

Happy Mother's Day



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Sunday, May 12th
Worship Service • 10:15 a.m.

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>



In Prayer

- John Burgart is now receiving care from Minnesota Hospice. He, Becky, and family appreciate the prayers and support of their Chapel Hills friends.
- Prayers for Beau & Kelly Onischuk as they mourn the life of their infant daughter, Saylor, who passed away on March 16th.
- Ken Puglisi had another surgery last week to clean out his carotid artery. While the surgery went well, he was back in the hospital again over the weekend with swollen neck and difficulty breathing and swallowing. Prayers for Ken and Ann.
- Prayers for our dear friend, Molly Lee-Lafferty, who is working through a new health diagnosis.
- Sandy Rippie is now receiving comfort care at home. She would love to see some of her friends. Please feel free to text Chris: 612-670-1976 or Deborah: 612-669-1708 to arrange a time to visit.
- Vicky Block is getting her strength back. She has to have a redo on the interrupted hip operation.
- 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, Jordan Kerr, Cheryl Marsch, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson.

Book Group – Thursday, May 9th

We're meeting at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th to discuss Jared Diamond's Guns, Germs, and Steel. **All are welcome to join the conversation.**

In June we will discuss Watership Down by Richard Adams. On deck we have A Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese and Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grant.

Join Us For Cake & Treats Following Worship on Sunday, May 19th

Help us celebrate the choir before their well-deserved summer break! Join us for cake and treats while thanking them for another year of beautiful music!

People are asking...

"How can we help on Sunday mornings?"

Listed below are several ways you can help on Sunday mornings. If you find one or all of the following to be a perfect fit, then please add your name to the **Sunday Morning Opportunities** sheet (outside Christián's office). We will connect with you and add you to the calendar rotation.

- **Reader:**

Participates during worship by reading the scripture lessons. You will receive a copy of the reading(s) in advance. Readers of all ages are welcome to volunteer!

- **Greeter:**

The greeters are typically the first connection our friends and visitors have on Sunday mornings. Greeters stand or sit at the Sanctuary door by 10:00 am to greet folks, hand out bulletins, and offer a friendly welcome as they arrive.

- **Treater:**

The treaters host coffee and fellowship following worship. Written information about setup and cleanup are provided ahead of time.

- **Streamer (Audio-Visual):**

Being able to provide a live stream of our worship service is an important feature for folks who are unable to attend in person. The good news is that the system is very simple and can be as easy as turning a button on and off! If you are interested in helping or learning more, please see Tom or Barb Okonek.

Thank you for considering these important Sunday morning roles.

Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. **We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 19th.** As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Contact Information

Rev. Cristián Briones can be reached at revcbriones@gmail.com or 952-935-3025.

He also has open office hours from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If possible, do try and send an email ahead of time so he knows to expect you.

Feel free to drop in and say hey! He'd love to chat with you.

Looking Ahead

9	MAY, THU	● 10 – 11:30am	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
12	MAY, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Ages 5 & Older)
13	MAY, MON	● 3:30 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
14	MAY, TUE	● 3 – 7:30pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
15	MAY, WED	● 3:30 – 6pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
16	MAY, THU	● 4 – 7:45pm	Villard Studio - Rehearsal for Recital
17	MAY, FRI	● 6 – 7:30pm	Villard Studio - Cello Recital
19	MAY, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service - Choir's Last Sunday until September
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Ages 5 & Older)



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“Guided in Prayer”

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother’s Day

Although for many people, Mother’s Day is a day of joy and celebration, for others it is a time of confusion, pain or frustration. Some churches try to honor all the emotions of this day by offering an alternative service around Mother’s Day that acknowledges the difficult feelings that this day might bring up. An emphasis on ritual and contemplation can be very healing for those incapacitated by the emotions of this day.

One such ritual allowed participants to move around to various stations in the room. At each station was a quote about the painful disconnect that Mother’s Day holds for some people. Participants were encouraged to respond to the quote with the activity at the station. After some time had passed, the participants gathered to share whatever had come up for them, with some profound moments of healing and insight shared.

If you would like to create a container for a service like this, that honors the difficulty of this day, here are some stations that might be helpful.

Art such as mandala or simple origami: Sometimes the healing needed is beyond words. Provide this space as a place to respond from that place beyond words.

Writing: You may want to provide pens and paper. The writings could be kept by the participants or ritually burned.

Prayer candles: Invited participants to light a candle from another flame, reminding them of the capacity for light to grow when it is shared.

Water: Provide a bowl of salt water, as a reminder of tears. Invite participants to say a short blessing and release a stone or glass bead into the water.

In so many settings, “negative” emotions are unwelcome. If you and your community decide to create a ritual like this, you may be surprised at the response you receive, as you demonstrate that you are safe place “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey.”