

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10-14-18

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

You are a child of God!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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RSVP AND THE BUILDING OF COMMUNITY

Social Media has created an awesome culture of quick connections between people...and overwhelming quantities of information! It has also developed a culture of easy uncertainty and keeping options open. Announcements of events and invitations typically are accompanied by options to check electronically...YES, NO, and MAYBE indicate intentions. Because we really like to keep our options open, MAYBE has become the default answer.

Not surprisingly, that culture of keeping options open has spilled over into the life of church. While the faith community tries to build a culture of knowing and being known, increasingly, the polite French tradition of "Répondez s'il vous plaît", or RSVP, gets ignored. This makes planning nearly impossible. Care for the other really begins with simple etiquette of a response. I hope we can all receive this as a reminder that honoring sisters and brothers, staff or volunteers, who are trying to plan ministries with a clear response to invitations or requests is a way for us to live more faithfully together as the Body of Christ. It is worth our considering and remembering.

"DISCOVER" MEMBERSHIP CLASS

- Sunday October 21 ~ 2:00pm ~ Room #218

Chapel Hill is proud to offer three unique ways to explore what it looks like to be a "member" of this faith community. These new classes are called Belong, Discover, and Respond, and they take the place of what was formerly PCHUM 101. Each class will be offered 3 times per year, and you can take them in any order. This month, the Discover class will deal with each participant's individual path to discipleship, as well as what the United Methodist denomination is all about. These classes were designed for both the person who is brand new to Chapel Hill, and for those who have been attending regularly but maybe aren't sure yet what it all means for them. Consider yourself invited to Belong, Discover, and Respond!

WE WANT YOUR CANDY!

The Trunk or Treat Event needs Halloween candy donations. Chapel Hill is anticipating a large turn out. Please drop off your donation at the bin outside the Sanctuary or the office by Thursday October 25.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICED

FERMENTING FAITH

- Every Tuesday ~ 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Lodo Company ~ 153 W. Centre Ave., Portage

Gather some friends for dinner and come to "Fermenting Faith" at Lodo Company restaurant in Portage every Tuesday night for casual conversations on life, faith, God, and the world. Topics will be selected in advance by participants, and soft drinks will be provided.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

- Tuesday October 16 ~ 1:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to the October meeting of the United Methodist Women (UMW). A dessert will be served. There will be a short World Thank Offering program, and through the offering we will share God's blessings with others. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to support this program, you can give your contribution to Shirley Cornelius.

MUSIC FEEDS US CONCERT

- Sunday November 11 ~ 7:00pm ~ Sanctuary

The musical forces of Chapel Hill and Milwood United Methodist Churches will join together for an evening of joyful music making and you DO NOT want to miss this. Bell Choirs, Chancel Choirs, the New Life team will all come together to make a joyful noise and take an offering to be shared between each church for their food bank.

ISAAC PUBLIC MEETING

- Thursday October 25 ~ 6:00pm
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson Kzoo

ISAAC (Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community) is a network of congregations and organizations working toward change in our community with a current focus on racism, fair housing and poverty. Chapel Hill is an active member of this network. This special public meeting is held every two years to give public officials, candidates, and our institutions the support they need to make changes that will build a more just community. Chapel Hill encourages all to attend. For more information about what ISAAC does in our community go to isaackalamazoo.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT

- Saturday October 27 ~ Lower parking lot
- 5:00pm Set up, 6:00pm Event start

Never participated in a Trunk or Treat event? It's lots of fun! You bring your own vehicle, decorate it to a theme you like and pass out candy or treats to the kids. Don't want to decorate your vehicle? That is okay too, you are welcome to just pass out candy from your trunk! Please sign up to make sure we have enough participants to make this possible. Please plan to hand out candy to at least 500 kids, our numbers have been growing. If you are unable to participate, but would like to help out in another way, please contact Deanne Austin at deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net or 269-629-4831.

MEETING WITH BISHOP DAVID BARD

- Wednesday October 17 ~ 7:00pm
- First United Methodist Church 212 South Park Kzoo

Our Michigan Conference Bishop, David A. Bard will be at Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 17 to talk with us about the future of The United Methodist Church. The denomination has been "stuck" for decades in policies on human sexuality. The Commission on a Way Forward, and the final report of the Council of Bishops will inform a special General Conference deciding whether we can stay united and in what ways. Pastor Barry urges the church to prioritize this gathering so that we are all well-informed as we seek to be a faithful congregation.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE

Want to be a part of the Christmas Eve children's performance? All actors and singers ages 4-18 are invited to join!

Required rehearsals:

December 12 and December 19 (6:00pm-7:30pm) with a possible added rehearsal December 23 at 10:00am.

Contact Andrea Trantham at

andreatrantham@pchum.org

Please note if your child or children are interested in a solo or speaking part.

CHAPEL HILL FAMILY FALL OUTING

- Today ~ 2:00pm
- Station 66 ~ 4588 D Dr. S, Battle Creek

Pumpkins, hayrides, doughnuts and cider! Engage in all the fun fall activities with your Chapel Hill family at Station 66 in Battle Creek. Let's meet at 2:00pm for a hayride. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids.

YOUTH GROUP CORN MAZE!

AT GULL MEADOW FARMS

- Saturday October 27 ~ after Trunk or Treat event

Who: 6th Grade-12th Grade

Time: 7:00pm - ? (until we find our way out!)

Cost: \$10

Transportation provided to and from Chapel Hill.

SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP

What is a small group you ask?

Small groups are intentional communities of around 12 people who gather together to support each other in this journey of faith. A safe place to explore hard questions, find support when answers don't make sense, and celebrate life! It's space to foster your relationship with Christ within a community, for yourselves and for others. This week we spotlight the Wednesday night small group....Shelley Bagley is a member of the Wednesday night small group. This is what she had to say....

Why is a small group for you?

"I joined a small group to make connections with people at church, and to have a place and time set aside for conversations about life and faith. I was new to the area and church."

"I look forward to a small group where we talk, laugh, wonder, share joys, and frustrations. We also talk about God in our lives. We don't have all the answers but we join together in the journey."

What about group format?

"Our small group watches videos ranging from Ted Talks, Oprah soul sessions, to YouTube videos featuring different writers or speakers. We discuss the topics and the connections made between life and faith."

"There is no preparation necessary...just come by!"

The Wednesday night small group meets every **Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** in the conference room. Check it out!

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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