



The View

April 2024

The Resurrected Life

The Easter season is one of my favorite times at Chapel Hill. The choir offers beautiful and moving pieces, the whole church comes together to put on an egg hunt for the children of the congregation, the sanctuary is bright, full, and overflowing with activity. Yet, what grounds these wonderful attributes is our shared faith in our Risen Lord and the life we share because of God's love.

Living in the joy of Christ's resurrection is not merely a seasonal celebration; it is a daily reality that shapes our perspectives, attitudes, and interactions with the world around us. It is a reminder that we are called to embrace the abundant life that Jesus offers us, free from the burdens of guilt, fear, and despair.

In the light of Christ's resurrection, we find the strength to face life's challenges with courage and resilience. We are reassured that no obstacle is insurmountable, for we serve a risen Savior who has conquered even death itself. This knowledge empowers us to live boldly, with a deep sense of purpose and assurance in God's unfailing love.

Furthermore, the joy of Christ's resurrection compels us to share this message of hope and salvation with others. Just as the disciples were commissioned to proclaim the good news to all nations, we are called to be ambassadors of Christ's love and grace in our communities, workplaces, and beyond. Our lives become a living testimony to the transformative power of the resurrection, drawing others into the embrace of God's mercy and forgiveness.

As we journey through the Easter season and beyond, may we never lose sight of the profound significance of Christ's resurrection in our lives. Let us live each day with hearts filled with gratitude, minds renewed by the truth of God's word, and spirits overflowing with the joy of our risen Lord. May Christ's resurrection inspire us to live as beacons of hope and love, illuminating the world with the light of his glory.

With grace and peace,
-Rev. Andrew

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Prayer Team

The Prayer Team meets on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Join us and help pray for our congregation and world. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a request form and place in the collection plate.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..."

1 Timothy 2:1

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH SESSION MEETING

- An event will be held at Chapel Hill on April 3, 2024, from 9:00 to 3:00. Chapel Hill is providing the venue and the Community Services League is advertising and hosting the event. Representatives from Evergy, Spire, and hopefully the City of Blue Springs Water Department will be on site to meet with members of the community to explain how their billing works, what to do to get current with billing, how to save on utilities, etc. We hope this will be a benefit to members of the community who often struggle with utility bills and services.
- There was a reminder that the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is set for Sunday, April 14, 2024. The meeting will be short and interesting, with all ministry units participating. Join the fun!
- Lynn Beatty (Building & Grounds) presented a proposal from a local sealant and waterproofing company for fixing a large crack in the foundation. Nothing will move forward yet, but this issue needs to be addressed and fixed.
- Christian Nurture is already planning for Traveling Day Camp in July. Volunteers will be needed as camp counselors. This is always a fun and well-attended summer event.
- Christian Nurture has set Sunday, May 19, as Teacher Appreciation Day for all CHPC Sunday school teachers.
- Rev. Dr. Florio announced there will be a confirmation class this year, beginning in July, with Jackson LaRue and Addie Deveney as the confirmation candidates.

Respectfully submitted
 Carol S. Coe, Clerk of Session



April Birthdays

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 2 Julie Mehl | 19 Sarah Jordan |
| 4 Clara G. | Shelley Peterson |
| 7 Argen H. | 20 Jim Haggard |
| Kendra Mehl | Alison Henderson |
| 8 Lynn Vargo | Todd Smith |
| 13 Robert Agan | Judy Tucker |
| Mary Richardson | 23 Dixie Bozarth |
| 16 Jean Clark | |

April Anniversaries

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| 8 | Elly & John Welchert – 46 years |
| 14 | Bethany & Christopher Welchert – 17 years |
| 22 | Sandy & Curt Zollers – 46 years |
| 27 | Kim & Robert Agan – 11 years |

