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**Don't Forget to Invite Your Family & Friends
to Join Us for THIS Sunday's Service**

Online Worship Service Via Zoom

THIS Sunday, November 22nd - 10:15 a.m.

Here is the link to join the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85370379661>

If you are unable to join us online, we invite you to call in. You can join us by dialing **1-312-626-6799** and enter the Meeting ID: **853 7037 9661 #**

You can begin logging in/calling in about ten minutes prior to the 10:15 a.m. start time for pre-service conversation.



In Prayer

- Barb Okonek's father, Dan Schowalter, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 5th. Please keep Barb, Tom and family in prayer.
- Our friend, Peggy Loving, died this week after a long battle with cancer. Please keep her children Breanna, Kristina, and Parker in prayer.
- Prayers for Rick Nelson who is recovering from a serious ankle infection.
- Prayers for Anna Kerr as she looks ahead to back surgery and moving into a group home.
- Jack Gillespie asks prayers for Ron & Beth Rykken & their entire staff at TIMBER BAY LODGE, Babbitt, MN. Covid-19 has completely shut down all operations of the resort.
- Keep Jim & Louise Ford and their family in prayer as they grieve the loss of their grandson. Prayers also for healing as Louise recovers from surgery, for daughter, Julie, who is having health issues and son, Mike, who is fighting the fires in CA.
- Marian Miller as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Keep Laura Feierabend and her family in prayer.
- Anna Kerr has been temporarily placed in a Crisis Respite home. Cards of encouragement or just to say hello can be mailed to: **Anna Kerr, 8941 Terrace Rd NE, Blaine, MN 55434**
- Please keep Nancy Booker and family in prayer.
- Annette Ronan, Marge Williams, Sandy Rippie
- **Essential Workers:** Jon Braman, Nina Camilli, Swan Erickson-Gunther, Libby Fairchild, Ed Fowler, Tyler Hagebusch, Steve Krekelberg, Jeff Miller, Kevin Miller, Patrick Sickler, SkyAnne Sickler, Jack Stroessner, Jon Lundberg, Jill Guelich Garnier, Chris O'Neill

What Are YOU Thankful For? - Help Us Build a "Word Cloud"

A "**Word Cloud**" is an online tool that generates a visual picture from the text we provide. The cloud gives greater prominence to words that appear more frequently.

Please reply to chapelhillsucc@gmail.com or leave a message on the Chapel Hills' voicemail (952-935-3025) with three or four things you are thankful for (In just a word if possible - ex: Family, Doctors, Health, Neighbors, Friends). Everyone in the family is welcome to participate. We will publish our "Word Cloud" on Thanksgiving Day in the weekly email. Please reply with your words by Tuesday, November 24th.

YOU ARE INVITED...

Let us gather from
the East and the West and the North and the South

Sunday, November 22nd • 10:15 a.m.

This year's Thanksgiving holiday will be a bit different from past years. While it may not be possible for us to be together physically, please feel free to invite your friends and family to join us on Zoom for our Sunday November 22nd worship service. All are welcome! It will be a time to gather virtually as a church community to give thanks and reflect on the blessings of our Chapel Hills family and friends.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85370379661>

Call-In Phone #: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 853 7037 9661

If you have questions about Zoom, please feel free to contact Bob Huber
at 612-961-5845 or Bob_Huber@comcast.net

Advent & Christmas Family Toolkit: Voices of the Nativity

The season of Advent is rapidly approaching, and we are delighted to announce details for the Advent & Christmas family toolkit, available electronically in weekly installments beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. The toolkits will be available each Sunday of Advent, with the Christmas toolkit arriving Wednesday, December 23.

In addition to the variety of at-home faith formation resources included in the fall family toolkits, the Advent & Christmas toolkits will include a weekly Advent candle lighting ritual for home (appropriate for use in congregational worship) and a weekly adult-focused devotional practice.

Each installment of the toolkit will highlight a traditional Advent theme through specific “voices” heard in the narratives of Luke and Matthew. Installments will be released weekly, November 29 – December 23. Following are the weekly themes and texts:

- Advent 1 (Nov 29): Hope – Zechariah & Elizabeth (Luke 1:5-24)
- Advent 2 (Dec 6): Peace – Anna & Simeon (Luke 2:25-38)
- Advent 3 (Dec 13): Joy – Mary (Luke 1:46-55)
- Advent 4 (Dec 20): Love – Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Christmas (Dec 23): Nativity (Luke 2:1-20)

This curriculum and interactive content are being developed in collaboration with [Danger Boat Productions](#), [Doing Good Together](#), [the Ministry Lab](#), and Claire Klein, a Twin Cities based music therapist and musician.



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Call-In Instructions for the Sunday, November 22nd - 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Here are the instructions if you do not have a computer or would rather participate by telephone. The language in quotations are the voice prompts you will hear after you dial the number below:

- **Dial 1-312-626-6799**

"Welcome to Zoom! Enter your Meeting ID followed by pound (#)."

