

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1-27-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the  
Lord’s glory has shone upon you.”

~ Isaiah 60:1

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL  
Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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## SNAPCHAT #DIVINE\_IMAGES

### SERMON SERIES

After the long wait in expectation of the birth of Jesus, after the tradition of the 12 Days of Christmas, the Light of the World breaks through! The Christian Season of Epiphany began on January 6th and will run through March 3rd. In worship during those weeks we will be using the social media platform called "Snapchat."

Snapchat began life as a simple idea to connect people by snapshots in time. Quick pictures that come and go. A flash of an event, a piece of a story, an opportunity to ask for more. It has evolved over time, but Snapchat is still about pictures and video, sharing stories and commenting on the moods of the stories with mostly funny filters that "enhance" the pictures. This Epiphany season we are taking this Snapchat concept and using it as our own filter to consider the snapshots in creating a big picture story of God-with-us...and God within us. Snapchat #divine\_images is our series to think about the quick pictures of the nature of God we are given throughout the Bible, in history, in our world today, and in our lives.

February 3 – *Jeremiah 1:4-10* Snapchat #come\_messiah

February 10 – *Isaiah 6:1-14* Snapchat #called\_prophet

February 17 – *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26* Snapchat #life\_giver

February 24 – *Genesis 45:3-11, Luke 6:27-38* Snapchat #boly\_surprise

March 3 – *Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)* Snapchat #god\_revealed

## THE SMALL GROUP SURVEY HAS BEEN SENT!

Please look for it in your email. I'm excited to get your feedback about your experience with small groups or to get you connected to one. Please take the time to participate, 5 minutes is all it takes! If you did not get the Small Group Survey there will be paper copies in the lobby, you may find the link on the Chapel Hill website, or there is a link in the congregational email as well. For questions contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping feed hungry folks? Chapel Hills needs 4 volunteers to help deliver a hot lunch to the homebound on weekdays, usually once every 6 week through Meals on Wheels.

Contact John Mason at 269-329-2951 and he can tell you more about this opportunity and put you on the schedule.

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

## FERMENTING FAITH

- Every Tuesday ~ 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Lodo Company ~ 153 W. Centre Ave., Portage

Fermenting Faith is a casual atmosphere to get to know each other while exploring questions of faith, life and culture. Food and drinks of choice are available off the menu (including awesome and affordable specials!). Soft drinks are provided without cost.

This week's question: In the past people were buried with things that were important to them to be used in the afterlife. *What are the things with which you would want to be buried?*

## GET CONNECTED WITH REALM

By now you've heard that Chapel Hill is moving to a new kind of church record-keeping solution called Realm, and many of you have already taken the time to sign up. An email invitation has been sent out to most of the congregation; if you don't see it please check your junk mail folder. For those who haven't signed up, or who don't yet know what Realm is, the Chapel Hill staff invites you to stop by the lobby between 10:00am-11:00am today, February 3, or February 10. Church staff and volunteers will be available to help you get signed up, and to briefly show you some of the features that Realm offers. We hope to make this a smooth and easy process for everyone!

## YEAR END STATEMENTS

Save the Office a stamp ~ Pick up your Year End Giving Statement in the lobby at the coffee bar today! After today they will be mailed.

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines again February 3 and February 10 in the lobby. Monies raised through this sale will go to purchase blankets for those in need around the world as part of the Church World Service. The cost remains \$5.00 Any questions, please contact Doris Mettler at 327-8272.

## JOIN THE NEWEST SMALL GROUP FORMING NOW!

- Saturdays 10:30am
- Bicentennial Park, 910 E. Milham Ave.

*Ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16*

Make one change this year for a healthy body... healthy mind... healthy soul... Walking by Faith, emphasis on walking (or running/jogging if you prefer!) is a new small group forming around those who want to get moving, and work toward a healthier lifestyle. This group is forming with the intention to participate in "The Walk to End Homelessness 2019" on March 23 in Kalamazoo.

According to the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church we are called to pursue a healthy life style which includes preventive health care, good nutrition, health education, and secure housing in achieving health. Anyone is welcome to check this group out, no experience is required! In addition, the group will participate in the all church book read during Lent, titled **Unafraid** by Adam Hamilton. Walking by Faith will meet Saturdays at 10:30am at Bicentennial Park on E. Milham Ave. We will be walking outside; dress accordingly. Please contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org) with signup or questions.