April Volunteers

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Kim & Robert Agan	Baer Family	Linda Crosby	Patricia Parks
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Jean & Johnny Hwang	Terry & Patty Sudhoff	Dixie & Jim Bozarth	Karl & Natalie Morrison
Becky Carle & Leanna Kryzck	Mike & Traci Dryer	Lynn Beatty & Gordon Dryer	Phyllis Whitney & Kay Isgrig
Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes
Rylee S. & Charlotte D.	Harvey C. & John D.	Daphne C. & Natalie B.	Matthew F. & JT B.
Word with Children	Word with Children	Word with Children	Word with Children
Brooke Wynne	Paula Isgrig	Erin Gill	Carol Coe
Liturgist	Liturgist	Liturgist	Liturgist
Phyllis Whitney	Becky Carle	Sarah Deveney	Curt Zollers

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be on **Sunday, April 14** and follow last year's active format. For this year's annual meeting we will begin at 9:15am in Stone Hall with donuts and coffee. The different ministry units will each have a booth with information about their particular areas of ministry and how you can get involved. This is a great time to ask your elders questions. Next we will gather in the sanctuary and formally open our meeting with prayer, there will be a time for questions, the budget will be presented, you will hear from the staff, and then we will begin our amended worship service. Please note that our annual meeting and worship service will conclude at our regular time for Sunday School to take place as usual. Please join us and find new ways to be involved with our fantastic church.

Choral Corner

I can't believe Easter is already past us! I always find Holy Week and Easter to offer something of a pivot point in the life of the church and our personal lives in the world around us. Obviously, from a liturgical perspective, we have now gone from the season of Lent to the season of Easter. I find that I experience that personally with our changing seasons. Emotionally, Holy Week feels like the end of the winter time, and NOW I am ready to anticipate spring and the summer ahead!

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to our Holy Week services! Thank you to Phyllis Whitney for always doing such a wonderful job with the Youth Choir. Thank you to Zheng Shao for preparing all the extra music that we experience in the Lenten season. Thank you to Kaitlyn Salamone and Danny Lane for sharing your instrumental gifts with us on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday! Finally, thank you to Traci Dryer and Phyllis for your help with redoing our Choral Library, the rest of the Worship & Music committee for your support, and the choir for all the hard work they have put in throughout the Lenten season!

Speaking of anticipating summer, it is time to start thinking about summer music! If you have a musical gift you would be interested in sharing with the congregation, we would love for you to consider sharing it this summer. The choir will sing our final anthem at the end of May, and then we take a break for the months of June, July and August. If you would like to play an instrument or sing a song, either by yourself or in a small group, I would love to help coordinate that with you and support you in that endeavor! And I know the congregation appreciates the sharing of all musical talents, regardless of your experience level or expertise! Just reach out to me or sign the sign-up sheets that will be placed in the Narthex, and let me know if you want help picking music or creating an ensemble to perform with!

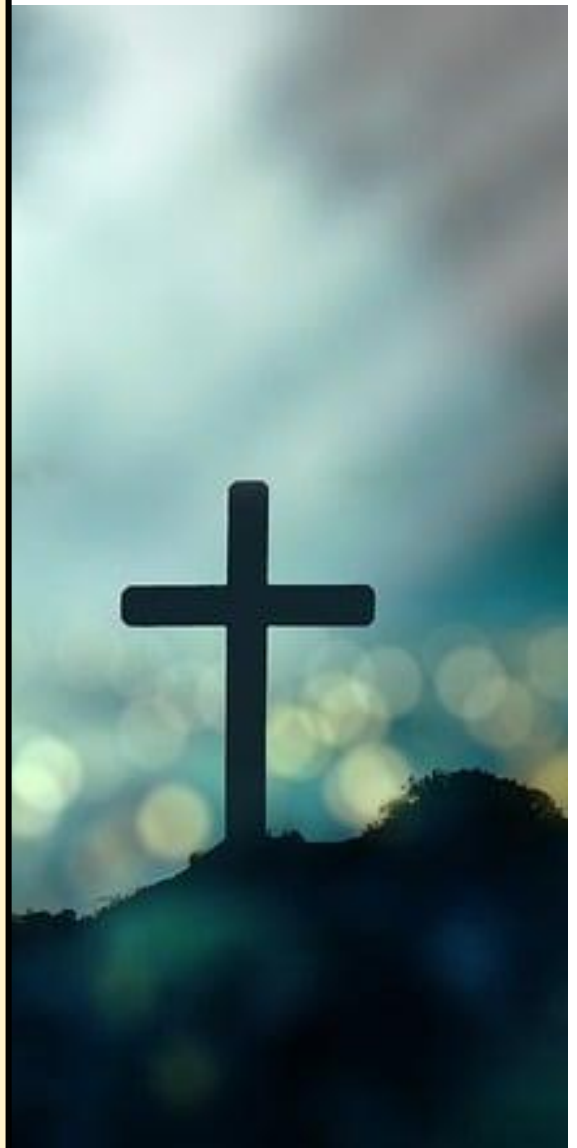
**Thank you all for celebrating the music of our services, and God bless!
– Jon Gill**

