



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • March 6, 2025

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

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

- Ken Puglisi, friend of Laura Feierabend, has died. Please hold Ann and family in prayer.
- Andrea Erickson's former husband has passed away. She requests prayers as she navigates a complex and challenging grief process.
- Michelle Liebl's mother passed away on January 23 after many years with dementia, and her father is currently receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for Harry Lerner who is home recovering after a hospital stay.
- Emily Gray appreciates prayers for a joyful journey through her chemo treatment.
- Dee Chance moved to Martin Luther Manor in Bloomington.
- Jordan Kerr is recovering from multiple/ongoing back surgeries with a long road ahead.
- Allii Scudder is healing from removal of affected lymph nodes, awaiting further tests.
- Patty Sexton who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- Keep Joann Hunt in prayer while she recovers from a respiratory illness.
- Joann's nephew, Russell Hunt Jr, is receiving infusions for leukemia.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Tom Ford, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Annette Ronan, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson

**THE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING**



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One Great Hour of Sharing[®] is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

We will receive this offering on Sunday, March 30.
Please give generously.

Memorial Service for Chris Holm - Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 pm

A memorial service will be held at Chapel Hills on Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 pm to celebrate the life of Chris Holm.

Book Group - Thursday, March 13th 1:00 pm

The Handmaid's Tale – by Margaret Atwood

Everyone is welcome to join the conversation and enjoy the treats!

Join Us... Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service

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

Date	Hosted By	Location
Thurs, March 13	@ St. Mark's UCC	8630 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington
Thurs, March 20	@ Union Congregational UCC	3700 Alabama Ave S, St. Louis Park
Thurs, March 27	@ Morningside Hills UCC	4201 Morningside Rd, Edina
Thurs, April 3	@ Chapel Hills UCC	6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina
Thurs, April 10	@ Lynnhurst Congregational UCC	4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis



Cooks of Chapel Hills - German Cuisine

Join us on Saturday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm for Cooks of Chapel Hills, featuring German cuisine.

We gather at members' homes for an evening of great food and conversation. The one requirement is that you sign up, so we know how many people are coming and that we secure enough hosts. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Bob Huber... 612-961-5845 (bob_huber@comcast.net) or Ann Derby... 952-828-0829 (aederby1@gmail.com).



Feed My Starving Children • Hands-On Outreach Event

Join us on Saturday, March 29th from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (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.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. Founded in 1987, it has reached out to more than 70 countries.

The signup sheet is on the counter outside the office. Rides are available.

Questions?... ask Barb O.

March Birthdays

Mats Edward - 4
Laura Feierabend - 4
Harry Lerner - 5
Jeff Derby - 15
Elizabeth Derby - 20
Nikki Kopperud - 20
Stacy Kehrwald - 21
Cindy Stille - 21
Katara Garraway - 23
Barb Okonek - 25
Andrea Erickson - 26
Dorothy Lundberg - 27
Marj Johnson - 30



Most Needed Items

- Whole grain rice (1-2 pound bags)
- Whole grain pasta
- Hearty soups (high protein, low sodium)
- Whole grain cereal
- Canned proteins (meat and beans)
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers, formula, and baby wipes
- Cooking oil
- Coffee

- Baking essentials (flour, sugar, spices, baking soda/powder)
- Dish soap
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.)
- Gluten-free products
- Birthday party items (cake mix, frosting, plates/napkins/candles)
- Dog & cat food (particularly wet food, treats, litter, etc.)
- Paper bags or reusable shopping bags

- Financial donations are also appreciated -

Checks: payable to Chapel Hills (write VEAP March Drive) on memo line.

Secure Online Giving: at the following link

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

Easter Flowers from Bachman's

It's time to order your Easter flowers. A great selection to choose from!

	Cost
10" Pansy Bowl	\$14.00
6" Easter Lily (White)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Orange)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Pink)	\$10.50
6" Azalea (Pink)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (White)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (Pink/White Bicolor)	\$23.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue)	\$24.00
6" Hydrangea (Pink)	\$24.00
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

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 Pastor Christián's office.

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

Order Deadline: Sunday, March 30th

Looking Ahead

7	MAR, FRI	● 1 – 3pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
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8	MAR, SAT	● 1:30 – 2:30pm	Memorial Service of Chris Holm
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9	MAR, SUN	● All day	Daylight Saving Time Begins
		● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
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10	MAR, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
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11	MAR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
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12	MAR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
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13	MAR, THU	● 1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Lenten Meal & Worship Service - St. Mark's UCC (Bloomington)
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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



“Wilderness Companions”

First Sunday in Lent

Where are you most likely to turn to when needing comfort or encouragement? A loved one? A trusted friend? A Google search? How many times do we turn to God’s Word first?

After her death, Laura Ingalls Wilder’s family discovered where the author of the “Little House on the Prairie” books sought refuge in life. Tucked between the pages of her Bible was a list of go-to scriptures for all of life’s circumstances.

Facing a crisis? The pioneer girl turned to Psalm 46. Discouraged? Laura’s heart found healing in Psalm 24. And when lonely, it was Psalm 27 she would read.

Leaning into God’s Word was exactly what Jesus did when facing his 40-days of wilderness wandering and wondering. After emerging from the waters of his glorious baptism, the Spirit led the Son of God into the harsh desolation of the desert. Then, at Jesus’ most vulnerable moment, the Devil appeared tempting Jesus to tap into his divine connection to God to save himself.

Jesus, though, knew better. He turned to God’s Word for help, overcoming every temptation with the preface “it is written.”

Devil: *I bet you are hungry, Jesus. Why not turn these stones into bread?*

Jesus: *It is written, you shall not live by bread alone.*

Devil: *I will give you all these kingdoms if you worship me.*

Jesus: *It is written, worship only the Lord your God.*

Devil: *Throw yourself from the highest point of the temple, for it is written that the angels will attend to you.* (Yes, even the Devil turned to God’s word, but that’s another *Sunday Bulletin* devotion for another day.)

Jesus: *It is written, do not put the Lord your God to the test.*

And with that, the Devil departed.

Hearing the story of Jesus in the wilderness on the first Sunday in Lent is as much of a church tradition as reading the birth narrative on Christmas Eve. The story sets the stage for the 40-day season, where mimicking wilderness deprivation often plays out as some holy diet plan with the giving up of chocolate.

Rather than denying ourselves, though, why not take on the spiritual practice of turning to God’s Word daily. For my friends, those words were Jesus’ wilderness companions, and they are ours as well, always waiting to be called upon in our times of trial and temptation.

This Lent, let us make a go-to scripture list to turn to always. Even perhaps tuck that list into the pages of a Bible, knowing that someday someone will meet our wilderness companions and discover just how helpful they can be.

Loving God, may we remember to turn to Your Word in our times of need, for that Word will soothe our troubles, light our paths and bring clarity to the many questions we have. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.