

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1-6-19

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
(269) 327-6643 www.pchum.org

COMING SOON...NEW SMALL GROUPS

This new year I am looking for ideas for new small groups. I want to know what you like to do, how you like to learn new things, what you might like in a small group, what is the best time for you to meet? Easy info, but info that will help me get you connected to a small group that will be meaningful to you so that you can grow your faith while making friends and having fun. Coming soon is a personal survey to help you convey all your ideas to me! I want to use this survey to form new small groups around you and the things you like to do. Any questions please contact me at tonyaboot@pchum.org.



Tonya Boot,
Director of Discipleship

LOOKING FORWARD IN THE NEW YEAR

- Sunday January 20 ~ 2:00pm ~ Room #218

The New Year... the beginning of another year...another chance... a new opportunity... a new path... a new deeper journey.... What will you do with your New Year? Chapel Hill's membership classes would be a great place to start. There are a series of three classes that can be taken in any order. The first class of the year will be the "Belong" class. This class is an excellent opportunity to intentionally connect to Chapel Hill and deepen your faith. All are welcome, whether you are new to Chapel Hill or have been attending for years, whether you are mature in your faith or just beginning the journey. During the Belong class, you will get to know our Pastor, hear about Chapel Hill and plans for the future, take a tour, and ask questions. The Belong class will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 2:00pm in room #218. The next two classes, "Discover" and "Respond" will follow in the coming months. If you would like to attend the "Belong" class or have any questions, please RSVP to office@pchum.org.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, January 8 at 11:45am
- The Craftsman Chop Co. 6905 Sears Dr. Portage

Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272). Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

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

After a bit of an hiatus, Fermenting Faith will return on Tuesday nights beginning this week, January 8. 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.

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

- Today ~ 3:00pm

All good things must come to an end, and that includes the beautiful Christmas decorations that have made Chapel Hill feel so warm and festive these last few weeks. Please come today at 3:00pm to help pack up the trees and lights for next year. This is a family friendly activity – put the kids to work!

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 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 if you have any questions.

WEATHER CLOSING POLICY

WEEKDAYS: When Portage Public Schools are closed due to weather, the church building will also be closed.

Daytime and evening events will be cancelled.

SUNDAYS: In the event of inclement weather, Chapel Hill will post closings on WWMT Channel 3, on the Chapel Hill voicemail at 327-6643, and on the homepage at

www.pchum.org. An email will also be sent to you.

Worship would only be cancelled in an absolute weather emergency.

A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

Chapel Hill is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm which will offer some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Many Chapel Hill groups are currently using Realm, so you may have heard of it already. The office staff will soon be encouraging everyone to participate in a congregational rollout. We are working hard to ensure this will be a smooth transition. Keep checking the Voice for more information.

THE HELPING HAND FUND

The Helping Hand fund is utilized by the pastor to help folks within this faith community who have hit a financial rough spot. Maybe a medication, or heat bill, or car repair at a time between jobs or between checks. The fund is totally depleted right now, so if you are able to give specifically for the Helping Hand Fund, you can do that by check to PCHUM with "Helping Hand" in the memo, or at **www.pchum.org/give**. Choose "Helping Hand" under "Faith in Action."

NATIONAL BLUE BLOOD DRIVE

- Saturday, January 19 ~ 10:15am-4:00pm

Chapel Hill is partnering with local law enforcement at our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 19. The drive will be a "National Blue Blood Drive", bringing recognition to MI-COPS (Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors), an organization which helps families and communities when officers are killed in the line of duty. We expect a higher than usual number of blood donors, so are adjusting our food and hospitality expectations, too. Please check out the SignUpGenius link found on our website or Facebook page, or contact Sue Dueweke (**suzydue@sbcglobal.net**) to sign up to help.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR

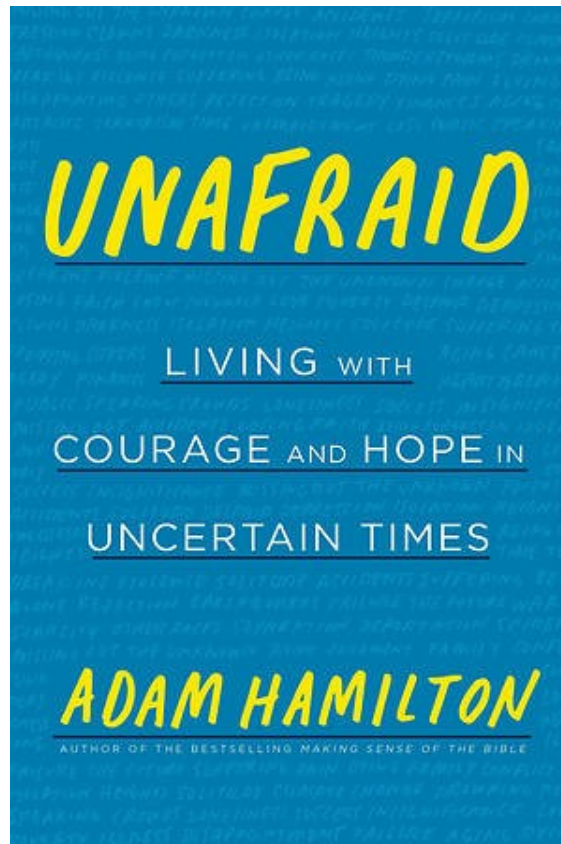
Starting again January 9, our children's choirs will be meeting weekly to prepare for singing on Sundays and a spring afternoon performance. School aged kids (Preschool -12th Grade) are welcome to come check us out Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Questions? Contact Andrea Trantham at **AndreaTrantham@pchum.org**.

WINTER JAM 2019 FEATURING THE NEWSBOYS

- Friday, January 18 ~ VanAndel Arena

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to this multi-artist Christian music concert! We will be leaving Chapel Hill at 3:00pm in the church van and returning after the concert, by approximately 11:30pm. Cost is \$20, which includes concert admission and pizza. Please RSVP by January 14 to Larry French, Director of Youth Ministries, at **larryfrench@pchum.org** or call/text 616-551-9280.

COMING SOON ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY!



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 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



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