Christian Nurture

Your Christian Nurture team has been hard at work and enjoying the opportunity to serve so many people in our church. We have much to offer with a Sunday School class for everyone!

- Elementary youth continue to enjoy children's choir in addition to their classes. If you are in PreK-2 or 3-5 and interested in attending SS, we would love to have you join us.
- Older youth will be starting a new Bible Study in April, join us for "Welcome All", a series where we look at how Christ welcomed all so that we too can welcome all into our church community, our lives and hearts.
- Adults continue to have two options for class.
 - Our traditional adult Sunday School meets in Stone Hall and will be starting a fun and educational series about the history of Hymns taught by Jon Gill.
 - The Coffee Group allows adults to consider various questions that we encounter in our day-to-day lives in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

Beyond SS, we are also continuing to work on the youth mission trip that will be happening this summer. We are in the process of preparing for another year of Heartland Traveling Day Camp. We are preparing for a future Parent's Night Out. We are also looking forward to the Annual Meeting and getting to share more about our ministry unit and the things that we are actively doing and planning. Please stop by our table at the Annual Meeting!



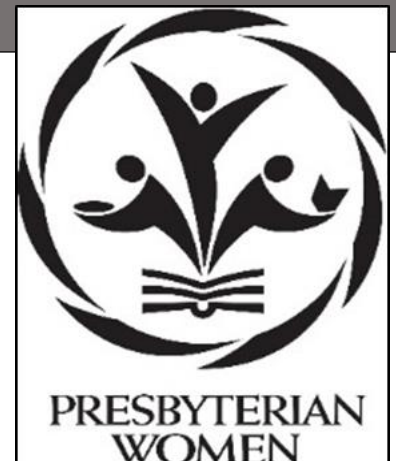
Presbyterian Women will meet April 18 12:30 pm in the kitchen

Wow! It's hard to believe we only have 2 more meetings until we break for the summer. We've had wonderful attendance this year, averaging 10-12 sisters in Christ.

Every lesson is stand alone, so even if you've not attended before, please consider joining us, you will not feel like you're coming in the middle of things. Phyllis Whitney is leading the lesson this month on Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship, Acts 16:11-15. Each leader has a different style of leading the lesson and encouraging discussion.

Caren Owsley is providing refreshments. Please join us for fellowship, worship and of course food!

Presbyterian Women





Happy Spring! I love having my flowers in bloom. (the pollen they provide the bees, not so much.)

Work has started on our Chapel Hill Garden. We will be meeting every Thursday, excluding Maundy Thursday, from 7-8pm. Bring your tools, knee pads and water. Enjoy the fellowship!

Our April recipient of donations is Community Services League. Needs are:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Spaghetti Sauce in Plastic Jars
- Canned Vegetables
- Feminine Hygiene products

Our next Church & Society meeting will be June 2 at 8:50am in the kitchen. Please come and share your thoughts on needs in the community and how our members may address those needs. See you there.



Greetings Chapel Hill Uplift Angels!

SPRING UPLIFT SCHEDULE!

*Only one Saturday in Spring 2024 is scheduled for Chapel Hill. We will be preparing and providing food and need **FOUR** truck volunteers!*

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: 9:30am cooking in CHPC kitchen – everyone welcome to prepare food for that night's truck!

***TRUCK VOLUNTEERS:** We need **FOUR** to go out on Saturday evening between 4 and 9pm*

PLEASE let me know if you are interested!

