



Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • November 20, 2025

Sunday, November 23, 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 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

- Please pray for Barb Okonek as she recovers from surgery due to a subdural hematoma.
- Lisa Stroessner asks prayers for her friend, Juleah Foss, who has a brain tumor and is undergoing more testing.
- Jordan Kerr is at Fairview Riverside. Calls & visits would be appreciated (Unit 30, 612-273-4059). Visiting hours 7-8 plus 1-2:30 on weekends.
- Please keep Gail Stalpes' loved ones in prayer as they mourn a treasured life.
- Karen Regan asks prayers for her friend, Shelley, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Chris Ford, Louise Ford, Bob Huber, Russell Hunt Jr, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, Allii Scudder, and Amanda Trosen

Annual Pledge Drive Update

Just a brief note to let you know how the pledge drive is going ... it's going GREAT! Thanks to all of you who have pledged so meaningfully in support of our shared ministry here at Chapel Hills. I'm looking forward to sharing the latest results with you on Sunday.

- Bob Guelich, your Pledge Drive Servant

Cranberry Snowballs

1-12 oz package - fresh cranberries

1 - egg white*

2 cups - powdered sugar

Requested Recipe

... provided by Carrie Garms

- Preheat oven to 200 degrees.
- Rinse and pat dry the cranberries.
- In a small bowl whisk the egg white and add to cranberries to coat.
- Transfer cranberries to a gallon bag with 2 cups powdered sugar and mix to coat.
- Spread onto a baking sheet and bake for 5-8 minutes (I did 10-12 minutes).
- Allow the cranberries to cool for one hour.
- Transfer cranberries to an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to serve.

*Alternate recipe:

Instead of egg white coat the cranberries with lemon zest and the juice of one lemon & a dash of vanilla. Continue as with the original recipe.



Thanksgiving Eve Eve Worship Service

**Tuesday, Nov. 25 – 7:00 pm
@ Chapel Hills**

(A collaboration with local UCC churches)

Join us...

**Stay following the service
for coffee, conversation and
a slice of holiday pie!**

Chapel Hills was well represented at **Feed My Starving Children**, a nonprofit organization where volunteers pack nutritious MannaPack® meals for the malnourished in nearly 70 countries. They are distributed by FMSC partners around the world.

Thank you... Craig, Karen, Brittany, Miles, Iz, Monika, Mats, Julie, Emily & Katara



The Temperature is Rising!
Next update on Sunday, November 23rd

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY



Thank YOU
For YOUR
Continued
SUPPORT!

We are stronger
together!



It's Time to Place Your Poinsettia Order

We are happy to offer 6 1/2" poinsettias for the cost of \$15.00 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 and pre-pay by December 7th.** Questions? Talk to Barb Okonek.

An Open Invitation from Lynnhurst UCC

Guitar & Vibes Concert

Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm

4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis

All are welcome.

The concert is free.

Optional collection for Sabathani Food Shelf.

Vince Hyman and Bob Ekstrand perform selections spanning three centuries including classic, jazz, tango, and more.

November Birthdays

Bob Guelich – 4th

Kelsey Derby – 5th

Krissy Kerr – 7th

Mary Hacker – 15th

Becky Burgart – 18th

Caroline Mast – 20th

Jon Scudder – 20th

Karen Pooley – 21st

Ann Derby – 28th



Looking Ahead

23	NOV, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
25	NOV, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 7 – 8pm	Thanksgiving Eve Eve Worship Service & Pie
26	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	NO Choir Rehearsal
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		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
2	DEC, TUE	● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
3	DEC, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

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



"Together in Christ"

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the Reign of Christ Sunday, also known as Christ the King Sunday. For the faithful, it is the Church's New Year's celebration as the liturgical calendar year comes to close. A new cycle of Scripture passages then begins with the first Sunday of Advent. On this day, we remember how Jesus the Christ came as promised to usher in a kingdom of love and grace. And even though those with earthly power tried to silence him with death on the cross, Jesus triumphed.

As Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus from his beloved "Messiah," in which he composed in 1741 proclaims, "And he shall reign forever and ever." This is indeed a celebratory Sunday for Jesus Christ does reign forever and ever.

I have friend, though, who takes a different approach to this Sunday, preferring to delete "King" and use the word "kin" instead. When I asked why she changes it to "Christ the Kin Sunday" she replied that it better captures who Jesus is for us today. A king, she explained, insists on his people to fall in line and follow royal edicts. "In a kingdom there really is no freedom for those who are not in the inner circle of privilege. There is always someone being crushed under the power," she said. "Is 'king' really the best way to describe our Lord?"

I never really thought of the baggage the word "king" might have, and perhaps Christ is not my king. Disclaimer: Jesus is indeed my Lord, and that is a profession of faith I will fall on my knees proclaiming every day that I have breath. But king?

Now "kin," which means members of a family, that is a more thought provoking description of Jesus. For aren't we all part of the family of Christ? Aren't we all siblings through his blood that was shed for us on the cross? And as our kin, Jesus doesn't issue royal edicts to further earthly powers, rather he issues Godly edicts to further humankind: Edicts to love one another as he has loved us.

As we sing of Christ's reign ruling forever and ever, let us also lift a note of praise for Christ Our Kin, our brother who reminds us that no matter what our ancestry searches discover, we all belong to the family of God.

Dear God, as we celebrate the everlasting reign of Christ, may we remember how his power is not in ruling his children, but in loving them. May our power be found in love as well. 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.)