

THE VOICE

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WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

From that time Jesus began to announce,
“Change your hearts and lives!
Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

Matthew 4:17

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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FIRESIDE CHATS KINDLE IMAGINATION AND ENERGY

Two weeks ago, over 120 folks gathered over three meetings for conversations about work to be done on the church property and expansion of the pastoral staff. Representatives from Chapel Hill's Guidance Team, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Facilities, and Finance Teams were on hand to help lead and facilitate.

For those who were not able to attend, this is a bit of what was discussed:

Facilities

- The need for a new roof, connecting the church to the city sewer (a long story!), and resurfacing the parking lots.
- Three new projects were discussed: creating a more efficient west parking lot entrance, an entrance which has become, but was never intended to be, the most-used entry into the building on Sunday mornings and for numerous other groups throughout the week; a proposal to open up the wall to what is now the library to create a larger lobby space, with an anteroom for resources and presentations; a redesign in the Sanctuary that would raise the chancel stage in order to make it easier to see presentations in worship, plays, concerts, etc.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

- Plans and possibilities for a second pastor on Chapel Hill staff, as Deacon Pat retires and SPRC prepares for the long-term needs of the congregation and community.

Finance

- Ways to fund both the property needs and the immediate pastoral staffing needs through a "Miracle Sunday." I will not say more about that here Stay tuned!

It was great for me to be there for these presentations which point to the bright future of this congregation, even as the denomination struggles to see a clear path forward. The spirit of the meetings was positive and the questions were hopeful. I am excited that the congregation is talking positively about the growth of the congregation and the emerging needs of this awesome church! Watch and listen for information about how you can be involved in helping to shape the future of Chapel Hill. More than ever, I am excited and honored to be your pastor!

Be Blessed~



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.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

- Today ~ Coffee Bar

Save the office a stamp! Please pick up your 2019 giving statements at the Coffee Bar. After today any remaining statements will be mailed.

VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today, 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.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

- Wednesday February 5 ~ 11:45am
- Travelers Café & Pub ~ 5225 Portage Rd., Portage

The Over The Chapel Hill Gang is open to all retired folks who like to gather for lunch. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month; check the Voice for locations. If you are interested in carpooling please call Doris Mettler at 269-327-8272.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

- February 9

Boy Scouts from Chapel Hill's charter Troop #287 will be serving as ushers for the 9:00am worship service on Sunday February 9. National Scout Sunday is celebrated annually as a way to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting, as well as the Scouts' charter organizations. Members of Troop #287 will be serving cake and punch in the lobby from 10:00am - 11:00am.

“MANNA” - FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

- Sunday March 22 ~ 7:00pm

The choirs and bell choirs from Milwood and Chapel Hill United Methodist Churches are coming together to present “Manna,” a special concert benefiting the food pantries at both Milwood and Chapel Hill. A free-will offering will be taken. Childcare will be provided.

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.

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.

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 if you have any questions.

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.

BE PART OF THE SPRING CHILDREN’S CHOIR MUSICAL!

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:00pm—7:00pm
- Performance: Sunday April 26 at 4:00pm

All kids and youth from Preschool—12th grade are invited to take part in Chapel Hill’s Spring Children’s Choir Musical “A Not So Terrible Parable.” Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00pm—7:00pm and the deadline to sign up is February 19. Talk to Andrea Trantham, Director of Children’s Ministries, for all the details! She can be reached at andreatrantham@pchum.org or by calling the office at 269-327-6643.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

It’s not too early to start thinking about summer camp for your kids! Go to pchum.org/camp for more information about United Methodist Camps. Chapel Hill is proud to offer 50% scholarships to all campers and their families.

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, 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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