



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • May 16, 2024

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**May 19<sup>th</sup> Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m.**  
**- choir celebration following worship -**

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*

- Keith Kramer who is currently hospitalized.
  - Prayers for Cheryl Irwin and family as they grieve the loss of her husband, Brian, who passed away on May 5.
  - 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 loss of their infant daughter, Saylor.
  - Prayers for Ken and Ann Puglisi.
  - 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.
  - Michelle Liebl asks for prayers for her three nephews, Sam, Noah, and Maki as they battle health issues.
  - Doug Allen, John Burgart, Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Jordan Kerr, Cheryl Marsch, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson.
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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 19<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



### **Celebrating the Choir on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **Moderator's Report – Bob Guelich**

The Church Council met last Monday (the 13<sup>th</sup>). Here's what was discussed:

Reverend Briones will be attending a UCC sponsored development program for ministers the first Sunday in June. The program is entitled "Next Generation Leadership Initiative." We are fortunate that Reverend Briones will be able to benefit from this experience.

It looks like we will be partnering with Edina Morningside/Linden Hills to conduct/offer a Vacation Bible School experience in late August. We'll keep you posted.

We are taking a fresh look at our Outreach programs and are considering how to better focus our efforts. We are likely to increase our emphasis on food support programs and our partnerships with VEAP. We'll be continuing this discussion at our next meeting.

We will also be revisiting our Enduring Fund Policies and Procedures. It's been close to 20 years since we've conducted such a review. Any significant changes will be brought to the congregation for a vote.

That's it. Hope this helps to keep you informed.

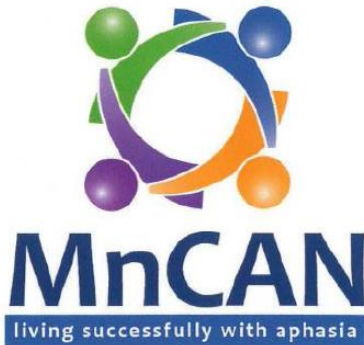
## Contact Information

Rev. Cristián Briones can be reached at [revcbriones@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



Chapel Hills Church,

On behalf of all of us at MnCAN, thank you for sharing your space and opening your doors for our participants with aphasia.

Because of your generosity, people with aphasia have a safe and comfortable place to connect!

We thank you!

Angie Maier, Jessica Wald and Carly Cauley

## Looking Ahead

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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## Offering/Donations

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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



## **“Spirit for All”**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Strengthen the Church Offering • Mental Health Sunday

*Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Today many churches will receive the Strengthen the Church offering.

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It's especially poignant to receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost, the day in which God's presence as wind and fire was heard, felt and seen by all those gathered. As winds of the Spirit swept over the waters in Genesis beginning Creation, the winds of Spirit sweep over people creating community anew.

On this day, we remember that we are co-creators with God of the reign which is to come. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone in this co-creation. Both those within our church walls and those without can be vessels of the Holy Spirit, and when we speak, we will be heard and understood. And the promise of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit does not just fill us with words, but also incites us into action on behalf of the divine.

Look around! What work is the Holy Spirit ready to do through your community? How might the Strengthen the Church offering be a part of that work?

\*<https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>