

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1-28-18

## 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

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
(269) 327-6643 [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## PASTORS ... UNPLUGGED AND UNREHEARSED

The "Pastors Unplugged and Unrehearsed" series continues through February 4th. Questions can be sent directly to Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org), to the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org), messaged to Pastor Barry on Facebook, left as a message at (269) 327-6643, ext. 107 or asked live and in person during any of the Sunday morning worship services. Scriptures and themes for the remaining weeks are:

- January 28 - Mark 1:21-28 "Faith and Wholeness" Jesus goes to the town of Capernaum and encounters a person "with an evil spirit" in the synagogue. He calls the spirit out of the man and the man is made whole.
- February 4 - Isaiah 40:21-31 "Faith for the Long Haul" The Prophet calls the people to consider the duration of their lives as a piece of the fullness of God's creation. We are a part of a very big picture and our life of faith is a long distance run more than it is a sprint!

## YEAR END STATEMENTS

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

## INVITE TO INVITE

Welcome to the Winter Doldrums! It seems like the push after Summer is to get in the groove for a new school year, new church opportunities, and getting through the many holidays from Labor Day through New Year's Eve. And then Michigan winter hits and we physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually go in to hibernation! I want to suggest an opportunity to counteract the grey of winter. I invite you to invite. The tendency to "go it alone" in the grey times is seductive and can be dangerous for folks at risk for depression. Inviting another human being to join you...for whatever...is a simple spiritual practice of reaching out to another and sharing a common need for community. So I invite you to invite someone else for coffee, a meal, to play a game, to watch a movie, to check out your church worship, or a small group, a class, whatever! Invitation builds the spirit in both the one being invited and the one doing the inviting. Simple and life-changing! I invite you to invite!

  
Pastor Barry

## OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic "Cryptocurrencies" (such as Bitcoin), next week's topic "Jerusalem" Room #218
- Upper Room Bible Study Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- Lectionary Bible Study Room #108

## MORE THAN A MEAL

Did you know that 10 million seniors in America face the threat of hunger? And 1 in 4 seniors lives alone in isolation. So many of these individuals are homebound and rely on the volunteers from Meals on Wheels to bring them a meal and a smile. Our local Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of volunteers. Volunteers work in teams of 2: one driver and one meal "runner." The runner takes the meals to the door, and also helps with navigation for the driver. Volunteers are scheduled for a 2-hour shift, once every six weeks. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday, 11am-1pm. Donate your lunch break and make a difference in the lives of seniors in our area! For more information please contact Carolyn Pesheck at [cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net).

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines again February 4 and February 11 in the lobby. During the years we have been able to provide over 4,400 blankets through Church World Service. The cost remains \$5.00. Any questions, please contact Doris Mettler at 327-8272

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Chapel Hill's blood drive which was held on January 20 resulted in 39 units donated, including 3 double reds (a double red is a donation of two units of red blood cells during one donation appointment). Chapel Hill is known in the community for our incredible hospitality, providing hot soups, fresh fruit, cheese and homemade cookies. The Red Cross staff expressed much gratitude for our part in helping saving lives. DID YOU KNOW? Chapel Hill will be hosting a total of three blood drives this year! Look for additional opportunities to help or donate blood at our other 2018 drives, scheduled for June 9 and October 6.

## CHILI COOK-OFF AND BIZARRO BINGO!

You've seen the signs in the lobby; now get your taste buds ready for Chapel Hill's Chili Cook-Off and Bizarro Bingo! This is an all ages family fun event. Have a great chili recipe you think is an award winner? Become a competitor by contacting Lisa Drzick at [lisadrzick@pchum.org](mailto:lisadrzick@pchum.org). Sign up soon ~ contestants will be limited! Not a competitor but love to eat chili? Bring a dessert, salad or cornbread, along with the whole family and you be the judge of the best tasting chili at Chapel Hill. Once your belly is full stick around for Bingo for all ages. For more details and to sign up go to [pchum.org/chilibingo](http://pchum.org/chilibingo).

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

- Wednesday, February 7. 11:45am
- Café Meli 5200 Portage Rd Portage, MI  
Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303)  
Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Other Information:

- Bring personal care items for the food pantry, if able
- Join us!

## PCHUM 101 TODAY

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? PCHUM 101 is for people 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 at 2:30pm in Room #108.

## SPRING MOM 2 MOM SALE

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, 9AM-12 NOON

Admission cost is only \$1.00 per person (kids free) or a donation of a non perishable food item. Come and shop our 25 tables and large items room for strollers, high chairs, etc. There will be lots of good deals, so you don't want to miss out! Don't know what a Mom 2 Mom sale is? Check out the article on [www.pchum.org/family](http://www.pchum.org/family).

## LENT IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY!

**Ash Wednesday** is February 14 7:00pm at Milwood United Methodist Church at 3919 Portage St. Kalamazoo

**All Church Book Study** is coming soon

**Palm-Passion Sunday** March 25

**Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday March 25 2:00pm

**Easter Service** April 1

## LOST SOMETHING?

Please check the Lost and Found table in the lobby to retrieve your lost items! The table will be available on Sundays and during church office hours until Sunday February 4th. After that date all usable items will be donated.

## YE (YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Sundays @ 7-8:30pm. Grades 6th-12th are invited for food, fellowship and fun! Join us this (or any) Sunday downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Contact [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) with questions.

## KARATE FOR CHRIST

Starting Feb. 4th, "Karate for Christ" will be providing free demonstrations at Youth Group. As always, parents are more than welcome to stay and attend. Demonstrations will be during regular time, 7:00 to 8:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Questions about anything to do with Youth Ministry at PCHUM? Contact [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org)

## 2018 MISSION TRIP-

### CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT

When: Sunday, August 5 through Friday, August 10.

Who: Youth, 14 years old through recent 2018 High School graduates.

Where: Martin County, Kentucky.

Cost: \$550.00. Pay It Forward (50%) scholarships available.

Please make full scholarships requests through Pastor Barry.

Contact Larry French with questions  
[larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org)

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## 9:00AM THE GATHERING CHANCEL CHOIR

Led by Fred Sang

Organist Jared Montgomery

Choral Scholars Clara Stine and Maria Molter

Chancel Choir Members: Wendy Asmus, Gary Bigelow, Sheila Bigelow, Sidney Block, Bob Eschliman, George Granger, Sharon Herzog, Mary Holliday, Paul Holliday, Nancy Howells, Diane Keivit, Jim Loomis, Terri Loomis, Mark Miller, Sheryl Miller, Alan Moerdyk, Carolyn Pesheck, Lesa Petrucci, Shannon Rininger, Carol Schaus, TJ Seiwert, Bob Spradling, and Neal Turner

## 10:45 THE JOURNEY NEW LIFE TEAM

Led by Chad Schumacher

New Life Team Members: Joe Badalamenti, Angela Brcka, Ryan Casanova, Dave Drzick, Lisa Drzick, Paul Franklin, Brent Holt, Mark Kuepfer, Autumn McDaniel and Mary Thompson

# 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 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.

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