

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10-15-17

THE WELCOME

- ◇ Celebrate individual unique gifts, talents & strengths
- ◇ Recognizing Christ in everyone! Celebrating Difference!
- ◇ Diversity is a gift from our Creative God!
- ◇ Leading to reflect God's forgiving and unconditional love!
- ◇ Reaching out as a life-giving faith community!

THE VISION

Becoming...

- ◇ A home where every person BELONGS to God, and so to one another.
- ◇ A transforming community of faith where each DISCOVERS and RESPONDS to God's call.

THE MISSION

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

- 8:00am "The Table" (Chapel)
- 9:00am "The Gathering" (Sanctuary)
- 10:45am "The Journey" (Sanctuary)

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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MINISTRY STRUCTURE

Chapel Hill began living into the new Ministry Structure following the presentation at Church Conference on June 21, 2017. When Chapel Hill accepted the five prescriptions of the Vital Church Initiative, a move to a “policy governance board” model for church ministry was part of the plan. The new structure includes an eight member (plus the Lead Pastor) board that works with the church vision, mission, and core values to implement and maintain a strategic plan. This is a change from our former Leadership Team structure where each core team updated the Leadership Team on their activities. That work will continue between Core Team Leaders and the Lead Pastor. After forming, the board has held 2 meetings with a few key actions:

- Confirmed our understanding of the role of the board
- Adopted name “Guidance Board” instead of Policy Governance Board” as it better represents the goal
- Reviewed Vision, Mission & Core Values – confirmed without changes
- Reviewed Statements That Guide Us and will use these as a basis to recommend Strategic Goals & potential ways to measure

Next Guidance Board meeting is on Monday, October 16 in the Youth House, and all are welcome to attend.

Want more information? **Check out pchum.org/ PolicyTeam** to see an organizational flowchart and details of who is on the new Guidance Board.

SHARE THE WARMTH COAT

DONATION

The Salvation Army will be collecting jackets and coats through the month of October. Chapel Hill is again a collection site. Please bring your new or gently used winter gear this month.

COMPANIONS BIBLE STUDY ~

DEACON PAT CATELLIER

The foundational Companions experience takes groups through a journey of five parts, each lasting 5-6 weeks. Participants follow the same pattern each week - a weekly reading and five daily exercises followed by the group meeting. During the meeting, participants share their insights from the past week’s daily exercises, and then engage in a deeper exploration together. The Companions study begins Tuesday, October 17 from 12 - 1:30pm. Bring your lunch! Interested persons can sign up in the narthex or by emailing: office@pchum.org.

OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

SUNDAYS @ 10:05

- FaithLink: This Week’s topic “Stateless People”, Next week’s topic “Responding to North Korea”- Room #218
- Upper Room Bible Study Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) starting today meeting in the Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

Lectionary Bible Study Room#108 at 7:00pm

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be served. There will be a short program on the World Thank Offering. A collection will be taken for the World Thank Offering, the fifth and final channel of Mission Giving for 2017. These funds support the total program of mission carried out through the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

PCHUM 101 - OCTOBER 22

PCHUM 101 is for persons considering membership, or for those who simply want to know more about life at Chapel Hill. Pastor Barry will sit down with all interested folks for a block of time and refreshments at 2:30pm in Room #108.

LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

Major changes are coming to LiFT!!

Beginning today Sunday, Oct. 15, LiFT will now meet EVERY Sunday at 10:05 am in the Fellowship Hall! Still the same, awesome people of LiFT just a new time, new location and WEEKLY Fellowship! This will be a come as you are available small group, sometimes with planned activities and some weeks just sharing and connecting.

In addition: the last Sunday of the month will be set aside for a book club and LiFT's ever popular book swap!

We are still figuring out all the details, so feel free to add questions, ideas, etc!

This group is for you so please speak up and let us know what YOU want! For more information contact Kristen Lenzion at kristenlenzion@gmail.com.

The Naked Church: Conversations on Faith and Sexuality

October 29, 3:00pm in Fellowship Hall

The United Methodist Church continues to struggle with a consistent teaching, message and polity on human sexuality. Pastor Barry is inviting Chapel Hill to an afternoon of conversation on where we are as a local church and as a denomination in understanding sexuality as it relates to a faith community with "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" as its marketing tag line. It has been 20 years since Chapel Hill adopted a welcoming statement that includes "homosexual persons" in the list of the embraced in welcome. Much has happened and is happening in our understanding of human sexuality since that document was debated and affirmed. So, Pastor Barry and some members of the community that are working on matters of faith and sexuality will lead a discussion on where we are going as a culture, congregation, community and global church on matters most basic to us as human beings seeking to be in faithful relationship with others and with God.