- **Meeting ID: 853 7037 9661 #**

"Enter your Participant ID followed by pound, otherwise, just press pound (#) to continue."

- **[Press #]**

"You are in the meeting now. You have been put on hold by the host. You cannot listen or talk until the host has released the hold."



Call Bob Huber at 612-961-5845... if you need help joining our Sunday morning worship services on *zoom*.

Active Participation in the Weekly Offering

Two Easy Ways to Give...

- Send a check by mail to 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436... OR
- Click on this link (<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina>) to be directed to our secure online giving page.

We are grateful for your continued financial support.



Call to Action: extra volunteers needed this season



You may have heard about the coming hunger crisis and new data predicting that an additional 275,000 Minnesotans — including 112,000 children — will face hunger in the upcoming months. As a result, our food bank supplier, Second Harvest Heartland, is preparing for a 70% increase in demand for food through the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. This means that more than 31 million pounds of additional food — or 25 million additional meals — will be needed to feed families experiencing hunger across Minnesota in the coming months of 2020.



This is why we need your help. With many of our long-time volunteers unable to support us because of the pandemic and many of our new volunteers returning to work after furloughs, we are predicting a shortage of volunteer support in the coming months.

Specifically, we are seeking volunteers to fill shifts from 11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:15-5:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, October-March.

These volunteers would:



- Sort and bag produce and stock pantry with food
- Gather participant feedback on food choices when they arrive
- Fill participant orders in our pantry area
- Load participant vehicles with groceries once orders are complete

If you are able to help, please contact Courtney Flug, Volunteer Director, courtneyf@veap.org or call 952.955.8325. Thank you!



“Reigning Compassion”

Reign of Christ

Thanksgiving Sunday

United Black Christians Anniversary

*We gather together to ask for God’s blessing,
To live in community, seeking God’s will...**

So begins a hymn that many of us will sing during the Thanksgiving season, whether we worship on Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Eve or a Sunday before or after. *We Gather Together*, as the name suggests, is a hymn beloved by those of us who call ourselves congregational because it’s all about, well, congregating. Written in the 16th century in the Netherlands as a hymn of celebration of freedom from Spanish rule, it is perhaps surprising that we so often sing this in thanksgiving when it is intended as an anthem to national pride.

On Thanksgiving, many will gather around the table at a feast with families and friends. These gatherings, with their familiar foods and faces can be comforting affairs. Yet, too often our Thanksgiving celebrations turn inward. Although we can take satisfaction in gathering around an intimate table with our beloveds, when we face each other, our backs are turned to the world.

Too often in congregations we do this, too. Comforted by the familiar intimacy of our private feasts and celebrations, our gatherings can become too comfortable, too insular.

The scripture reading from Matthew reminds us that when we feed, clothe and embrace the lost and alone, we are embracing Christ. This scripture in effect encourages us to turn our Thanksgiving table chairs the other way around. If your family and friends are not accustomed to facing that way, it may be uncomfortable to face out into the world and to respond to the needs we see.

So, turn around, face the world, so that we can freely and joyfully sing not just the first, but the last words of that beloved hymn.

*Empowering all by the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.**

*Bayler, Lavon. *We Gather Together*, #421. *The New Century Hymnal*. Word adaptations Copyright © 1992 The Pilgrim Press.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving - Pastor Kristen

God of Abundance,

We thank you today for the many blessings in our lives,
for friends and family that bring us joy—if even from a distance this year,
for the opportunity to earn a living,
for food and warmth in each day,
for security, our homes and the memories that we gather within them,
for our congregation and the vision that we continue to discover in your loving purpose,
for our community as we strive to find ways to live that reflect your goodness,
and for our country and elected leaders seeking unity, justice and a hopeful future.

God of Healing Help,

We thank you today for the many people who have chosen to serve you in healthcare;
for nurses who continue to commit themselves to healing,
for doctors who continue to seek wholeness for your people,
for all hospital workers who continue to create environments of hope,
and for scientists who relentlessly pursue cures.

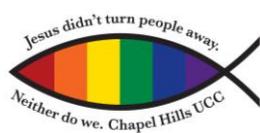
We thank you, Lord,

for life and purpose,
for the strength to live each day in the calling of your will,
for the hope that sustains us in days of struggle,
for the joy that lightens us in days of burden,
for the peace that calms us in days of fear,
for the love that unites us in days of conflict,
for the wisdom that centers us in days of chaos,
And for the faith that lifts us toward the promise of better days.

Lord of All Mercy,

We commit our Thanksgiving to you today for all that we have,
all that we are,
all that you have created in the wonder of your universe,
and above all, we thank you for the grace that saves us in Jesus Christ;
Our Savior and Our Light in the darkness.

AMEN.



No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.