UPLIFT NEEDS for Late Winter/Early Spring:

- The nights are still a little chilly, so blankets and winter coats are appreciated
- **MEN'S PANTS** and Sweat Pants! Smaller sizes (28-36) are especially needed
- Women's sports bras – all sizes
- Tennis Shoes or gently used work boots – all adult sizes
- Long sleeved Shirts and Hoodies– Men's and Women's
- Men's and Women's Jeans and/or work pants
- Plastic bags and Candles

If you have any questions, or can help with any of these efforts, please contact Gail Tucker or Deb Sipes (for frozen cooking). Peace and Health to you! Gail Tucker 816-591-1560 gtuck38@yahoo.com Deb Sipes 816-812-1138 debrasuesipes@yahoo.com



Spring Workday April 28th following service and activities

Bring your work clothes and tools to help us tackle several projects during this year's spring cleanup day. We've confirmed we'll have a sack lunch for volunteers thanks to our friends on Evangelism & Membership.

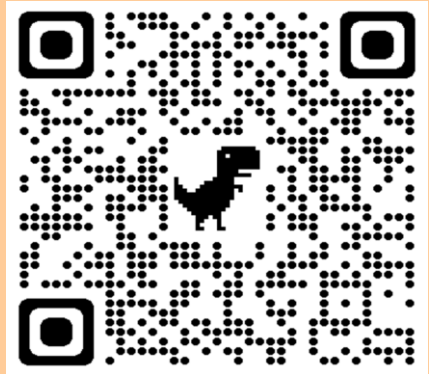
Youth Community Service

As part of their community service, several of our youth joined together for a few hours to clean the salt off of our parking lot and trim bushes around the church. We may know something about how our pre-Easter bunny made its way into the church.



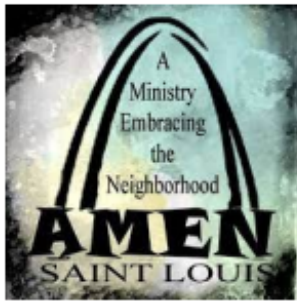
Mowing Volunteers Needed

The grass is already growing and we need your help mowing this spring and summer. Use our QR code to sign up for 2024's mowing schedule. With a new and improved lawn mower we just need some wheel people that aren't afraid to cruise around the church grounds for 2-3 hours. Come see for yourself how the new mower rides. Sign up to the right or sign up in the hallway across from the office in church.



**Next quarterly Buildings & Grounds meeting will be
May 19th at 8:30am in the Library**

Youth and Kids



AMEN St Louis Mission Trip - an update

This summer, 7 youth and 2 adults will travel to St Louis to serve with an organization called AMEN St Louis. They invite small mission groups to come and stay at their house in the city, then partner us with local mission organizations that are tackling food insecurity, poverty, and injustice. (We'll also make time for some local fun - get excited and look up the City Museum in St Louis.)

Another piece of exciting news: Our friends from First Presbyterian in Lee's Summit will be partnering with us on this trip! By traveling together we'll be able to share housing and transportation, and we'll have a great week together getting to know our closest Presbyterian neighbors.

Congregation members- keep an eye out for our youth doing service projects around the church as they earn their trip funding from our youth mission fund. You may have seen them power washing the parking lot and doing yard work, "selling" cookies at the free bake sale, sanitizing the WeeKirk toys, providing a children's sermon, and rehabbing the old boy scout area. This month they'll be working on the fire pit out back!

Trip participants- make sure you are attending church each Sunday and youth group as often as you can, and make sure your service hours are logged on the bulletin board in the youth area. Parents, check your email for this month's service project details.

Presbytery Youth Service Day - A Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Ellis Cemetery TLC Day. Youth from around the Presbytery gathered at Heartland Camp to show some love to the cemetery in the center of their property. Perfect growing conditions for red bud trees last year led to it being very overgrown this year, and we made a huge difference!

Check out these before and after pictures. A special thanks to Kieth and Lona Maxey for scouting the location for us ahead of time.



