

BE A BLESSING PRACTICE PEACE.
LEAD WITH LOVE.
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS. 

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m.

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

Children ages 5 and older are invited
to attend Sunday School immediately following worship.

The service will also be available via YouTube for those desiring to participate from home.

Click Here: <http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live>



In Prayer

- Amanda Trosen was hospitalized last Sunday after a seizure that resulted in a concussion and facial bruising. The seizure worsened her current condition of fractured bones.
- Tom Ford who is undergoing thyroid tests.
- Joann's nephew, Russell Hunt Jr, infusions for leukemia.
- Doug Allen, John Burgart, Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Cheryl Irwin, Jordan Kerr, Molly Lee-Lafferty Cheryl Marsch, Beau & Kelly Onischuk, Ken and Ann Puglisi, Nolan Sapp, Gail Stalpes, and Traci White-Hobson, Michelle Liebl's nephews, Sam, Noah and Maki.

September Book Group

Join us on **Thursday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m.** for a great conversation: [A Covenant of Water](#) by Abraham Verghese.

September is Birthday Bag Month... as part of the Chapel Hills Outreach and VEAP partnership

Help make a birthday special by donating an assortment of items

- Cake or cupcake mix 🍰
- Frosting 🧁
- Birthday candles 🕯️
- Birthday-themed napkins or plates 🍽️
- Birthday favors like bubbles, balloons, etc. 🎈

Outreach will accept donations all month and the last Sunday of September we will have the Sunday school class assemble the bags. Insider tip, the Dollar Store is a great place to stock up. As always, the "easy button" is available by simply writing a check (or online) to Chapel Hills with a note indicating "birthday" in the notes/comments. The Chapel Hills Outreach Team will gladly do the shopping for you!

Thanks for helping make a birthday special for a deserving child. Got questions, talk to Barb O.



Gentle Walk in Nature - 1st & 3rd Thursdays

September 19th is our next Gentle Walk in nature. We'll meet at Chapel Hills at 8:30 a.m. After the walk you are invited to stay for coffee, treats and conversation.



Three Assignments to Help with our Shredding Event!

Chapel Hills is hosting a neighborhood shredding event on **Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 to Noon!** Our goals are: to help folks safely dispose of those pesky confidential or sensitive papers that have a way of accumulating over time; to raise money in support of VEAP; and to help the environment by keeping paper out of our landfills! It's a win-win-win!

Here are three assignments for each person in our congregation to help make this event a success:

1. Save the date on your calendar!
2. Start collecting the papers and documents that you need to shred (paper bags or boxes will work just fine). And
3. Spread the word by encouraging 5 friends or family members to participate in our shredding event.

**Watch for the sign-up sheet to help with this fun event for our community partners!
Questions? Check with Chris Solso, Stacy Kehrwald, or Ruth Unzicker.**

It's Time for Enduring Fund Grant Applications!

Chapel Hills is now accepting applications for 2024 Enduring Fund Grants. For more than 20 years, our Enduring Fund has played an important role in furthering Chapel Hills' mission, ministries, and other special projects.

Grants can vary in amount and range from a few hundred dollars to several thousand. While there is no specific requirement on what the grant can be used for, special consideration will be given to well-defined projects that support children/youth, strengthen communities, or address food/housing insecurity. We also encourage grants seeking to support and strengthen Chapel Hills and its strategic priorities.

We welcome your help in identifying organizations which could benefit from an Enduring Fund Grant! Please note that applications are due no later than **October 31, 2024**. Applications can be downloaded from the Chapel Hills website or obtained in the church office. Questions? Check with Chris Solso (cksolso@gmail.com or 612-812-9334) or talk to anyone on the Church Council. This year's Enduring Fund Committee includes: Emily Gray, Bonnie Stroessner, and Chris Solso (chair).



September Birthdays...

Jacqueline Lis – 3rd

Chris Solso – 8th

Erik Kopperud – 24th

Hannah Penning – 24th

Christián Briones – 25th

Michelle Liebl – 25th

Tom Okonek – 28th

You're Invited

Community Open House
at **Union Congregational UCC**
3700 Alabama Ave S

Sunday, September 15
from **3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

Union Church has been
remodeled!

Please join us for ice cream
& cookies to see our new
building renovation!

Contact Information

Reverend Briones can be reached at revcbriones@gmail.com or 952-935-3025.

Christián has open office hours from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If possible, do try and send an email ahead of time so he knows to expect you. Feel free to drop in and say hey! He would love to chat with you.

*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.*

Looking Ahead

12	SEP, THU	● 1 – 2:30pm	Book Group
13	SEP, FRI	● 4:30 – 8:30pm	Villard Studio - Cello Group Lessons
15	SEP, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (for Ages 5 & Older)
16	SEP, MON	● 3:30 – 6:45pm	Villard Studio - Cello Lessons
17	SEP, TUE	● 11am – 12:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group
		● 3:30 – 8pm	Villard Studio - Cello Lessons
18	SEP, WED	● 4:15 – 9pm	Villard Studio - Cello Lessons
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19	SEP, THU	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Gentle Walk in Nature



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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



“Who Are You, Jesus”

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Who do people say I am?”

Jesus is certainly brave in asking this question. Think about it. Would you really want to hear how someone perceived you? We all have an image we think we are putting out to the universe that is often perceived differently by others.

But Jesus, who is preparing his followers for his impending death — wants to see if the ragtag bunch is understanding the cost that comes with picking up the cross.

Of course, Peter, the one who leaps before looking, jumps right in with the bold proclamation, “You are the Messiah.”

Good job, Peter. Even though you still don’t quite understand what you just said. That will come — in time.

Your turn now. Who do you say Jesus is?

Before you give the Sunday school answer you were taught years ago, stop. Really give it some thought. Who would you say Jesus is for you right now? Your answer might just reveal where you are on your faith journey.

A pastor once asked a group of second graders the “Who is Jesus?” question. Their answers were of course adorable.

Jesus is my teddy bear. Jesus is my cookie monster. Jesus is my best pal. Jesus is my boo-boo healer.

A few years later, the pastor asked that same group of children, now teens preparing for confirmation, the same question. Who do you say Jesus is?

This time, the answers were not so adorable. Rather, they were raw and revealing.

Jesus is my safe place. Jesus is my sponsor. Jesus is my secret keeper. Jesus is the parent I wished I had.

The reality is that there will be many different Jesus’ who walk alongside us, being for us the unwavering love and hope needed as we change, grow and move on to new stages in life either willingly or unwillingly. And that is the beauty of our Lord’s question. It reminds us that through it all, he is always exactly what we need.

Yes, Jesus is our Messiah. He is our Lord and Savior. He is also our Safe Place, our Secret Keeper, our Heartbreak Healer ...

Once again, it’s your turn now. Spend some time in prayer, pondering Jesus’ question that he asks of you: “Who do you say I am?”