



*A Season of Preparation and Renewal*

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**Sunday, March 16, 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 following 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*

- Ken Puglisi, friend of Laura Feierabend, has died. Please hold Ann and family in prayer.
- Andrea Erickson's former husband has passed away. She requests prayers as she navigates a complex and challenging grief process.
- Michelle Liebl's mother passed away on January 23 after many years with dementia, and her father is currently receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for Harry Lerner who is home recovering after a hospital stay.
- Emily Gray appreciates prayers for a joyful journey through her chemo treatment.
- Dee Chance moved to Martin Luther Manor in Bloomington.
- Jordan Kerr is recovering from multiple/ongoing back surgeries with a long road ahead.
- Allii Scudder is healing from removal of affected lymph nodes, awaiting further tests.
- Patty Sexton who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- Keep Joann Hunt in prayer while she recovers from a respiratory illness.
- Joann's nephew, Russell Hunt Jr, is receiving infusions for leukemia.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Tom Ford, Molly Lee-Lafferty, Annette Ronan, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, Amanda Trosen, and Traci White-Hobson

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## **Book Group - Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm**

**The Handmaid's Tale** – by Margaret Atwood

Everyone is welcome to join the conversation and enjoy the treats!

## Join Us... Collaborative Lenten Meal & Worship Service

Meal - 5:30 pm • Worship Service - 6:30 pm

Date	Hosted By	Location
Thurs, March 13	@ St. Mark's UCC	8630 Xerxes Ave S, Bloomington
Thurs, March 20	@ Union Congregational UCC	3700 Alabama Ave S, St. Louis Park
Thurs, March 27	@ Morningside Hills UCC	4201 Morningside Rd, Edina
Thurs, April 3	@ Chapel Hills UCC	6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina
Thurs, April 10	@ Lynnhurst Congregational UCC	4501 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis

### Cooks of Chapel Hills - German Cuisine

Join us on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm for Cooks of Chapel Hills, featuring German cuisine.

We gather at members' homes for an evening of great food and conversation. The one requirement is that you sign up, so we know how many people are coming and that we secure enough hosts. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Questions?** Contact Bob Huber... 612-961-5845 ([bob\\_huber@comcast.net](mailto:bob_huber@comcast.net)) or Ann Derby... 952-828-0829 ([aederby1@gmail.com](mailto:aederby1@gmail.com)).

### Feed My Starving Children • Hands-On Outreach Event

Join us on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (18732 Lake Drive, Chanhassen). Kids and adults will work together to hand pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. Founded in 1987, it has reached out to more than 70 countries.

The signup sheet is on the counter outside the office. Rides are available.

**Questions?...** ask Barb O.

# Easter Flowers from Bachman's

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

	Cost
10" Pansy Bowl	\$14.00
6" Easter Lily (White)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Yellow)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Orange)	\$10.50
6" Asiatic Lily (Pink)	\$10.50
6" Azalea (Pink)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (White)	\$23.00
6" Azalea (Pink/White Bicolor)	\$23.00
6" Hydrangea (Blue)	\$24.00
6" Hydrangea (Pink)	\$24.00
6" Tulip (Yellow)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Purple)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Pink)	\$9.00
6" Tulip (Orange)	\$9.00
6" Mum (Yellow)	\$11.00
6" Mum (White)	\$11.00

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 Christián's office.**

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

**Order Deadline: Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**



### Most Needed Items

- 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, formula, and baby wipes
- Cooking oil
- Coffee

- 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, plates/napkins/candles)
- Dog & cat food (particularly wet food, treats, litter, etc.)
- Paper bags or reusable shopping bags

- Financial donations are also appreciated -

**Checks:** payable to Chapel Hills (write VEAP March Drive) on memo line.

**Secure Online Giving:** at the following link

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

## *March Birthdays*

- Mats Edward - 4  
Laura Feierabend - 4  
Harry Lerner - 5  
Jeff Derby - 15  
Elizabeth Derby - 20  
Nikki Kopperud - 20  
Stacy Kehrwald - 21  
Cindy Stille - 21  
Katara Garraway - 23  
Barb Okonek - 25  
Andrea Erickson - 26  
Dorothy Lundberg - 27  
Marj Johnson - 30



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 30.

This is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

## Looking Ahead

13	MAR, THU	● 1 – 2:30pm ● 5:30 – 7pm	Book Group Lenten Meal & Worship Service - St. Mark's UCC (Bloomington)
16	MAR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am ● 10:15 – 11:15am ● 11:15 – 11:45am	Adult Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
18	MAR, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm ● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group MnCAN Aphasia Group
19	MAR, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
20	MAR, THU	● 5:30 – 7pm	Lenten Meal & Worship Service - Union Congregational UCC (St. Louis Park)
22	MAR, SAT	● 6 – 9pm	Cooks of Chapel Hills - German Cuisine
23	MAR, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am ● 10:15 – 11:15am ● 11:15 – 11:45am	Adult Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
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29	MAR, SAT	● 9:30 – 11:15am	Feed My Starving Children - Chanhassen



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### Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link...
- <https://app.easytith.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



## **“Strong and Tender”**

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

With each step toward the cross, Jesus’ reveals sides to him that are rarely seen. Like his feisty side here in Luke’s Gospel. After being warned by some Pharisees to leave because Herod wants him dead, Jesus replies, “Go tell that fox ... I will keep driving out demons. I must press on.”

Strong words, indeed. Yet soon after those words are uttered, Jesus laments over Jerusalem. It is in this lamenting we see a softer side, as he expresses a tenderness in wanting to take the Holy City’s children and protect them under his wing like a mothering hen. Anyone who has raised chickens — or perhaps knows of someone who joined the backyard flock craze a few years ago — knows how sweet it is to gaze upon balls of yellow fluff peeping underneath their mother’s wing. It tugs at the most hardened of hearts.

There once was an old farmer who admitted that there were many nights where he would sit in the barn and watch a hen and her chicks, noting that he could stare at the endearing scene forever. Yes, we know Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We know him as the Prince of Peace, Counselor, Friend, Teacher and Healer. Yet how many times does the image of Jesus as Mothering Hen come to mind?

Take a moment now and hold that side of Jesus in your mind. Envision yourself being protected from the harsh world underneath the mothering wings of Jesus. How does that make you feel? Warm? Loved? Secure?

It was that image that held Karolina Sandell-Berg in her time of grief. When she was 26, Sweden’s prolific poet and hymn writer, witnessed her father, a Lutheran pastor, being swept over the side of a ship during storm. There was nothing she could do to save him. So distraught, she did what she knew best. She wrote a hymn focusing on the protective wings that shield us in times of danger and sorrow. “Thy Holy Wings, O Savior” (1865), set to a Swedish folk tune, soon became a beloved hymn often sung as a children’s lullaby.

This Lent, let us spend more time getting to know Jesus’ soft, mothering side. Find a day this week and light a candle, read Luke’s Gospel lesson for today again, and search for Sandell-Berg’s hymn on Apple music or Spotify. If you don’t have access to these, ask a friend to help you find “Thy Holy Wings, O Savior.” Then let its words and melody lull you into a place of healing and serenity.

*Lord, God, may the words to this hymn be our prayer for today: Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace. Amen.*