

Chapel Hills • *Weekly News* • November 19, 2026

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Sunday, November 22, 2026

Worship Service and
Receiving a New Member @ 10:15 am

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

Children from grades one to five are invited to attend Sunday School following the offertory (when the last hymn begins).

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.
Christian'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 Christian.
He will be in touch as soon as possible.



In Prayer

- Mark Stroessner's wife, Nancy, passed away last Sunday. Please keep the Strom and Stroessner families in prayer as they mourn a treasured life.
- Allii Scudder's mother-in-law, Sherilyn Aske, is back home and recovering well from hip surgery. And Josie is back to her daycare after a short closing due to the death of the provider's grandchild.
- Doug Allen, Jodi Bartusek, Jane Berne's friends – Karen and Larry, Charles Camilli, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Emily Gray's friend Laura, Kim Howard, Joann Hunt, Jordan Kerr, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, The Shermans (Sonny, Ashley & Dakota), Landon Trosen

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Time to Deck Chapel Hills Halls!

Can you believe Christmas is around the corner?
We will be decorating the Sanctuary after worship on **Sunday, November 29th**.
So, grab a treat and help get Chapel Hills ready for Advent and Christmas.

See Barb O with any questions.

Our Chapel Hills family has just grown by 9 pounds 1 ounce!



We are so happy to welcome

Valerie Hope Edwards

Born Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Proud parents Mats & Monika





Poinsettias from Bachmans

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 6th.**

Questions? Talk to Barb Okonek.

Advent Devotionals – pick up a copy

Suddenly, Advent Devotionals are now available in the Narthex.

Written by The Stillspeaking Writers' Group which is composed of United Church of Christ ministers and writers who collaborate on resources for people in the church, outside the church, and not sure about the church.

Holiday Appetizer & Dessert Party

Sweet and savory and plenty of cheer! Join us **on Saturday, December 5th from 6:30 pm—on**, for a holiday appetizer and dessert party hosted by Kim Vacanti (10124 Johnson Ave S, Bloomington).

Please bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Kim will provide drinks and a festive place to gather. All are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex.

Save the Date & Spread the Word…
Christmas Concert Fundraiser at Chapel Hills



Join us as we celebrate the sounds of the season with a Sunday afternoon Christmas concert fundraiser on **Sunday, December 13th, at 3:00 pm.** Michelle Liebl, Steve Dahlberg, and Martha Barth's music will warm your heart and lift your spirits. Enjoy holiday treats following the concert.

Admission is free. Donations of winter outerwear—hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and coats—will gratefully be accepted to benefit hatsandmittens.org and the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Check Out the Special
Holiday Arrangements at the Front Entrance!

This year's holiday arrangements--located on either side of Chapel Hills' front door--were lovingly created through a wonderful organization called **Grow to Grow**. This nonprofit organization empowers teens to develop real-world life skills through hands-on experiences they truly own. Each teen is paired with a dedicated one-on-one mentor who offers guidance and support--but the teen takes the lead!

In working with customers who order summer or winter plant arrangements, **Grow to Grow** teens learn to communicate with potential clients, conduct interviews, and then design custom plant arrangements that reflect each client's unique style and preferences. Through Grow to Grow, teens gain far more than a typical first job. They gain horticultural knowledge, strengthen time management, budgeting, and communication skills, and gain sales and marketing experience. Most importantly, they develop confidence and creativity as they design beautiful container arrangements showcased throughout the Minneapolis metro area.

The holiday pots at Chapel Hills were designed and arranged by Eddie, a Spring Lake Park High School sophomore, and his mentor, Ellen Huber!

Pledge Drive
… as of 11/15/2026
The temperature is getting **HOTTER**!



Pledge Sunday • 2026

Thank you to all who attended our Pledge Sunday Potluck!
As always, we had delicious food and great conversations.
A special thanks to those that pitch in to clean up and move tables.
We are grateful for all of you! —The Hospitality Team











Scam Alert – Stay Vigilant

If you receive texts or email messages from Rev. Christian requesting gift cards, **DO NOT** respond or open any attachments… **IGNORE** and **DELETE**. **This is a SCAM!**

Ongoing awareness is needed to avoid scams.

Pastors and churches across the country are experiencing being misrepresented in texts, emails, and calls. Never go out and buy gift cards, send codes by text or over email.

Pastors will never ask for funds through emails or texts.

Looking Ahead

19	NOV, THU	9 – 10:30am	Coffee & Community
		6:30 – 8:30pm	Villard Cello Recital (Sanctuary)
22	NOV, SUN	9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service - Receiving A New Member
		11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (grades one to five)
24	NOV, TUE	10:45am – 2:45pm	MnCAN Aphasia Groups
25	NOV, WED	7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
29	NOV, SUN	All day	First Sunday of Advent
		9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		11:15 – 11:45am	Decorating the Church for Advent
		11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (grades one to five)



November Birthdays

Bob Guelich – 4th

Kelsey Derby – 5th

Krissy Kerr – 7th

Val Edwards – 11th

Luca Del Aquila – 11th

Becky Burgart – 18th

Caroline Mast – 20th

Jon Scudder – 20th

Ann Derby – 28th

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Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking this link… https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina or by scanning the QR Code to 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

mission MOMENTS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Reigning Compassion"

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we celebrate the Anniversary of the United Black Christians (UBC) group of the United Church of Christ. From the ucc.org website: United Black Christians represents lay and clergy persons who faithfully minister in more than 278 predominately African American congregations of the United Church of Christ and those African American members in congregations that are not predominantly African American.

UBC seeks to preserve our tradition as a people of faith and hope. UBC recognizes that it is the Black Church that has meant survival for African Americans on these shores.

UBC affirms that it is the Black Church that will assure our continued growth, development, endurance and ultimate liberation.

UBC affirms that each of us has gifts to offer and is entitled to the full rights and privileges of the United Church of Christ.

United Black Christians (UBC) is an officially recognized special interest group of the United Church of Christ (UCC), providing voice and vision for more than 70,000 African Americans.

United Black Christians seeks to:

Provide voice for the African American members of the United Church of Christ
To strengthen Black churches in the UCC
To train and nurture leaders of our churches for Gospel inspired service to the Black community
To provide relevant ministry for our youth and young adults
To empower the laity for present day ministry
To create ecumenical and worldwide partnership for service and evangelism
To be active advocates for liberation and racial justice at home and abroad
To provide spiritual nurture for our members
To enhance clergy-lay ministry partnership
To provide support to African American Seminarians

You can learn more about United Black Christians at their website:
https://www.ucc.org/domestic-policy/ourfaithourvote_about/about-us_united-black-christians/