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All-Ages Worship Service

Sunday, March 19th @ 10:15 a.m.

This Sunday, children ages 5 and older stay in church during worship.
(Nursery care is provided for children ages 4 and under)

The service will also be available via YouTube for those desiring to participate from home.
Click Here: **http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live**

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

THIS Sunday, March 19th

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing, and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment, and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs, and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

Donations can be made by check made payable to Chapel Hills (write OGHS on the memo line), or online (convenient & secure) @ **https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina**.

In Prayer

- Please keep the family of Marilynn Krekelberg in prayer as they mourn a treasured life. **A service to celebrate Marilynn's life will be held at Chapel Hills on Saturday, June 3rd. More details to come.**
- Ashley Sherman as she recovers from torn ligament surgery.
- The family of Steve Dahlberg as they try to make sense of a catastrophic diagnosis of his young great-niece, Brianna.
- Ron Molony asks prayers for his brother-in-law, Rich Hollingworth.
- Healthcare and front-line workers.
- Doug Allen, Mykayla Cunningham, Nikolina Erickson-Gunther, Julie Ford, Mady Kenknight, Anna Kerr, Dorothy Lundberg, Annette Ronan, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Marge Williams.

Our collaboration continues with four other UCC churches (Edina Morningside/Linden Hills, Lynnhurst, St. Mark's, and Union Congregational) - *see the schedule below.*

2023 Lenten Shared Worship • United Church of Christ

Date/Time	Description of Gathering	Location
Thursday, March 16 – 5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer	Edina Morningside & Linden Hills UCC (Edina)
Thursday, March 23 – 5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer	Union Congregational UCC (St. Louis Park)
Thursday, March 30 – 5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer	Lynnhurst UCC (Minneapolis)
Thursday, April 6 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Jewish Seder*	Edina Morningside & Linden Hills UCC (Edina)
Friday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Edina Morningside & Linden Hills UCC (Edina)

Reservation Required

Collaborating UCC Churches:

Chapel Hills UCC (Edina) - https://www.chapelhillsucc.org/
6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436

Edina Morningside & Linden Hills UCC (Edina) - https://emcucc.org/
4201 Morningside Rd, Edina, MN 55416

Lynnhurst UCC (Minneapolis) - https://www.lynnhurstucc.org/
4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419

St. Mark's UCC (Bloomington) - http://www.stmarksuccmn.org/
8630 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431

Union Congregational UCC (St. Louis Park) - https://unionslp.com/
3700 Alabama Ave S, Saint Louis Park, MN 55416

Contemporary American composer of Church music, Marty Haugen, wrote "Holden Evening Prayer" during the winter of 1985–1986 while at Holden Village retreat center in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington state. This relatively short, contemplative service of song, scripture, and brief meditation lends itself well to slowing down, thinking deeply about faith, and finding peace and inspiration for daily life.

Email us at chapelhillsucc@gmail.com or call 952-935-3025 if you are in need of a ride.

Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer Service

Join us TONIGHT (Thursday, March 16 – 5:30 p.m.) at Edina Morningside/Linden Hills UCC (4201 Morningside Rd, Edina). All are welcome (no reservation required).

Easter Flowers from Bachman's

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

	Cost
10" Pansy Bowl	$12.00
6" Easter Lily (White)	$8.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow)	$9.00
6" Asiatic Lily (Orange)	$9.00
6" Asiatic Lily (Pink)	$9.00
6" Azalea (Pink)	$20.00
6" Azalea (White)	$20.00
6" Azalea (Pink/White Bicolor)	$20.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue)	$20.00
6" Hydrangea (Pink)	$20.00
6" Tulip (Yellow)	$8.00
6" Tulip (Purple)	$8.00
6" Tulip (Pink)	$8.00
6" Tulip (Orange)	$8.00
6" Mum (Yellow)	$10.00
6" Mum (White)	$10.00
6" Mum (Purple)	$10.00

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 Nancy's office.

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

Request from the Outreach Team	
VEAP March Food Drive	**Welcome Supplies for Refugee Families Sponsored by the MN Council of Churches**
• Gifts of Food (see the most needed items listed on the next page) • Cash Donations (Make check payable to Chapel Hills and write "VEAP" on the memo line)	• Individually Packaged Adult & Youth Toothbrushes • Regular Sized Toothpaste • Deodorant • Razors (multi packs) • Shaving Cream • Shampoo (No Conditioner)
for Look the Donation Boxes in the Narthex. Questions - please talk to Barb or Tom Okonek.	

