from Lynnhurst Congregational, Morningside Hills, St. Mark's, and Union Congregational.



Looking Ahead

10	APR, THU	● 1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Lenten Meal & Worship Service - Lynnhurst Congregational UCC (Minneapolis)
13	APR, SUN	● 8:45 – 10am	Palm Sunday Breakfast
		● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
16	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
20	APR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	NO Sunday School
23	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
27	APR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
30	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



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- **By Check** (indicate what your donation is for on the memo line) Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436



“Into Jerusalem”

Palm/Passion Sunday • Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week, where the passion of our Lord will play out before us, ending in his death on the Good Friday cross. But for now, we gather with that ancient crowd, waving palm branches and shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” (which means “save us!”).

On this day, we praise Christ our King who gave new meaning to that title “king.” For Jesus wasn’t like King Saul who towered in physical strength nor was he like King Solomon who was surrounded by wealth and great wisdom. Jesus was a king who chose the way of servanthood and who rode a humble animal rather than a warhorse. And yet the streets still overflowed with people wanting to welcome this man who had stirred the countryside with his radical message of God’s all-encompassing love.

Before riding into Jerusalem, Jesus asked his disciples to get a donkey and a colt. The disciples questioned Jesus if the animals’ owner would give them freely. Jesus replied, “Just say the Lord needs them.” Sure enough, the disciples didn’t run into any hesitation and were able to secure the animals for their friend.

We rarely linger on this detail in the story of Jesus’ passion, preferring to focus on the palm-waving fanfare. But let’s leave that cheering crowd for a moment and linger, asking ourselves what it is that the Lord needs of us.

Perhaps not a donkey, but a trusting heart? Perhaps not a colt, but our time to help others no matter how stretched our time seems to be?

Can we give drink to the thirsty, food to the hungry and clothing to the naked? Can we give Jesus our commitment to stay by his side when others fall by the wayside? Can we wait in patient faith for resurrection promises amid our dark nights of the soul?

My friends, the truth is that the Lord needs much more than a humble animal to ride on. He needs our hearts.

Come, let us rejoin that Palm Sunday crowd knowing that all too soon those hosannas will fade. Hold on to your palm branch tightly, though. Hold on and listen for all the Jesus is asking of you.

Redeeming God, we are quick to sing Your praises when things go our way, but when life’s cheers turn to jeers, we quickly doubt and run from the grace of Your Son Jesus. Help us to be present now and always to our Savior, giving whatever it is He asks of us this day. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.