



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • March 5, 2026

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Children aged five 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 will be away on vacation from March 9th through the 16th.

In the event of an emergency pastoral care need,
please call 952-935-3025 or send an email to chapelhillsucc@gmailcom.



In Prayer

- Pam Huey asks for prayers for her sister, Paula, who is struggling with a recurrence of lymphoma.
- Jane Berne asks for continued prayers as her brother, Chris, recovers following heart surgery.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, John Burgart, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Louise Ford, Juleah Foss, Bob Huber, Joann Hunt, Russell Hunt Jr, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, Jeff Olander, Marion Rova, Allii Scudder, Ashley Sherman, Shelley Tang, and Amanda Trosen

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on or before Sunday, March 15th.

Donations can be made by check made payable to Chapel Hills (write OGHS on the memo line), or online (convenient & secure) @ <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina>

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

We are reading The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. All are welcome to join the conversation... even if you have not read the book.

Helping Our Neighbors During the Month of March

Emergency Express Packets

Chapel Hills is teaming up with VEAP to supply food to our friends and neighbors who are staying inside their homes due to the fear of ICE.



Donations of:

- cans of protein (tuna, pork, chicken)
- beans, canned or dried
- peanut butter
- vegetables, canned
- fruit, canned
- brown rice, pasta (no mac and cheese)
- pasta sauce

Financial donations are gladly accepted by check, with VEAP written on the memo line, or through our secure online site – click here: [GIVING](#).



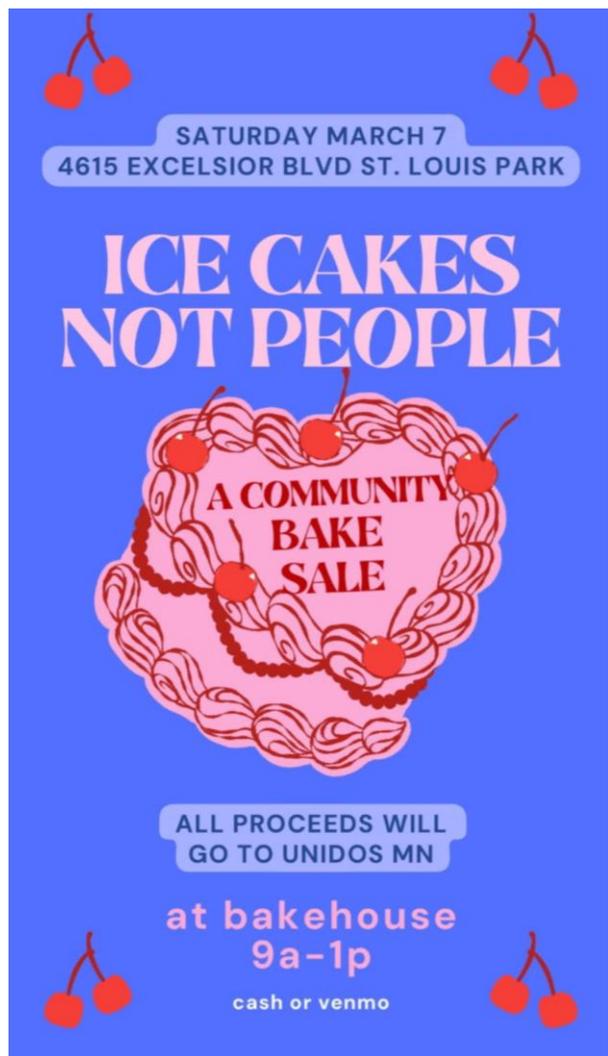
Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, March 29th

Join us for breakfast – anytime between 8:45 & 10:00 a.m.

On the menu: egg casserole, baked french toast, fruit, coffee & juice.

For planning purposes, please sign-up in the narthex.

Supporting Local Immigrant Communities



A blue poster with white and pink text. At the top, it says "SATURDAY MARCH 7" and "4615 EXCELSIOR BLVD ST. LOUIS PARK". The main title is "ICE CAKES NOT PEOPLE" in large white letters. Below that is a pink heart-shaped cake with the text "A COMMUNITY BAKE SALE". At the bottom, it says "ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO UNIDOS MN", "at bakehouse 9a-1p", and "cash or venmo". There are cherry illustrations in the corners.

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🔥PROJECT PIZZA🔥 SLP MUTUAL AID OPPORTUNITY!

Looking for a direct way to support and feed families in SLP? We are thrilled to announce a partnership with Blaze Pizza (St. Louis Park)!

Want to get involved? It's easy! Go to Blaze Pizza (8126 Hwy 7, St. Louis Park) and donate funds to the "Project Pizza" gift card during regular business hours, starting Friday, February 27th.

