

# THE VOICE

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WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

A voice from heaven said,  
“This is my Son whom I dearly love;  
I find happiness in him.”

*Matthew 3:17*

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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# THOUGHTS ON THE *PROTOCOL OF RECONCILIATION & GRACE THROUGH SEPARATION*

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, a group of United Methodist bishops and other leaders released a proposal to preserve The United Methodist Church, while offering a path to independence for traditionalist members and congregations to align with the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA). If the strength of the representative body of leaders holds, the protocol would replace four other plans going before the General Conference in May. The General Conference is the only body that speaks for The UMC, so affirmation of the plan there is absolutely necessary. The protocol includes:

- The “traditionalist Methodist denomination established pursuant to this protocol” (this would be the Wesleyan Covenant Association) would receive \$25 million dollars from The United Methodist Council on Finance and Administration over the next 4 years.
- \$2 million would be held in escrow to assist any other potential new denominations forming out of The UMC.
- \$39 million would be distributed over the next eight years “to support communities historically marginalized by racism.”
- The protocol includes guidelines for local churches to disaffiliate from The UMC. If the congregations unite with another denomination formed out of the former UMC, said congregations would keep their assets and liabilities.

There is much more to the protocol, and much to be done to form it as proper legislation for the General Conference in May. Presently, though, it appears to have more strength and promise than anything offered thus far. I will be working with other progressive United Methodists in Michigan on developments toward General Conference and will keep you all posted!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

- Upper Room Bible Study ~ Room #209
- Adult Forum ~ Chapel  
*Today's Adult Forum class has been replaced by the Ministry Fireside Chat in the Chapel. Adult Forum resumes January 19*
- FaithLink ~ Room #218

*If you would like to learn more about Chapel Hill's Adult programs please contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).*

## MINISTRY “FIRESIDE CHATS”

- TODAY ~ 10:00am & 7:00pm
- Wednesday January 15 ~ 6:00pm

Have you been wondering about the Chapel Hill building lately? No? Well, did you know the roof is pushing 25 years old and that church sewage currently goes to the parsonage? And did you know that most Sunday morning foot traffic actually comes through the west parking lot door, an access not designed as a primary entrance? Maybe you have been wondering when and how this second pastor thing you have been reading about is going to happen? Sometimes churches, like families, need to get together to talk about what's coming up and how it's going to get done. That is the purpose of January “Fireside Chats” hosted by the Finance Team with support from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Facilities Team. You can come to any one of three chats: today at 10:00am or 7:00pm in the Chapel, OR Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

*Please note: The 10:00am Fireside Chat today is in place of the Adult Forum class.*

## “BLUE” BLOOD DRIVE

- Saturday, January 18 ~ 10:15am-4:00pm

Chapel Hill is partnering with local law enforcement at our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday January 18. The drive will be a “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 we are adjusting our food and hospitality expectations as well. Please contact Blood Drive Coordinator Sue Dueweke ([suzydue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzydue@sbcglobal.net)) to sign up to help, or go to [pchum.org/blueblooddrive](http://pchum.org/blueblooddrive).

## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

In September, Chapel Hill started collecting donations to help a refugee family of 6 from the Congo. Since then, several drastic changes to our country's refugee resettlement program, including a record-low admittance of refugees for the year, have halted our refugee family's plan to enter the United States. Please continue to keep this family, and all other families whose refugee status is in question, in your prayers.

Chapel Hill and the Faith In Action Team remain committed to the needs of refugee and asylum-seeking families. Currently, there is an urgent request for help for a single mother and her child seeking asylum in the Portage area. Please consider donating to their GoFundMe page, which can be found at [pchum.org/refugees](http://pchum.org/refugees).

We have also gotten word from our partner in refugee resettlement, Bethany Christian Services, about another opportunity to help. A local college student has family, victims of the Rohingya genocide in the Myanmar area, who are coming to Kalamazoo. We do not have details yet on the size of the family or what their needs will be, but the Faith In Action Team will be putting the word out as soon as they are able. If you would like to be a part of the Refugee Resettlement Task Force at Chapel Hill, please contact Richard Derenne, Faith In Action Team Chair, at [richard.derenne@stryker.com](mailto:richard.derenne@stryker.com).

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- Tuesday January 21 ~ 1:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

The next meeting for the UMW (United Methodist Women) is on Tuesday, January 21 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. To find out more about the United Methodist Women and their mission of service and leadership, please go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).

## MLK DAY OF SERVICE

- Monday January 20

In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s incredible legacy of service to all, Chapel Hill encourages everyone to participate in the MLK Day of Service on Monday January 20. Deacon Pat Catellier will be serving lunch at Ministry with Community from 12:30pm to 2:45pm. If you are interested in joining her please email [patcatellier@pchum.org](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org) as soon as possible so that your place can be reserved. To find out about other service opportunities in the Kalamazoo area please visit [go.gryphon.org](http://go.gryphon.org).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10:00am

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

*After starting together, children will divide by age group for stories and games.*

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Sundays @ 11:00

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

*Children will stay together for games, music, and crafts.*

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10:00am

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

Confirmation (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114

Senior High (9th Grade-12th Grade) ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sundays @ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship!

*If you would like to learn more about Children and Youth programs at Chapel Hill please contact Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).*

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CHAPEL HILL AT THE BELONG CLASS

- Sunday January 19 ~ 2:00pm ~ Conference Room

The New 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 on Sunday January 19 at 2:00pm. 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 Pastor Barry Petrucci, and learn about Chapel Hill and its plans for the future. The next two classes, **Discover** and **Respond** will follow in the coming months.

# WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to Portage Chapel Hill, a church where all are welcome.  
We recognize Christ in everyone and embrace our differences as gifts from a creative God.  
We challenge ourselves to reflect God's  
unconditional and forgiving love.

## MISSION

We embrace the love and teachings of Jesus Christ  
and share them with all people.

## VISION

We will be a faith community  
where everyone is loved and responds to God's call.

## VALUES

Faith – Connection – Family – Inclusion – Outreach –  
Social Justice - Stewardship

## 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.  
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