JOYFULLY GIVING REMINDER

Online giver? If you have made changes to your pledge amount per the Taking the Next Steps campaign, please remember to log in to your account (pchum.org/give) and make those changes online. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Christina Redmond at christinaredmond@pchum.org or stop by the office during office hours and she can assist you.

PCHUM TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Our PCHUM Trunk or Treat event is coming up soon! This year's date is Saturday October 21st. The event will take place from 6:00p.m-7:00p.m., with set up beginning at 5:00p.m. If you have any questions or need ideas, please contact Deanne 269-629-4831 or deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net.

PCHUM MOM 2 MOM FALL SALE

Join us on Saturday October 21st from 9:00am-12:00pm for our fall Mom 2 Mom sale! The cost of admission is only \$1.00 per person (or a donation of a non perishable food item for our food pantry). All admission money & table rental sales benefit the children's ministry right here at PCHUM! We hope you can join us. Questions contact Deanne Austin deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net.

BLESS OUR GUESTS

The Radical Hospitality Team urges all who care about Chapel Hill becoming an ever-more vital congregation to attend "Bless Our Guests!" This one hour session will give us all specific tools for learning how to shape our faith community culture to be all about receiving those NOT already here as our honored guests. Tonight Sunday October 15 at 7:00pm in the Chapel participants will learn how to invite, welcome, and integrate newcomers into the life of Chapel Hill. The fun training begins at 7:00pm and childcare is available upon request.

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY SERVING TODAY

Chapel Hill serves lunch to the homeless at Ministry with Community (500 N. Edwards St., Kalamazoo) on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We gather there after the last service and stay until 3 p.m. Youth from 13-18 must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like information about this important ministry, contact Deacon Pat at PatCatellier@pchum.org.

YE (YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH YE SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10am - 10:45am Drop In Youth Group:
 - * ALL Youth in Grades 6-12 meet together in Room 108
- 10:45 - 11:45am Youth Sunday School Begins:
 - * Sr. High (9-12) in Room 108
 - * Middle School (6-8) in Rooms 114/115
- **1st Sunday of every month (Communion)**
 - * Both Sr. High and Middle School classes will attend 10:45am worship in Sanctuary as a class.

TRUNK OR TREAT VAN DECORATION

PAY-IT-FORWARD OPPORTUNITY!

Who: Grades 6 - 12

Date: Today Sunday, October 15th

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: Please bring kid appropriate stuff to decorate

Meet: Youth House

CORN MAZE! - AT GULL MEADOW FARMS!

Who: Grades 6 - 12

Date: Saturday, Oct. 28th

Time: 6:30pm - ? (until we find our way out!)

Cost: \$8

Meet: Youth House

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Ministry

9:00am "The Gathering" Service

Children 3 years old through 3rd grade are invited to the Children's Chapel room (Room 208) following the Kid's Time during the service for their very own time of worship! Every Sunday following Kids Time, the children will follow a leader out of the sanctuary and into the Children's Chapel (next to the nursery) where together they will sing songs, hear a message, and pray in playful and creative ways. Children will return to the worship service after the message.

10:45am "The Journey" Service

The 10:45am Worship Service, The Journey, all kids preschool-5th grade will be starting in the Sanctuary for Worship. (Please check your kid in at the sign in station in the sanctuary.) After prayer, kids will be leaving Worship and going downstairs to the lower level for the remainder of the time. Kids will participate in a large group activity, watch a video and then spend time with their own age group to discover the Bible story at their own level. Each week kids will get a special take home sheet to help families talk about the lesson at home. Parents/Guardians will pick up their kids downstairs in Room 109 at 12pm.



Andrea Trantham
Director of Children's Ministries



yE (Youth Experience) Grades 6-12

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Larry French
Director of Youth Ministries

NEED SOMETHING?

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be lifted in prayer or added to the prayer chain, contact Shirley Freeman (shirleytupperfreeman@gmail.com, 269-381- 8208).

Assistive Listening Devices as well as Large Print Hymnals and Bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

Name Tags for All

Please stop by the self-serve display in the lobby, located near the Welcome Center. Magnetic and stick-on badges are available.

Weekly Email

Want to find out all the important events at Portage Chapel Hill? Sign Up for our weekly email. www.pchum.org/home



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