

Night to Unite 2025



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Sunday, August 2, 2026

**Worship Service
& Communion @ 10:15 am**

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

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

- Bob Huber's kidney transplant has been rescheduled for August 4th. Please keep Bob, Annie, their medical teams, and the Huber-Solso family in your prayers. Bob and Chris deeply appreciate the support they've received from Chapel Hills folks!
- Jon Scudder's brother's wife, Bunny Scudder, passed away on Thursday, after a short time on hospice at the memory care facility where she had recently been moved.
- Our dear friend, Rosanna Walker, passed away on July 11. Her family held a private celebration of life in Iowa on July 18. Please keep all who know Rosanna in prayer as we mourn a treasured life.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, Jane Berne's friends – Karen and Larry, Charles Camilli, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Joann Hunt, Jerry Kerr, Jordan Kerr, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, The Shermans (Sonny, Ashley & Dakota), Kim Vacanti

Book Group

Thursday, August 13: 1:00-3:00 pm at Chapel Hills

We'll share our favorite summer reads. All are welcome!

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday: **August 20.** We'll gather at 9:30 am to enjoy coffee and conversation and if the weather permits, we can take an optional walk in the neighborhood afterward.

A Note from *Rev. Christian...*

Hi everyone!

I just wanted to drop a quick note before worship on Sunday.

I was taken aback to hear about Rosanna Walker's death, we had lunch together just a few weeks before I left and all seemed well, so I was saddened and shaken to hear about her passing. I know many in our community are caretaking for loved ones, awaiting surgeries, going through chemo/radiation, and on and on and on.

I just wanted you all to know that I'm aware that there's a lot of grief and anxiety and exhaustion in our community, and I just wanted to let you know that I see you, and that more importantly God sees you. I hope as we're all thinking of and praying for one another, being there for each other, we remember to take a breath and have some peace.

I'm excited to lead worship on Sunday, and to see you all again soon. In the meanwhile, I'm thinking of you all and lifting you up in prayer!

Rev. Christian



Tuesday, August 4: 6:00-8:00 pm at Chapel Hills

Join us as we host our 11th annual Night to Unite neighborhood party.
We'd love help with setup at 5:00 pm, hosting, and cleanup from 8:00 to 8:30 pm.

Please bring a salad, side dish, snack, or dessert to share.

We will also be collecting items to benefit VEAP.
See the VEAP "Most Needed Items" list on the next page.



2026 National Night Out

August 4, 2026

Since 1974, VEAP has provided a range of programs to meet people's immediate needs and help them move toward stability. We provide food and social services support to over 250,000 individuals every year.



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Most needed items:

- Shelf-stable food
- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Personal care items
- Laundry detergent



Faith & Friendship - Summer Program (August 17-20, 12:30-4:00 pm @ Chapel Hills)

FREE 4-day mission focused program for kids in grades 3-6, hosted by Morningside Hills UCC and Chapel Hills UCC. Join us as we explore Bible stories, outreach activities, crafts, outdoor games, storytelling, snacks, and more.

Please reach out to faithformation@emcucc.org with any questions or to submit your registration online. Fillable registration form is attached.

Off-Site Worship Service at Lake Harriet Bandshell

Sunday, August 23 @ 10:00 am

We're taking our Sunday morning worship service offsite for a shared service with neighboring UCC churches at the Lake Harriet bandshell (4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy Minneapolis). We will NOT be holding our regular worship service at Chapel Hills on this Sunday.

Lake Harriet Worship Service

We are looking for a volunteer

One person from each of the participating churches is needed to help greet folks and assist with ushering.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

August Birthdays

Jerry Kerr – 1st

Evan Ramstad – 8th

Kelly Huber – 9th

Meredith Lis – 22nd

Ashley Stoering – 23rd

Doug Allen – 25th



Looking Ahead

2	AUG, SUN	●	10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Communion
4	AUG, TUE	●	6 – 8pm	Night to Unite Neighborhood Party
9	AUG, SUN	●	10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
11	AUG, TUE	●	6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
13	AUG, THU	●	1 – 3pm	Book Group



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- **By Check** (indicate what your donation is for on the memo line)
Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436



"Face to Face"

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Carrie Breck had her hands full tending to five children while making meals, washing laundry, and knitting socks for those many little feet. And yet the young homemaker, born in 1855, found the time to write poetry — lyrical words inspired by her praises to God that were always on the tip of her tongue.

It is said that many times she wondered, while busily doing chores, what it would be like to see Christ. So, with the words from 1 Corinthians 13 on her heart that spoke of seeing through a dark glass now but then seeing the heavenly promise clearly — face to face — she began writing.

Her poem would later become the beloved hymn, "Face to Face with Christ My Savior," which was first sung in 1899. *Only faintly now I see him / With the darkened veil between / But a blessed day is coming / When his glory shall be seen.*

Five thousand people once had a blessed day that came to them unexpectedly. They gathered on the mountainside hungry to hear Jesus' beautiful words of life — and found themselves soon hungry for something to silent their growling bellies.

Jesus' friends were quick to suggest sending them away to get their dinners in the surrounding villages. Jesus wouldn't have that. He told his friends to give the crowd something to eat. I could only imagine the shock on their faces as they just didn't know how they would feed such masses.

When told there was nothing but five loaves of bread and two fish on hand, Jesus had them bring the measly offering to him. It was then he blessed and broke the loaves and had the food distributed. Everyone had their fill and still there was enough leftover bread to overflow 12 baskets.

There will be a day when we will all come face to face with Christ our Savior. A day when all his glory shall be seen. But until then, we need to keep alert to the glimpses of glory that shine now in the dark. We need to train our eyes to see the God moments. We need to actively seek those God moments, for they are everywhere. Miracles still abound. There is always a measly loaf of bread in our lives waiting to bless, break and share.

Dazzling God, we know that while now we see dimly in a mirror, we will come face to face with You and all Your glory. Help us this day to live into the God moments, expecting miracles where they are least expected. May we go about our busy lives always with Your promise of provision in our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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