Don't Forget: There's an App for all this

The CHPC App has upcoming dates, links to registrations and sign ups, contact info, and more. It isn't fancy, but its nice to have! Pull it up on any device (phone, tablet, or computer) using this QR code, or by typing in this web address



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CHPC Day Camp

July 8-12, 2024

Day camp is scheduled and **registration is open** for grades K-5. Spots are limited and will fill up, so register your camper right away! We're actively recruiting volunteer counselors, junior counselors, and other volunteers. See below for how to get involved.

Kids in grades K-5: Sign up right now to guarantee you have a spot at camp! Visit heartlandcamps.org/chpc to submit your registration. We'll start advertising to the public this month, and we're a small camp and expect to fill up fast. This would be a fun week to invite a friend to join!

Counseling Volunteers: This program is run as a partnership with Heartland Center, and they send college-aged staff to run the program. But they can't do it alone- they need another adult (age 16+) to serve as the assistant counselor for each group. If you have any availability that week, please consider signing up as a counselor. Check the boards in the Narthex for which time slots still need support.

Middle and High School: If you are in grade 6 or higher, but you aren't 16 yet, you can serve as a Junior Counselor. New this year: just like Heartland staff, you'll fill out an application, interview for the job, and get "hired" onto the Junior Counseling team. You'll get training and support throughout the week as you serve alongside our counselors. Apply now in the CHPC app, or scan the QR code on the volunteer board in the Narthex.

Other Volunteers: In addition to counseling volunteers, we're looking for congregation members who can serve behind the scenes. The list below is some of the roles we love to have volunteers for; Check the board in the Narthex to see which roles we still need to fill.

Hospitality Director: coordinate meals for our visiting Heartland staff, and make sure they have everything they need during their overnight stay at our church

Provide Food: Provide meal items or host the Heartland staff for dinner

Junior Counselor Mentor: be available throughout the week to provide guidance and support to our Junior Counseling staff

The Muscle: Help the Heartland staff unload their supplies when they arrive on Sunday, and/or help them pack everything up on Friday.

Program Support: It is helpful to have two or three extra volunteers on hand each day to help set up special activities, manage lunch and snack, step in when counselors need a break or serve as substitutes in case of illness, and just be around for whatever surprises come up!

April Dates

- 3 Host CSL Utilities Conference, 8am-4pm
- 4 Youth Group, 7pm
Chapel Hill Garden, 7pm
- 7 Christian Nurture Meeting, 8:30am
- 9 Session, 7pm
- 11 Youth Group, 7pm
Chapel Hill Garden, 7pm
- 14 Annual Meeting of the Congregation, 9:15am
- 17 Uplift Frozen in Kitchen, 6:30pm
- 18 Presbyterian Women, 12:30pm
Youth Group, 7pm
Chapel Hill Garden, 7pm
- 25 Youth Group, 7pm
Chapel Hill Garden, 7pm
- 28 Spring Work Day, after service and activities
Kingdom Kids, 6:30pm



Stewardship Corner

Ten Simple Things We Can Do to Help Protect the Earth! (source: oceanservice.noaa.gov)

Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

Volunteer. Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed, too.

Educate. When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

Conserve water. The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.

Choose sustainable. Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.fishwatch.gov.

Shop wisely. Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.

Use long-lasting light bulbs. Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!

Plant a tree. Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.

Don't send chemicals into our waterways. Choose non-toxic chemicals in the home and office.

Bike more. Drive less.

