

JUST PEACE

SUNDAY 9.20.2026

God's Economy: People Over Profit

"I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you... The last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:14-16



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Sunday, September 20, 2026

Worship Service & Receiving New Members @ 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. Christian will be on vacation from September 21st through the 28th.

Rev. Jennifer Jaimez will be leading worship on Sunday, September 27th, and will be available for emergency pastoral care at 952-250-6385.



In Prayer

- Please keep Amanda, Mike, and Landon Trosen in your prayers as Landon undergoes tests following a seizure he experienced last Saturday.
- Please keep Jane Huber in prayer as she undergoes her second kidney stone surgery on Friday.
- Prayers for Kim Howard's daughter, Jodi Bartusek, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Emily Gray's friend, Laura, is recovering from spinal cord surgery.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, Jane Berne's friends – Karen and Larry, Charles Camilli, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Annie Huber, Bob Huber, Joann Hunt, Jerry Kerr, Jordan Kerr, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, The Shermans (Sonny, Ashley & Dakota), Kim Vacanti

Confirmation Class THIS Sunday – 9:00 to 10:00 am

We will begin our 6-month journey focusing on understanding our faith, exploring who Jesus Christ is, the importance of having fun, caring for the world, and understanding oneself as a beloved child of God.

Receiving New Members THIS Sunday

We are looking forward to receiving new members into the life of Chapel Hills on Sunday, September 20th during our 10:15 am worship service.

Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth, Eshaan, Aahana, Aashni, and Rohaan Das, Kim Howard, Kyle Kehrwald, and Jeff Remer.

Can We Talk?

Join us this Fall as we explore new ways to deepen our faith and strengthen our community through thoughtful conversation and camaraderie. This past summer we enjoyed a new format for ***Coffee and Community*** by gathering on the third Thursday of each month to catch up with friends, discuss a topic of interest, enjoy coffee and treats, and sometimes, take a walk in our church's neighborhood!

We invite you to be part of this new phase of ***Coffee and Community*** in the months ahead by actively participating in any number of ways:

- Try out an upcoming gathering when we reconvene on October 15th at 9:30 am
- Sign up to bring a treat (pastry, fruit, granola bars, etc.)
- Tell us what topics would be of interest to you
- Volunteer to organize a short program (20 minutes, or so) on a topic that intrigues you

Ideas for upcoming gatherings include: Christian activism through song, thrifting toward a better world, effective recycling, the quest for truth in journalism--the possibilities are endless!

If this sounds interesting to you, watch for sign-up sheets in the weeks ahead. Questions, ideas, suggestions? Contact Chris Solso (csolso@gmail.com or [612-812-9334](tel:612-812-9334)) or Julie Guelich (julie.guelich@gmail.com or [952-270-1432](tel:952-270-1432)).

A Note from *Rev. Christian...*

RE: Government surveillance of worship spaces

I had a couple of people approach me after service on Sunday and asked who I prayed for that was under surveillance by the feds. If you weren't here the past couple of weeks you didn't hear me talk about it in detail, but I have attached an article here!

Rev. Cody Sanders, interim at University Baptist Church has been a guest preacher at Chapel Hills multiple times and his church was one of the ones that were named in court documents. Feel free to take a look at the article or watch his powerful sermon the Sunday after it came out. His sermon starts around the 22-minute mark!

<https://www.npr.org/2026/08/25/nx-s1-5941135/dhs-surveillance-minnesota-ice-surge>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=civ3zu21V7U>

3rd Annual On-Site Secure Paper Shredding FUNDRAISER to Benefit VEAP

Chapel Hills is hosting a neighborhood paper shredding event on **Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am!** Our goals are: to help folks safely dispose of those pesky confidential or sensitive papers that have a way of accumulating over time; to raise money in support of VEAP; and to help the environment by keeping paper out of our landfills! It's a win-win-win!

Here's how each person in our congregation can help to make this event a success:

1. Save the date on your calendar!
2. Start collecting sensitive papers and documents that you need to safely shred (medical, banking, and tax documents, to name a few). Put your documents in paper bags or boxes and bring them to Chapel Hills on October 10th between 10:00 and 11:30 am.
3. Spread the word by encouraging 5 friends or family members to participate in our shredding event.

Sign up to help with this fun event for our community partners! Questions? Check with Chris Solso, Stacy Kehrwald, or Barb Okonek.

Chapel Hills is Accepting Grant Applications for 2026!

For over 20 years, Chapel Hills has made grants to a broad range of local, regional and international organizations. Our partnerships with these organizations as one of the ways we "live" our mission to serve and live in the light of God's love.

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.

We welcome your help in identifying organizations which could benefit from a Chapel Hills Grant! Please note that applications are due no later than **October 31, 2026**.

Questions? Check with Chris Solso (cksolso@gmail.com or 612-812-9334) or talk to anyone on the Church Council. This year's External Grant Committee includes: Emily Gray, Monika Edwards, and Chris Solso (chair).

Dear Friends -

Thank you so much for contributing to the joyful Sunday service at Lake Harriet Bandshell. With your help the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery Center received \$1,197. To those that participated by speaking, singing, playing an instrument, ushering or coming to support those that did, your efforts were appreciated. We all enjoyed the fabulous day our Lord gave us.

Love & Peace to you all.
Lynnhurst United Church
of Christ.

September Birthdays

Carrie Garms – 2nd
Jacqueline Lis – 3rd
Mark Weber – 3rd
Chris Solso – 8th
Kim Vacanti – 16th
Aahana Das – 18th
Hannah Penning – 24th
Michelle Liebl – 25th
Christian Briones – 25th
Tom Okonek – 28th



Looking Ahead

20	SEP, SUN	 9 – 10am	Confirmation Class
		 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service - Receiving New Members
		 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)
23	SEP, WED	 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
27	SEP, SUN	 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)
30	SEP, WED	 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
4	OCT, SUN	 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Communion
		 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Grades One to Five)



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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



"Tensions in the Wilderness"

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today, receive a letter of wisdom and compassion from The Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ and The Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ. The letter, written earlier this year and excerpted here, is an invitation and a challenge to churches to care for their pastors in a radical way. How can your setting respond to these powerful words?

"...We are aware that there is a particular burden, often unseen by many, that you who serve in authorized ministry carry because of the inherently relational nature of ministry. We see you, and we hear your weariness and often discouragement. We also love you and hold you in our prayers.

As such we are aware that there is a need to tend to the particular needs of you who serve as our authorized ministers so that your spirits may be renewed and so that the long-term health of God's mission manifest in the many expressions of the church may be strengthened. The collective care of all our Conferences and indeed the church in every setting compels us to offer a word of encouragement regarding the need for care in ways that give space for rest and rejuvenation; clarity and the renewal of one's calling.

While we recognize that resources vary widely throughout the settings of our shared life, there are several suggestions we would offer for consideration by local congregations and other settings of ministry.

- ≠ First, we urge you to intentionally pray for your leaders and the renewal they may need.
- ≠ Second, we encourage you to give permission and blessing for two consecutive weeks away for renewal leave, not counted as vacation time. This time alone will not be enough to process all that has happened or continues to happen in the life of the church, but it will offer space for a new ground to be cultivated to engage in ongoing practices of self-care, necessary for sustained and life-giving ministry.
- ≠ Third, we encourage you to trust that your setting of ministry will not be diminished by this time away but rather strengthened by it.

...Grief and loss are inherent in this season. Some of us even feel shame, which is a burden that we need not carry. We are hopeful that this time away helps you reconnect deeply with your call and with God, who loves you."