

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11-12-17

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
(269) 327-6643 www.pchum.org

Did you Know? Many Thanks Board

Chapel Hill has many volunteers with a giving heart that donate their time through missions, ministries, classes, services projects and music just to name a few. It takes many helping hands to make God's work through the church and community successful. As a way to show gratitude on a regular basis to all who volunteer their most precious gift we have the "Many Thanks" Board in the lobby. Please feel free to post your own thank you and check out it.

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28

It is time for Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC Giving Tuesday. This year, consider supporting a project that is working in an area you care about, such as hunger and poverty, education, or social justice.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. A dessert will be served.

NOTE TWO CHANGES...The date is earlier than planned, and the time is 1pm not Noon. Bring your donation for the World Thank Offering and be prepared to make suggestions for organizations you would like to receive donations from the profits of the Rummage Sale.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 17 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
Presented by Stephen Ministry and the PCHUM
Pastoral Staff

Chad Schumacher on piano

Seems strange for the season of joy, right? Blue Christmas? Yes, blue as in sad. As in "the blues".

Christmas is a tough time for many of us. Dealing with the passing of a loved one, figuring out life after the break-up of a relationship, finding that the family holiday stereotype does not fit you, being out of work, living with some disease that puts a question mark on the future, loneliness, depression, etc., all bring on the blues at Christmastime. Blue Christmas is Chapel Hill's annual service of prayerful meditation and candlelight, of scripture and real-life reflections, of blues improvisation and gentle carols. All in need of a place to be real with the blues during Christmas are invited into sacred space created for all of us living through dark times, as we wait for the Light of the World.

OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

SUNDAYS @ 10:05

- FaithLink: This Week's topic "Sexual Harassment and Assault", Room #218 *Next week November 19 FaithLink will not meet.*
- Upper Room Bible Study Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting in the Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

Lectionary Bible Study Room#108 at 7:00pm

FALL HARVEST POTLUCK

We hope you'll join us on Sunday, November 19, following the 10:45 service for fun, food, friends, and faith at the Fall Harvest Potluck! Turkey and ham will be provided, so please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with a crowd as we say "thanks!" for our many blessings.

Please sign up at pchum.org/harvestpotluck. Contact Jean Christie for more information 269-327-2313

Last Names A-J: Dessert

Last Names K-S: Salad

Last Names T-Z: Side Dish

HANGING OF THE GREENS

NOVEMBER 26

Join us at 3pm Sunday November 26 as we decorate the Lobby and Sanctuary for the Christmas season. No experience necessary. There will be a craft for children to participate in hosted by Children's Ministry.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENT

Our annual Gingerbread House event is right around the holiday corner! Please join us on Sunday December 10th at 2pm in the church fellowship hall. We will have an afternoon of gingerbread house decorating with yummy cookies and hot chocolate to enjoy. The cost is only \$4.00 per child to cover all costs. It's a wonderful church family tradition, so you don't want to miss out. All ages are invited. If you have any questions, please contact Deanne Austin at deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net. Or Sign up at pchum.org/gingerbread

YOU COUNT!

In so many ways...but right now we are looking for folks willing to be trained to count the weekly offerings to God through Chapel Hill. Counter Coordinator, Shannon Ringer, is looking for a few people willing to be trained to join the Counters Team! Counters are on duty once per month (with enough new counters less than that)! Gathering following worship on Sundays, a team of no-fewer-than 3 persons counts and deposits weekly financial gifts. This is an essential function that requires only a willingness to be trained, attention to detail, and a heart for service. There is also an opportunity on Monday mornings to count the Sunday offerings that include "Buckets of Love for Haiti"! Please contact Shannon at shannonringer@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to serve in this way.

JOIN THE ADVENT CHOIR!!!!

Do you miss singing? Miss the chance to sing during the Christmas season? Can't commit to choir all year but would love a six week opportunity? Well, here's your chance! The Chancel Choir invites you to join them for Advent beginning November 16th through Christmas Eve. We'll be singing some wonderful anthems and ending on Christmas Eve with lessons and carols. Come join this wonderful small group of dedicated singers. All are welcome AND childcare will be provided upon request. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8:30. Come and lift your spirit, your soul and your voice as we celebrate the coming of Christ this Advent season; A New Song for Anxious Times. YOU are welcome here!!!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 4PM, SANCTUARY

All members of Chapel Hill are expected, and all others are invited, to our Fall Membership meeting. There will be gathering worship, a message from our District Superintendent, Rev. Dwayne Bagley, time for questions, and a great spirit of God's gathered community! All are welcome. Members present are counted in items requiring vote.

STAFFING CHANGES

Sue Dueweke, will be stepping down from her role as Office Manager beginning in January in order to provide increased care for her mom. Sue will be staying on in a part-time capacity to provide a smooth transition once a new Office Manager is in place, and beyond that will continue in her role as Database Manager and Membership Secretary.

WORSHIP DESIGN WORKSHOP - ADVENT THEME-TODAY

We would like to invite anyone interested in helping with the themes, space and planning about Advent to a workshop Today November 12 from 1pm- 4pm in the Fellowship hall. We will use the Scripture as the primary tool to then create ideas about the space and activities. This will be primarily focused on the 10:45 Worship Service (The Journey) for the four Sundays. We are asking participants to bring their favorite dish to pass as the snacks for our workshop.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Kids and youth Preschool-12th grade are invited to join our children's choirs for this year's Christmas Eve performance "Not Available in Stores". We will perform this show on December 24th at 4pm. Participants should be able to attend rehearsals on Dec. 13th and 20th from 6-7:30pm. Sign up by Nov 26th either downstairs after Sunday School each Sunday or by emailing Andrea at andreatrantham@pchum.org. Questions about the performance should also be directed to Andrea's email.

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Sundays @ 7-8:30pm. Grades 5th grade-12th grade are invited for food, fellowship and fun! Join us this (or any) Sunday downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Contact larryfrench@pchum.org with questions.

COMING SOON!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

9:00am Worship Service~ Childcare available

4:00pm Family Candlelight Worship Service Program by the children/youth of Chapel Hill and
Meditation by Pastor Barry ~Childcare available

8:00pm Lessons and Carols

New Years' Eve 9:00am

Worship Service~ Childcare available

*Please note no Children or Youth Sunday School on December 24 or December 31

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As many of you know or have sweetly asked, Andrea Trantham will be on maternity leave for 10 weeks to have her baby boy and recover this winter. Andrea expects to leave shortly after Thanksgiving and return sometime during the middle of January. The Children's Ministry WMU intern, Jessica Folkert, will be taking over Sunday School while Andrea is away. She has been here since the beginning of the school year and has been learning and teaching along the way. Andrea feels very comfortable leaving our kids in her capable hands. If you have any concerns or questions about children's ministry while Andrea is away, please feel free to contact the office at office@pchum.org.



Jessica Folkert, Children's Ministry
Intern

Elaina, Andrea and Brendan
Trantham



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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