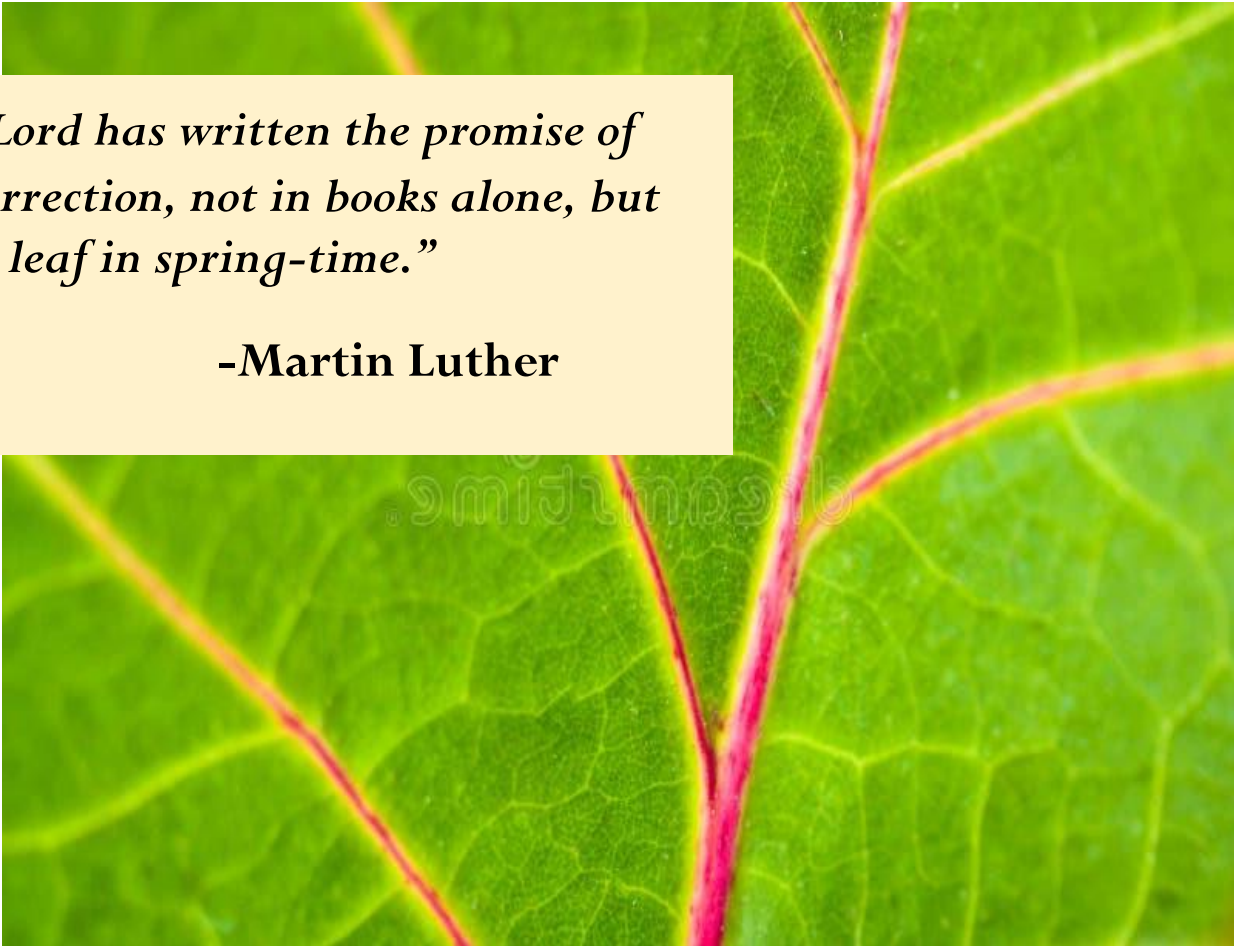
General Fund Summary (Excludes Prepaid Pledge and All Designated Funds)

	February 2024-Year to Date		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Jan. 1-Beginning Cash Bal.	\$212,284	\$212,284	\$0
Income	\$78,716	\$79,510	(\$794)
Expenses (less Prepaid Ins.)	(\$51,420)	(\$51,933)	\$513
Feb. 29-Ending Cash Bal.	\$239,579	\$239,861	(\$282)



Online Giving for Chapel Hill Offerings Now Available

Give your pledge, general offering, special offerings, memorial or to other funds directly from your phone. Scan the QR Code at left to link to the Chapel Hill Giving Page, follow the prompts and use the dropdown menus to make your selections. Once completed, the system will immediately send you a receipt. If you choose to cover ACH bank transfer or credit card fees, those amounts will be included on your quarterly giving statement. (Note: ACH bank transfer fees cost less.) And, of course, checks are certainly still accepted. **Thank-you!**



“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.”

-Martin Luther

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WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Service

Contact office to be added to
virtual service list

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