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Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

We are glad that you are with us this morning. Please stay for the Sunday Social, immediately following Services as Rachel Rose, Director of Membership, and the Welcoming Ministry would love to meet you! If you'd like to know more about the church, you may provide your email address to receive information about activities and more.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is provided by the minister and our church's Caring Ministry. If you have a pastoral or caring concern, you may reach out to Chair Bill Rote (brotesr@yahoo.com, 919-904-0397) or Rev. Thom Belote (revthomb@gmail.com, 919-259-2009).

Mission Statement

Inspired by the wisdom of diverse religious traditions and our own history of ethical engagement, we strive to nurture spiritual growth, support and care for each other, and effect change through our love for the world.

Congregational Covenant

We intend to communicate with and about each other openly, kindly and respectfully; seek peaceful and constructive resolutions when conflicts arise; value diversity of thought, belief and culture within our community; and work together to build the common good.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- 20 Sep, Sun**
- 9:30am - Worship
 - 10:30am - Sunday Social
 - 10:35am - Chalice Choir
 - 11:15am - Worship
 - 12:15pm - Sunday Social
 - 12:45pm - Parents of LGBTQIA+ Children
 - 2pm - Mental Health Ministry
 - 4:30pm - Youth Programming
 - 4:30pm - Coming of Age
 - 6pm - The Silvering Chalice (Middle Aged Men's Group)
- 21 Sep, Mon**
- 7pm - UU The Vote Planning Meeting
- 22 Sep, Tue**
- 10am - Rehearsal
 - 10:30am - Staff Meeting
 - 12pm - Spanish Class
 - 6pm - Men's Group (65-85)
- 23 Sep, Wed**
- 4pm - Men's Group (60 and over)*
 - 7pm - SOS Project
 - 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Sep, Thu**
- 10am - Cancer Support Group
- 25 Sep, Fri**
- 12pm - Lectio Meditation
- 26 Sep, Sat**
- 10am - Prospective Rental
 - 10am - Saturday Morning Circle Songs
 - 11am - Nonfiction Readers
 - 12pm - Fall Auction Open for Bidding!
 - 12:45pm - 50 & Up OWL



The Community Church
of Chapel Hill
Unitarian Universalist

September 20, 2026
"Joy And Woe Are Woven Fine"
Rev. Thom Belote, preaching

Gathering Music Sounding the Gong	"Improvisation on Hymns", Dr. Benjamin Havey, piano
Prelude	"The Book of Love" by Stephin Merritt Don Katahdin and Danny Gotham
Words of Welcome	Jean McKinney, 9:30 Atticus Graysmith, 11:15 Worship Associates
Share the Plate	We Are (Working to End Racism) Sharon Mayell
Opening Hymn*	#131 Love Will Guide Us
Opening Words	
Chalice Lighting (Unison)	"The great sea has set me in motion, set me adrift, moving me like a weed in a river. The sky and the strong wind have moved the spirit inside me till I am carried away trembling with joy." - Inuit Shaman, UvavnuK
Anthem	"Crowded Table" by The Highwomen/arr. Dr. Benjamin Havey The Community Church Singers and the HoUUse Band In celebration of Sarah Clark-Farnell's ordination
Joys & Sorrows	If you have a significant personal joy or sorrow to share, come forward, place a stone into the bowl, tell us your name, and share your joy or sorrow. Please share briefly in a way that is appropriate for all ages, with no announcements.
Spoken & Silent Meditation	
Sung Meditation	#396 I Know This Rose Will Open (sung once, then as a round)
Readings	"On Joy and Sorrow" by Kahlil Gibran Selection from "Auguries of Innocence" by William Blake
Offertory	"Coat of Many Colors" by Dolly Parton Taryn Bonnerhirsch and the HoUUse Band
Sermon	"Joy and Woe Are Woven Fine" Rev. Thom Belote
Closing Hymn*	#1024 Spirit Says Do
Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)	We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth. The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. -Elizabeth Selle Jones
Closing Song*	Shalom my friends, shalom my friends, shalom, shalom. We'll meet again, we'll meet again, shalom, shalom.

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.
The HoUUse Band: Danny Gotham, guitar, Jay Miller, bass, Dan McGuffin, drums
Today's flowers are provided by the Frances Brewer Flower Fund.
To donate flowers for services, contact Rachel Rose: membership@c3huu.org

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND IN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY

THANKS TO:
The leadership of our UU the Vote team for the UU the Vote Lunch & Launch on September 6 that energized our congregants to work to promote democratic principles.

DURING SUNDAY SOCIAL: ANNUAL CONNECTIONS FAIR!
Following both services - learn about how we live the Mission of our church!
Participate in the life of our church by learning about the many groups within our beloved community that help us live our Mission! Please join the Welcoming Ministry in a Connections Fair, where groups are invited to showcase their important work within and beyond these walls!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES? This Sunday, Religious Education starts for the year. The theme is "beginnings", and groups will be covenanting. Caring Club, 8th Grade OWL and High School Youth Group also start this week. For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact Marion Hirsch: dre@c3huu.org

SEPTEMBER 13 - GRIEF GATHERING, 1 PM The grief of losing a loved one is universal; that doesn't make it less isolating. Come join with others in a confidential setting for sharing our universal, yet individual experiences. No registration required; all who are grieving, no matter how long, are welcome. Join us for guided confidential discussion, support and resources. Please contact Rachel Rose for more information.

SEPTEMBER 19 - SARAH CLARK-FARNELL'S ORDINATION 10 AM YOU are invited to Sarah Clark-Farnell's Ordination on Saturday, September 19 at 10 AM at The Community Church. Reception to follow. Please RSVP only if you are planning to attend in person. You may also attend online. If you are a religious professional of any sort, you are invited to robe and process into the service. Children are enthusiastically welcome! Thank YOU for being an important part of Sarah's journey to ministry. We look forward to celebrating with you! Please RSVP by September 12: sarah.farnell@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 19 - NOT COMFORTABLE WITH CANVASSING? IT'S EASY AND FUN WITH TRAINING! 2:30 - 3:15 PM - Join us in the Community Room to learn about canvassing, practice role-playing, and optionally go out and canvass from 3:30-5 PM in a nearby area with another canvasser. This training will be helpful to you for any group you canvass with. Canvassing is the most effective way to get out the vote. Please register with Wendy J. or Dave B. (815-718-3684) by Sept. 17.

HOW'S THE SOS! PROJECT COMING?
GREAT NEWS!

- (1) A signed contract stipulating the project will begin this month, substantial completion in November.
- (2) Awaiting Chapel Hill's approval of our permit.

(3) HVAC units have been ordered.

HOW CAN I HELP? If you haven't made a commitment, let us know what your plans are. If you have made a commitment, talk with your friends who haven't and urge them to let us know their plans. **Donate NOW** or **make a 1-3 year commitment:**
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKF2/campaign/C-101RF>
NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO LARGE.



ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT to donate to the Fall Auction!
This important fundraiser is rife with riches.
Jerel Bonner is willing to make you a bunch of his literally award-winning Monster Meat Spicy Chili, and, for real, Ruth Gibson is offering a framed, pristine original Obama ""Hope"" poster!

Join Jerel, Ruth, and the rest of our generous donors in helping to make this year's auction successful and fun. Think you don't have anything to donate? Come to the Sunday Social, and we'll brainstorm with you:)

- **Bidding Starts: Saturday, September 26**
- **Bidding Ends: Saturday, October 17**

Contact the Auction Team for more info: auction@c3huu.org