

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1-7-18

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

Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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

DID YOU KNOW? SMALL GROUPS

The new year is about making changes to improve our lives, and joining a small group is a great way to go deeper in our faith and grow in our relationship with God. There is something powerful about meeting with the same group of people regularly who know your struggles, celebrations, questions, and victories. Here at Chapel Hill there are lots of opportunities to be a part of a small group. Groups meet almost every day of the week. For a full list of groups with a description and contact person please visit pchum.org/smallgroups or contact Andrea Tramel at andreatramel@pchum.org.

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST PART DEUX!

Part Two of Companions in Christ is offered on Tuesdays from Noon to 1:30 downstairs in room 108. There is no need to purchase a book; we have extras here. Bring your lunch, a friend and be prepared to encounter Christ in new and different ways. Questions? Contact PatCatellier@pchum.org

SNOWBIRDS

If you are heading for warmer climates through the winter months, please notify the church office so that we can send you any correspondence. To set this up, all you need to do is send an email to office@pchum.org. Also please update your email address if needed. We would like to keep in touch with you while you are away.

WEATHER CLOSING POLICY

WEEKDAYS: When Portage Public Schools are closed due to weather, the church building will also be closed and daytime events will be cancelled. For evening events please check with your group leader.

SUNDAYS: In the event of inclement weather, Chapel Hill will post closings on WWMT Channel 3, on the PCHUM 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.

OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic "Movies, Culture, and Faith", next week's topic "Churches in Small Towns" 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

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS!

Your help is needed today at 3:00pm to help take down the Christmas decorations.

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

We are always open to having new kids join us on Wednesday evenings for Children's Choir! We have opportunities for kids of all ages, from preschool through high school. And even if your child is not a singer we do other fun things like chimes, drums, and games (ask any member of our Disciples Choir how to play "Kitty Wants A Corner" or "Zap!"). A new season of Wednesday Night Children's Choir will begin January 10. The Angels Choir (Pre-K and K) and Sanctuary Choir (6th-12th grades) meet from 6:00pm-7:00pm. The Disciples Choir (1st-5th grades) meets from 5:45pm-7:15pm. For more information please contact Lisa Drzick at lisadrzick@pchum.org.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Monday January 15 in observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Did you enjoy listening to the Advent Chancel Choir this season? How about lending your voice to be a part of the Chancel Choir this new year? Everyone is welcome and will not be turned away. Rehearsals are every Thursday night at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. Contact Fred Sang for more information fredsang@pchum.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping feed hungry folks?

We need more volunteers to help with 3 ministries:

- Ministry with Community - Serve lunch to those in need the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Food Pantry - Help folks obtain food at one of two food pantries. Spots available during the day or evening, commitment usually once per month.
- Meals on Wheels - Help deliver a hot lunch to the homebound on weekdays, usually once every 6 weeks.

Contact Carolyn Pesheck at 269-598-9474, and she can tell you more about these opportunities, and refer you to the person in charge of scheduling for your interest.

PCHUM 101 JANUARY 28

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.

PCHUM BLOOD DRIVE

Time for the semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive! We need Volunteers to work during this event.

January 20, 10:15am-4:00pm

Fellowship Hall (lower level)

Volunteers needed! (see insert) or sign up today

* Youth need service hours? The Blood Drive is a great way to help! Contact SueDueweke@pchum.org

The Naked Church: Conversations on Faith and Sexuality January 14, 3:00pm in Fellowship Hall

The United Methodist Church continues to struggle with a consistent teaching, message and policy 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 those who are embraced and welcomed. Much has happened and is happening in our understanding of human sexuality since that document was debated and affirmed. So, Pastor Barry and members of the community who 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.

GIVE A PERSON WITH SPECIAL NEEDS "A NIGHT TO SHINE"

Donate that formal that you will not wear again or that tuxedo that no longer fits. Party wear of all types and sizes are needed, to give honorees of this event an opportunity to "shop" for their special night. Clothing will be collected January 7-21. There will be a marked clothing rack for this purpose outside the sanctuary across from the magnetic name tags.

YE(YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

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.

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, 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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