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Protect the environment. Care for the poor.

Forgive often. **Reject Racism.**

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



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Sunday, October 19, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

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

**Children ages 5 and older are invited to attend Sunday School
immediately after the choir sings the Offertory.**

Participating from home? 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

- Doug Allen is recovering at home after a brief hospital stay.
- Please keep Gail Stalpes' family in prayer as they mourn a treasured life.
- Please pray for Karen Regan and her family as they mourn the life of her beloved brother, Michael Regan. Karen asks prayers for her friend, Shelley, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Carrie Garms asks prayers for her nephew, Brennan Holland, who is beginning a clinical trial at MD Anderson for his lymphoma diagnosis.
- Please pray for the Annunciation Catholic School students, their families, the staff, community members, and all that have been impacted by this devastating school shooting.
- Prayers for Ron Molony's sister, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, for healing and a positive response to treatment.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Chris Ford, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Tom Ford, Russell Hunt Jr, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Tom Okonek, Steve Okonek, Allii Scudder, and Amanda Trosen

It's Not too late to donate to the Neighbors in Need (NIN) special mission offering.

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

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina>

- **By Check** (write NIN on the memo line)

Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436 or drop it in the offering plate.

We are Looking for Halloween Party Volunteers

... setting up, helping with games/activities and crafts, donating prizes,
participating in trunk or treat and cleaning up.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Halloween

Dress-Rehearsal Party

Saturday, October 25
4:00 to 5:30 pm

Family-friendly games, prizes & crafts.
All Are Welcome!

Chapel Hills United Church of Christ
(6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina)





Paper Shredding Fundraiser

A huge thanks to all who participated in our October 11th shredding event! We had a picture-perfect fall day for partnering with ShredRight4Good and VEAP food shelves. Throughout the event, the participants were joyful and appreciative. Who knew shredding could be such fun?

Working together, we:

- **Helped 108 folks dispose of sensitive documents safely;**
- **Raised \$3,395 and 233 pounds of food for VEAP; and**
- **Shredded 4,400 pounds of paper that will not go into our local landfill.**

Fourteen Chapel Hills volunteers helped promote the event with door-hangers and social media posts, direct traffic, unload boxes and sacks of documents to be shredded, process donations of cash and non-perishable food, and (maybe) eat a donut or two! This event is a wonderful example of how Chapel Hills can serve our surrounding community through effective partnerships with other organizations. Thank you one and all!



All Saints – Sunday, November 2nd

On All Saints' Sunday, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have passed away this past year. We invite you to submit the names of family members and loved ones you would like to have included in our service of recognition.

We look forward to honoring their lives during our service of remembrance and celebration. Please submit name/photo/relationship to you/date of death to chapelhillsucc@gmail.com.

Book Group – Thursday, November 13th (1:00-3:00 pm)

The book we're reading for November is The Women by Kristin Hannah. This is another book kit from the library... copies are available to sign-out in the Narthex.

Just a reminder that we meet the second Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join the conversation... even if you haven't read the book.

Turn Hunger into HOPE!

Sign-Up to Help Pack Meals at Feed My Starving Children

When: Saturday, November 15, 9:30-11:15 am

Where: FMSC 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Any questions, ask Barb O.

Accepting Grant Applications

Through October 31st

We welcome your help
in identifying organizations
which could benefit from a Grant!

Special consideration will be given to
well-defined projects that support
children/youth, address food/housing
insecurity, or strengthen communities.

October Birthdays

Everett Kopperud – 1st
Craig Goodwin – 3rd
Dakota Sherman – 3rd
Ryan Harvey – 4th
Pat Heiman – 7th
Landon Trosen – 14th
Lynn Pearson – 17th
Stephanie Tesch – 18th
Louise Ford – 20th



Looking Ahead

19	OCT, SUN	● All day	Choir is OFF
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
21	OCT, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
22	OCT, WED	● All day	NO Choir Rehearsal
25	OCT, SAT	● 4 – 5:30pm	Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat
26	OCT, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
28	OCT, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
29	OCT, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



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Offering/Donations

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“Ask Boldly; Live Justly”

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Robert Frost once said that the “best way out is always through.” Vermont’s poet laureate was, of course, talking about tackling a problem head on with great persistence.

Persistence can be a good thing for the one who persists. It can also be annoying to the person on the receiving end of the incessant pleas. Just ask any parent with a yet-to-be housebroken puppy on their hands all because it was easier to give in to their child’s requests for the bundle of fur.

In the case of puppies, persistence can be seen as a negative trait. But in the case of God, persistence is a beautiful virtue. One that we all need to embrace, especially in our prayer lives.

That is exactly what Jesus tells his friends here in Luke’s Gospel. Jesus wants them to understand the amazing power there is in bringing all their cares and worries to God in prayer. “Don’t lose heart. Keep on praying,” he says.

Jesus then gives them an example of what persistence in God’s kingdom looks like. There was a widow, he tells them, who was seeking justice. The judge, though, wouldn’t give it to her. She didn’t give up. Rather, she went to the judge daily with her request for justice. It finally got to the point where the judge would cringe when he heard who was at his door wanting to see him — yet again! Not wanting the widow to wear him out, the judge finally grants her the justice she sought.

Persistence paid off for the widow, and it can pay off for us in our prayer lives as well. But know this: Unlike the judge who finally gives in to the widow, God “gives in” to us not because we wore God out. God “gives in” out of great love for us. God only wants the best for us and will answer our prayer according to God’s will.

When I was young, I fell in love with a Barbi wedding dress that I saw on the shelf in the toy store. My mom said it was too expensive. I kept asking for it though. My persistence didn’t pay off. Rather than getting the flimsy, mass manufactured Barbi dress, my mother gave me a piece of cream satin fabric, scissors, sewing needles and thread. She told me to create my own Barbi wedding dress. I did. And not only was it prettier than I could ever had imagined it to be, but my mom, in her wisdom, ignited my passion for fashion design.

Jesus was right. We must never lose hope. We must always be persistent, for we just don’t know where our God answered prayers will lead.

God, we thank you that your door is always opened to us. There is never a time when you will not listen to our pleas and problems. May we become persistent prayer warriors who never lose heart and never give up, for we know you answer us in your time and in your loving way. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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