

Harvest Festival Potluck • Sunday, November 19th • Following Worship



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Sunday, November 19 @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children.

No Sunday School this week because of the Harvest Potluck.

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 appreciates ongoing prayers as he waits for his thyroid surgery, now finally scheduled for December 12.
- Doug Allen is at Chapel View Care Center in Hopkins for transitional care to regain his strength. He will be back home in time for Thanksgiving.
- Bill Gusenius, Beth's dad, who had an emergency quadruple heart bypass last week.
- Amanda Trosen who is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, November 15th.
- Bob Huber's sister, Mary Huber, passed away on Sunday, November 5th. Please keep Bob, Chris, Anne, Jane, and the extended Huber family in prayer.
- Our dear friend, Marge Williams, died at the age of 100! Keep Marge's family in prayer.
- Barb Salem, a friend of Laura Feierabend's died from brain cancer. Keep Barb's family in prayer.
- Julia Moen, Amanda Trosen's Grandmother-in-law who is mourning the loss of her brother and brother in-law.
- The family of Nolan Sapp, an infant who experienced severe head trauma at daycare.
- Louise Ford is back home after having surgery to repair a broken heel and a stint in rehab.
- Traci White-Hobson, Bonnie Stroessner's distant relative who is grieving the loss of her son, husband, and daughter who all died within the last nine months.
- Prayers for Ron Molony and family as they mourn the life of his brother-in-law, Rich Hollingsworth.
- Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Jordan Kerr, Dorothy Lundberg, Cheryl Marasch, Sandy Rippie, Annette Ronan, Ashley Sherman and Gail Stalpes.

Harvest Festival Potluck - Sunday, November 19th

Join us, following worship on Sunday, November 19th, as we celebrate the bounty of the harvest season. No Sunday School following worship today.

Collaborative UCC Thanksgiving Service - Tuesday, November 21st

We will gather at St. Mark's UCC (8630 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington) @ 6:00 p.m. for pie and coffee. The combined choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m. and will join us before the 7:00 p.m. service. The churches that are participating are... Chapel Hills, St. Mark's, Union, Edina Morningside, Lynnhurst.

It's Time to Place Your Poinsettia Orders



We are happy to offer 6 1/2" poinsettias for the cost of \$13.00 per plant. Choose from Red, White, or Pink. Order forms are available at church.

We will arrange to have your poinsettias delivered to church. It has been our tradition that folks leave their poinsettia plants at church through the Christmas Eve Service. The beautiful display of poinsettias on the communion table will be enjoyed by all. **Order by December 3rd.**

Dates to Remember...

Sunday, November 19th	- Harvest Potluck - following worship
Tuesday, November 21st	- Collaborative Thanksgiving Service @ St. Mark's UCC Pie and coffee at 6:00 p.m. Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark's UCC (8630 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington)
Sunday, November 26th	- Preparing for Advent - following worship
Sunday, December 3rd	- Last day to order poinsettias.
Thursday, December 14th	- A Cup of Christmas Tea - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17th	- Receiving the Christmas Fund Offering
Sunday, December 24th	- NO Morning Worship Service - Christmas Eve Choir Prelude - 4:10 p.m. - Candlelight Service - 4:30 p.m. - Receiving the Christmas Fund Offering
Sunday, December 31st	- Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.

Preparing for Advent

Please plan on staying after worship on Sunday, November 26th as we decorate the church for the Advent season. Your help is needed and appreciated! Holiday snacks and merriment are part of the plan.

The Week of November 19th

Pastor Nancy will be at Chapel Hills This Week: Tuesday (1 to 8 pm). She may be in the office or perhaps out visiting on that day 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.

Looking Ahead

16	NOV, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Londonderry Townhomes Annual Meeting
17	NOV, FRI	● 4:30 – 8:15pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
19	NOV, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Harvest Festival Potluck
20	NOV, MON	● 4:45 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
21	NOV, TUE	● 10:30am – 12pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Collaborative Thanksgiving Service @ St. Mark's UCC
22	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	NO Adult Choir Rehearsal



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- <https://app.easytithe.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



“Extravagant Opportunity”

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

What if Jesus were telling this story now? Might it sound a little like this?

So, the reign of God is like a businesswoman, preparing to leave for the airport on a business trip, who called three of her employees into the conference office. The employees sat somewhat nervously around the conference table, not sure what to expect. The businesswoman arrived in a hurry and took her customary place at the head of the table. Only then did they notice the large box that sat in front of her on the table.

Then, one by one, she pulled three items out of the box. To the first employee, she gave a small but powerful video camera. That employee immediately left the conference room and began conducting interviews with her coworkers, asking them what had brought them to work at that company. She was amazed about what she learned about people she worked with every day. This employee uploaded the videos onto social media and a couple of them even went viral.

To the second employee, the boss gave a compact typewriter in a carrying case. The next day, during lunch, he offered to type a poem about any subject his coworkers might choose. One by one, his coworkers told him stories about the people they loved, the animals that made them laugh, the mountains that inspired them. And this second employee wrote poems for them all. They shared the poems with each other, delighted to get to know each other in this new way.

To the third employee, the businesswoman gave a pencil. But the third employee didn't know what to do. She stayed in her office alone many nights, just looking at that pencil and wondering what the boss could have meant by giving her such a small and worthless gift.

When the boss came back, she praised the social media campaign of the first employee and thanked the second employee for the increase in morale and sense of comradeship in the office. But with the third employee, who, with a sheepish expression, tried to give her back the pencil, the boss was visibly disappointed. “There are so many ways you could have used this tool, but you chose to do nothing. This is a place for people to take risks and express their creativity, but you have twiddled your thumbs. Next time, the gift will go to someone else altogether.”