Refugee Kits & VEAP Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the Refugee Kits & VEAP Food Drive so far. We have about 4 weeks to go and there is still plenty of room in our collection boxes. **LET'S FILL THESE BOXES, CHAPEL HILLS!**

As many of you know, pandemic relief is running out for many people, so now more than ever, your donations of money and food to VEAP, is very critical. Thank you again!

Outreach Team

Most-needed items

Winter/Spring 2023 list

VEAP, the Twin Cities' largest food pantry, needs your help!

Chapel Hills is accepting donations during the month of March.

- 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 (size 5-7) and baby wipes
- Cooking oil
- 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, etc.)

Financial donations are appreciated too!

Make your check payable to Chapel Hills
& write March Food Drive on the memo line – or donate online @
https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina

The avid readers of Chapel Hills would like to offer an opportunity to trade books with others. Bring your books and take home a few new titles. A table will be outside the office. Please be mindful to only bring as many as you hope to trade. We have no space for excess books.

Happy reading!!

Meal Train Site for Ashley and Sonny Sherman

Ashley Sherman is home recovering from torn ligament surgery and is unable to do normal daily tasks (lifting, including their one-year-old son, Dakota, preparing meals, driving, etc.). Check out their Meal Train site if you would like to contribute a meal or two during her recovery @ **https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/wqzkze**. Thanks in advance for your help!!

Book Group

Everyone is welcome to join us for conversation and fellowship at Chapel Hills.

- **Thursday, April 13… @ 1:00 p.m.**
  The Red Knife by William Kent Krueger.
- **Thursday, May 11… @ 1:00 p.m.**
  If God is Love Don't be A Jerk: Finding a Faith that Makes Us Better Humans by John Pavlovitz.

The Week of March 19th

Pastor Nancy will be at Chapel Hills:

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.

Looking Ahead

16	MAR, THU	5:30 – 6:30pm	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer @ Edina Morningside/Linden Hills UCC
19	MAR, SUN	9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		10:15 – 11:15am	All-Ages Sunday (children will stay in worship with us)
		10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Sunday School
20	MAR, MON	3:30 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
21	MAR, TUE	10:30am – 12pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
		1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
		3:30 – 7pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
22	MAR, WED	7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
23	MAR, THU	5:30 – 6:30pm	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer @ Union Congregational UCC
26	MAR, SUN	9:15 – 10:15am	Choir is OFF
		10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Sunday School
28	MAR, TUE	10:30am – 12pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
		1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Meeting
29	MAR, WED	7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
30	MAR, THU	5:30 – 6:30pm	Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer @ Lynnhurst UCC

GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link…
- 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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

For many churches, generations of givers have placed their tithe to the church in a basket or plate that is passed during worship. Usually taking place toward the end of the worship service, the receiving of the offering in this way was both practical and also symbolic of the gifts that each congregation member has to offer. In the past couple of years, spurred by pandemic changes, many congregations have made a shift from receiving the offering in person to receiving it online or virtually. This shift in giving is the tip of the iceberg, a symbol of all the changes that have visited all churches in these unprecedented times.

In today's story, Jesus' healing of a man blind from birth is met with skepticism and uncertainty by those who have known the man. They are not prepared for this change and may feel ill equipped to handle it. Like the townspeople, you may feel unready for change. And yet, you have been living with and adapting through change as it happens both without and within.

In your lifetime, there has been nearly unfathomable change in the world. Borders have opened and closed, names of countries have changed, allies have banded together to make war on other nations, and then turned on one another, and the English language has added hundreds of new words to the dictionary. (Before 2020, had you ever heard or used the word "superspreader" before?)

And that doesn't even count the individual changes that you have adapted to in your lifetime. You have weathered and even thrived through changes in self-understanding, knowledge, relationships, emotional landscape, climate, education, fortune, health, travels, travails, employment status, living arrangements, and multiple television remotes with their array of mysterious black on black buttons.

You may push back against change or wish it would not come so fast, but in fact your whole life has been preparing you for the changes we are experiencing now. Whether your giving is the "old" way in a passed plate, or a "new" way through a computer terminal, you have everything you need to weather the changes around you.

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. https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/