

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1-19-20

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

John testified,  
“I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven  
like a dove, and it rested on him.”

*John 1:32*

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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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
- 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).*

## 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

- Today & January 26 ~ Coffee Bar

Save the office a stamp! Please pick up your 2019 giving statements at the Coffee Bar. They will be available today and again next Sunday January 26. After that any remaining statements will be mailed.

## HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

- Special Offering Today

On Human Relations Sunday, Chapel Hill joins other United Methodist congregations in a special offering. Funds raised on this day, annually celebrated on the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, helps strengthen United Methodist outreach in communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special offering.

## 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).

## 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.

In the meantime, Bethany Christian Services has contacted Chapel Hill about sponsoring a different refugee family from Afghanistan. If you would like to be a part of the Refugee Resettlement Task Force, please contact Richard Derenne, Faith In Action Team Chair, at [richard.derenne@stryker.com](mailto:richard.derenne@stryker.com).

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).

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CHAPEL HILL AT THE BELONG CLASS

- TODAY ~ 2:00pm ~ Conference Room

Want to learn more about Chapel Hill? Whether you have just started visiting this church or have been a regular attendee for years, the **Belong Class** is an opportunity to get to know Pastor Barry and learn about Chapel Hill and its plans for the future. All are welcome!

## 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. Dessert will be served. To find out more about the United Methodist Women and their mission of service and leadership, please visit [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.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).*

## TODDLER TIME

- Thursdays ~ 10:00am ~ Nursery Room #206

All toddlers and their caregivers are welcome every Thursday at 10:00am for stories, music, games, and time together. Toddler Time is intended for kids 0-4 years old, but older siblings are welcome to join. Please email Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org) if you have any questions.

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines January 26, February 2 and February 9 in the lobby. Money 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 for the valentines is \$5.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the church office will be closed on Monday January 20. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday January 21 at 9:00am.

# 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.  
[www.pchum.org/home](http://www.pchum.org/home)



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