This gift card will be used for pizzas to be delivered, through various mutual aid channels, to identified families in SLP. Major shoutout and love and gratitude to Blaze Pizza for matching donations made to the Project Pizza gift card!! Let's bring some pizza and joy to kiddos and families in need!



Craving Girl Scout Cookies? Good News...

Harriet will be taking cookie orders this Sunday, March 8, and will deliver them to church on March 15.

I hope we use the extra money we earn to help those who are in need.

— Harriet

Easter Flowers from Bachman's

It's time to order your Easter flowers.

Celebrate the season of renewal with Bachman's-grown spring classics including Easter Lilies, tulips, azaleas, hydrangeas, mums and pansy bowls.

	Cost
10" Pansy Bowl	\$16.00
6" Easter Lily (White)	\$11.00
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow)	\$11.00
6" Asiatic Lily (Orange)	\$11.00
6" Asiatic Lily (Pink)	\$11.00
6" Azalea (Pink)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (White)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (Pink/White Bicolor)	\$23.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue)	\$25.00
6" Hydrangea (Pink)	\$25.00
6" Tulip (Yellow)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Purple)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Pink)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Orange)	\$9.00
6" Mum (Yellow)	\$11.00
6" Mum (White)	\$11.00
6" Mum (Purple)	\$11.00

It is our tradition that the Easter flowers are displayed for all to enjoy on Easter morning and then taken home after the service.

Order forms are available on the table outside the church office.

Please make check payable to Chapel Hills UCC (write Easter Flowers on the memo line)

Order Deadline: Wednesday, March 18

Collaborative Lenten Meal (Soup Supper) & Worship Service

Meal & Fellowship - 5:30 pm • Service - 6:30 pm

Date	Hosted By	Location
Thurs, March 5	Chapel Hills UCC	6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina
Thurs, March 12	Lynnhurst 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

March Birthdays

Mats Edwards - 4
 Laura Feierabend - 4
 Jess Chancey - 7
 Jeff Derby - 15
 Liz Derby - 20
 Stacy Kehrwald - 21
 Katara Garraway - 23
 Barb Okonek - 25
 Andrea Erickson - 26
 Dorothy Lundberg - 27
 Marj Johnson - 30

Looking Ahead

5	MAR, THU	● 5:30 – 7pm	Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service @ Chapel Hills UCC
8	MAR, SUN	● All day ● 9:15 – 10am ● 10:15 – 11:15am ● 11:15 – 11:45am	Daylight Saving Time Begins Adult Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
9	MAR, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Rescheduled Council Meeting
10	MAR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm ● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group MnCAN Aphasia Group
11	MAR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



Make America KIND Again
Buttons...

Wear One, Share One!

(available at church in the narthex)



GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

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



“Thirsty Voices”

Third Sunday in Lent

There’s an old stone well on my Vermont property dating back to the eighteenth century. It’s no longer operational as it ran dry years ago. A deeper well has since been drilled. Still, there’s something spiritually powerful about that old well. Each time I walk by the stone relic I find myself pausing for a blessed second, imagining Jesus offering me water in which I would never thirst again.

It was the same offer he extended to the Samaritan woman in the village near Shechem at Jacob’s well, believed to have been built around 1906 B.C.

Jesus encounters the woman in the noontime sun. After getting past the societal faux pas of a Jew asking a Samaritan for water, and after disregarding the red flag waving that this woman is an outcast among her own people — after all, who draws water when the sun is the highest and the hottest — Jesus has the water conversation.

He doesn’t talk about the refreshing liquid that quenches parched throats, but the refreshing Word of God that saturates souls that have become spiritual wastelands.

Sir, how do I get this water? It’s a question we should all ask, for what will satiate our thirsting for acceptance and wholeness?

Soon after moving to my fledgling farm that I named “Old Stone Well Farm,” in honor of that well that captivated me, I began a Lenten spiritual practice. I would rise early in the morning and sit on the old rock slab covering the well’s opening. I would then picture Jesus right beside me sharing all the beautiful things he sees in the world, and all the beauty he still sees in me just as he saw in the Samaritan woman.

My friends, although you can’t physically join me at my old Vermont well this Lent, there is a well for you sit by this day. It is a place to retreat to and to close your eyes and to whisper to your Friend and Savior, “Jesus, I would very much like this water that you offer.”

Thirst-quenching God, may we find ourselves asking Your Son boldly for the water in which we will never thirst for anything ever again. May this be the day we take a big holy gulp of hope, of love, of forgiveness, and of peace. 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.)