## NATIONAL BLUE BLOOD DRIVE

Chapel Hill's American Red Cross "National Blue Blood" Drive, held this past Saturday was a big success. The weather was a concern heading into the morning, but the snowfall didn't stop the 54 registered donors from donating 57 pints of blood, which exceeded our goal of 49 pints! Chapel Hill collaborated with several local law enforcement departments to bring awareness to M.I.C.O.P.S., the Michigan chapter of C.O.P.S., an organization that provides support to families and communities of police officers killed in the line of duty. 22 volunteers from Chapel Hill helped make this drive a success. Chapel Hill always gives strong support to the blood drives we host, and certainly didn't disappoint at this drive which brought in more donors, Red Cross staff, and police officers. Nourishment was given to all, not only by way of a large variety of soups and snacks, but also friendly hospitality. Many donors shared that they enjoy our drives so much, they will plan to return at our next drive, which will take place on June 22, 2019.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM & 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109  
Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Confirmation Class (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114  
9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall  
6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday February 6, 11:45am
- Main St. Pub 7509 S. Westnedge Ave Portage

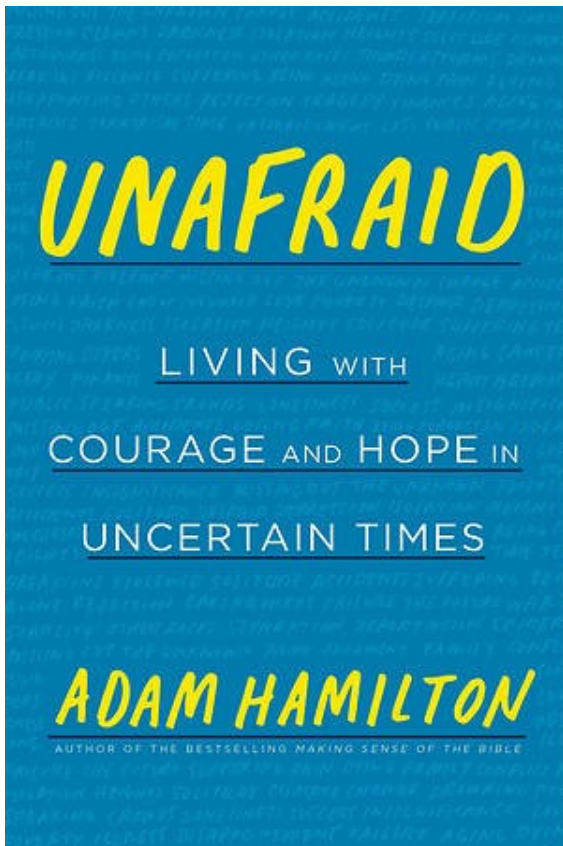
Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303).  
Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

## 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND BIZARRO BINGO

- Sunday February 10 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall

The competition is back! Whose chili will be named "Chapel Hill's Best" for 2019? Last year's competitors came with a wide variety: traditional beef and bean chili, spicy beef and pepper chili, white chicken chili, an all-seafood chili (isn't that more of a chowder, Pastor Barry?). If you think you have what it takes, go to [pchum.org/chilicookoff](http://pchum.org/chilicookoff) and be sure to click "Chili Competitor" when you register on the event site. The competition is limited to 12, so sign up early. Of course, it won't be a contest without judges. All those who simply want to eat and vote, just click "Chili Eater & Bingo Player" when you register. And as the title implies, following the meal we will be playing Bingo! Contact Lisa Drzick at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) if you have any questions.

# COMING SOON ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY!



“Living with courage comes in part as we face our fears with faith, examine our assumptions in light of facts, attack our anxieties with action, and release our cares to God, praying for his wisdom, strength, and peace.” Adam Hamilton

More information coming soon! Contact Tonya Boot with questions at [tonyabout@pchum.org](mailto:tonyabout@pchum.org).

## 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](mailto: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 across from the Coffee Bar. Magnetic 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](http://www.pchum.org/home)



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