



"It's Official!"

Rev. Christián Briones will begin his Ministry at Chapel Hills on Easter Sunday (March 31).



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Fifth Sunday in Lent **Sunday, March 17th** **10:15 a.m. Worship Service**

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children.
Sunday School for children ages 5 and older takes place at 11:15 a.m.

The service will also be available via YouTube for those desiring to participate from home.

Click Here: <http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live>

Chapel Hills Welcomes Rev. Christián Briones

Around fifty members of the Chapel Hills community welcomed Pastor Christián to an informal "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, March 9. Following the Sunday service on March 10, our congregation voted to call Rev. Briones to be our next settled pastor! What a joyous time this is in the life of Chapel Hills. Join us for his first official service on Easter Sunday, March 31. Below are photos from last weekend.





In Prayer

- John Burgart is feeling well after his second surgery and is grateful for the prayers and support he has received. He will have further treatment in the coming weeks.
- Jordan Kerr had a second leg surgery this week. Prayers for healing and comfort would be appreciated.
- Amanda Trosen is having difficulties with more seizures and other complications.
- Bev Robbins, dear friend Vicky Block had complications from hip surgery and is not doing well. Prayers for healing and recovery.
- Ken Puglisi underwent open heart surgery last week and has had complications, including emergency surgery to stop bleeding and is back on a breathing tube. Prayers for healing and for family Ann, Fred and grandson Luka.
- Laura Feierabend's friend, Steve Hanson, died after long battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia. Prayers for Karen and the rest of the family.
- Michelle Liebl asks for prayers for her three nephews, Sam, Noah and Maki as they battle health issues.
- Doug Allen, Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Bob Huber, Sandy Rippie, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson.

March Book Group

Our next Book Group conversation is **Thursday, March 14th** @ 1:00 p.m. We will discuss [This Land Is Our Land](#) - Suketu Mehta

THIS WEEK - Cooperative Lenten Meal and Prayer Service

Thursday, March 14 @ Lynnhurst UCC - (4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419)

- Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.
- Prayer Service starts at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Encouragement for the Journey

Join us at Chapel Hills on Thursday, March 28th at 1:00 p.m. for worship on Maundy Thursday, the day on which Jesus Christ shared a meal with his friends and faced his future with faith and prayer. We'll share together in Communion and prayer as Holy Week moves toward its conclusion and Easter Sunday joy.

We've invited the group of UCC churches that participated in the cooperative Lenten meal and prayer services to join us.

One Great Hour of Sharing®

It's not too late to donate to the One Great Hour of Sharing® offering.

A Standing Ovation is in Order...

A debt of gratitude is owed to our FANTASTIC Search and Call Committee who kept their eye on the prize. Their unwavering dedication while remaining patient and persistent has been an inspiration and just what Chapel Hills was in need of.

Please be sure and thank each one of them next time you see them for their incredible effort and contribution to our church.

Mike Camilli, Emily Gray,

Julie Guelich, Pat Heiman, Joann Hunt,

Ron Molony, and Chris Solso





Changing of the Guard – Join Us in Celebrating Pastor Nancy!

Sunday, March 24th will be Pastor Nancy's last Sunday service with us.
A reception of gratitude and thanks will take place following the service.

Please join us in wishing her well on her journey.

Hosted by Friends in Christ.

Mark your calendar and sign up for the next Hands-On Outreach event!



- Feed My Starving Children - Chanhassen location (18732 Lake Dr E, Chanhassen, MN 55317)
- When: Saturday, April 20th 9:30 - 11:00 am
- Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you need a ride to FMSC, let Barb O. know.

Kids and adults of all ages are welcome to volunteer to hand pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

FMSC distributes meals in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs around the world to deliver hope and break the cycle of poverty.

To a starving child, hope can only begin with a reliable source of nutritious food.

The Week of March 17th

Pastor Nancy will be at Chapel Hills This Week: Tuesday (9 am to 3 pm) and Thursday (1 to 7 pm). She may be in the office or perhaps out visiting on the two weekdays so it might be best to let her know you're dropping by in advance. Or just give her a call or send her a text (651-366-9093) or drop her an email at wiswans@comcast.net if you'd like to talk with her and/or meet with her on some other day or time.

VEAP March Food & Fund Drive Continues

We are focusing on "Funds" in support of VEAP's financial goal. As you know, VEAP's buying power is significant and your financial gift really goes a long way. Of course, a donation of food is great and appreciated too. And as always, be assured that your gifts to VEAP are put to good use and really make an impact and a difference.

14	MAR, THU		1 – 7pm	Pastor Nancy IN Office
			1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
			5:30 – 6:30pm	Lenten Cooperative Meal @ Lynnhurst UCC
			6:30 – 7:15pm	Lenten Cooperative Evening Prayer Service @ Lynnhurst UCC
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17	MAR, SUN		9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
			10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
			11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Ages 5 & Older)
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19	MAR, TUE		9am – 3pm	Pastor Nancy IN Office
			11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
			1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
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20	MAR, WED		7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



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- <https://app.easytithes.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



“Deep In Our Hearts”

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Jeremiah 31:32

One of the distinct features of many United Church of Christ conferences, associations and congregations compared to other faith communities is their commitment to become Open and Affirming (O&A). O&A is a stance of radical welcome to LGBTQIA+ people. Because church communities have historically been places of hurt and exclusion, it is even more imperative that churches who are Open and Affirming take a strong and public stance.

A little over a year ago, the ONA Coalition welcomed a new executive director, The Rev. Katrina Roseboro-Marsh. According to a UCC news story that came out at the time,* She is the first Black woman to head the coalition. “I am honored and excited for this opportunity,” she said. “I realize how important my selection is, and I recognize the magnitude of what this opportunity will mean for the LGBTQIA+ community. I accept this challenge because the coalition has laid the sturdy groundwork to make its next steps forward in reimagining and revisioning, with regeneration as a goal.”

Roseboro-Marsh has more than 16 years of experience as a clinician. Her particular focus has been working with clients who identify as LGBTQIA+, as well as those who also identify as African American with an active religious and/or spiritual practice.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Katrina to our team because of her unique voice, energy and experience,” said search committee chair and Coalition Leadership Team member the Rev. Derek Terry. “With the current attack on queerness in schools and communities across the country, we feel an obligation to protect and ensure the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Terry added that “while some work to erase the experiences of BIPOC people from the pages of history books,” Roseboro-Marsh will “increase our advocacy work through an intentionally more intersectional approach.”

Roseboro-Marsh is ordained clergy and holds ministerial standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries. She is married to the Rev. Tana Roseboro-Marsh; they reside on the east coast with their Morkie, Xola Darling Roseboro-Marsh.

*<https://www.ucc.org/new-ona-director-global-ministries-exec-among-recent-hires/>