



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • March 19, 2026

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**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Worship Service @ 10:15 am**

**Fifth 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 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*

- Jerry Kerr is recovering after undergoing surgery to repair torn tendons in his left elbow. A long recovery ahead (3-6 months before resuming normal activities).
- Pam Huey asks for prayers for her sister, Paula, who is struggling with a recurrence of lymphoma.
- 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

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### **It's not too late to donate to One Great Hour of Sharing**

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

### **Join us for our Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast • Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Stop by for breakfast anytime between 8:45 & 10:00 am**

Egg casserole, baked french toast, fruit, coffee & juice. For planning purposes, please sign-up in the Narthex.

### **NO Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday**

We will be back in session on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.



## **Keeping Up the Tradition - Cooks of Chapel Hills**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**

**Theme: Pasta Bar**

Cooks of Chapel Hills is back! For those of you who are new to our congregation, “Cooks” has been a fun tradition amongst our members that was led by an original “foodie.” He would choose a theme, either a nationality or an ingredient such as apples or Spam! Over the years we’ve eaten foods from over 30 countries! We gather for a dinner party/potluck which are held/hosted at one or more of our members’ homes.

Next month we will begin the tradition again... with a “Pasta Bar” and all are welcome!

Here is how it works:

- Add your name to the sign-up sheet (in the Narthex). Indicate if you are willing to host a group (typically 8-10 people) in your home.
- A week before the dinner, Ann Derby will divide the list and assign you to one of the hosts.
- The host will contact you with their address, time and what to bring.
- The host provides the home, pasta, perhaps a grain such as rice or farro and attendees bring everything else (sauces: alfredo, marinara, meat sauce, pesto or veggie, or toppers which would be things like meatballs, shrimp, parmesan etc.). A salad, bread and dessert could round out the evening.
- BYOB if you would like.
- Rides are arranged if needed – be sure to note it on the sign-up sheet.
- Questions? Email or call Ann Derby (aederby1@gmail.com or 952-828-0829)

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## **Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service** (Meal at 5:30 • Worship Service 6:30 pm)

- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Union Congregational UCC (3700 Alabama Ave S, St. Louis Park)
- Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Morningside Hills UCC (4201 Morningside Rd, Edina)

**Thanks to all who ordered Easter flowers!**

They will be beautifully displayed on Easter Sunday for all to enjoy!

## Supporting Local Immigrant Communities

### Local Mexican Restaurants

El Loro Mexican Restaurant	9332 Ensign Ave s	Bloomington
Taqueria La Hacienda	12641 Nicollet Ave	Burnsville
El Camino Gourmet Tacos	7565 France Avenue South	Edina
Pajarito	3910 w 50th	Edina
Puralima	3925 w 50th Street	Edina
Taco Libre	5125 Edina Industrial Blvd	Edina
LagoTacos	30 Water Street	Excelsior
El Lorito Mexican Grill	502 Blake Road	Hopkins
Nacho's Mexican Grill	1016 Main Street	Hopkins
Andale Taqueria Y Mercado	7700 Nicollet Ave	Richfield
El Taco Real	2208 w 66th St	Richfield
El Tejanan Mexican Grill	6519 Nicollet Ave	Richfield
I (My) Taco and Groceries	813 66th Street E	Richfield
Lito's Burritos	6519 Nicollet Ave	Richfield
El Nuevo Cinco De May	3733 Nicollet Avenue	Minneapolis
El Sazon Cocima & Tragos	5309 Lyndale ave s	S. Minneapolis
Orale Mexican Eats	5447 Nicollet Ave	S. Minneapolis
Taqueria Victor Hugo	6020 Nicollet avenue	S. Minneapolis
La Bodega Taco Bar	8005 Minnetonka Blvd	St Louis Park
Mexico City Café	6416 W Lake St	St Louis Park

## 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
- 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 FAITH ACTION

### RECLAIMING CHRISTIANITY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

**MARCH  
29**

Join thousands of Christians on Palm Sunday to celebrate the call of our faith to love our neighbors: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger.

**2:00PM**

Procession launching from several churches at University and Dale

**2:30PM**

Worship and Program at Minnesota State Capitol Mall

Join thousands of Christians in St. Paul on March 29th, Palm Sunday afternoon where we will celebrate and embody our faith's call to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves and reject authoritarianism, cruelty and greed. We will gather at 2:30pm for a joyful worship service and public action on the Capitol Mall. Join us and bring your family and friends! Register now and invite others!



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER.

VISIT [PALMSUNDAY2026.COM](https://palmsunday2026.com) TO  
LEARN MORE.

## 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

19	MAR, THU	● 5:30 – 7pm	Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service @ Union Congregational UCC
22	MAR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
24	MAR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
25	MAR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
26	MAR, THU	● 5:30 – 7pm	Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service @ Morningside Hills UCC
29	MAR, SUN	● All day	NO Sunday School Today
		● 8:45 – 10am	Palm Sunday Breakfast
		● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
31	MAR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
1	APR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
5	APR, SUN	● All day	NO Sunday School Today
		● All day	Receiving New Members
		● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Communion
7	APR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting



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### 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



## **“Breath of Hope”**

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

The first sermon that ever made tears roll down my cheeks was heard in a New York City church in my early 30s. I was a single Manhattan editor facing the proverbial fork in the road of life, not knowing which way to go. Even worse was that I had no desire to take any step in any direction. I was stuck in what felt like a dank cave of gloom.

The preacher began talking about poor, dead Lazarus. Lazarus’ sisters had sent word to Jesus about his friend being ill, urging him to come quickly. Jesus took his time, though. When he arrived, Lazarus had been wrapped in burial cloth and placed in a tomb for a couple of days. Jesus cried but then wiped his tears and called to his dead friend to come out.

This is when the preacher got dramatic, standing in the middle of the chancel and looking into an invisible tomb, shouting, “Come out! Live!”

The words reverberated from every corner of the sanctuary. The preacher then turned away from the imagined tomb and looked at us, the worshippers, and with an urgent, quieter plea, he begged for us to, “Come out! And finally live!”

The first tear ran down my cheek. Then the second. Then came the deluge, for I had realized I had been wrapped in my own burial clothes of fear. I had allowed the stone of depression to seal me from the hope that was still around.

That day I didn’t hear a dramatic preacher preach. I heard Jesus himself cry to me, “Come out! There is still so much life to be lived. Remove the cloths of fear wrapped around you. Step out of the dark tomb of death and into the light of life — new life filled with God’s promises of an amazing future.”

Truthfully, I didn’t hear the rest of the preacher’s sermon. I was too excited to start living again.

On this Sunday in Lent when we are so close to the cross, when soon we will be hearing another resurrection story — THE resurrection of all resurrections, that of Jesus — we are reminded that God can and will revive us as well. Jesus is standing this day outside of whatever door you have slammed shut and he is breathing hope back into your lifeless world. It’s time to come out of your tomb of grief, hopelessness, despair or indecision, and do something radical: Live!

*Loving God, You know all too well how we often give up when things don’t go our way or when we seem to have hit a dead end. But You see that this is not the end for us — or of us. There is still more to experience and to learn. May this day we heed Jesus’ words to “Come out and finally live.” 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*.)**