

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10-28-18

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

You are a child of God!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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[www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## CORE TEAMS STRATEGY SESSION

- November 4 ~ Noon

Chapel Hill Core Teams are the people who make up the leadership of the church. Guidance Team will be hosting a strategy session for all Core Team members in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday November 4 from Noon to 2:00pm. A delicious lunch will be provided.

## 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 here at Chapel Hill 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.

## SAVE THE ADVENT DATES

Please watch for more information to follow.

### **Hanging of Christmas Decorations**

- Sunday November 25 ~ 3:00pm

### **Advent Celebration Potluck**

- Sunday December 2 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall

### **Gingerbread House Event**

- Sunday December 16 ~ 2:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

### **Blue Christmas**

- Sunday December 16 ~ 6:00pm ~ Chapel

### **Christmas Eve Services**

- Monday December 24 ~ 5:00pm and 8:00pm

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

## 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.

## CONNECTING CHORDS

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Runs through November 25
- Various locations in Kalamazoo and Portage

Celebrate the unifying power of the world’s music! This music festival, formerly known as the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, features art and music traditions from around the world. From expressive calligraphy to Handel’s *Messiah*, from ancient languages to the music of Chance the Rapper played on a cello, this festival features something for everyone. Chapel Hill is a faith community which celebrates diversity, and this festival provides many opportunities to experience God’s amazing creativity through music. To see a list of events go to [connectingchordsfestival.com](http://connectingchordsfestival.com).

## SNOWBIRDS

If you are heading for warmer climates through the colder 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](mailto:office@pchum.org). Also please update your email address if needed. We would like to keep in touch with you while you are away.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

### A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, November 7 at 11:45am
- Fletcher's 7177 W. Q Ave. Kalamazoo

Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272). Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

## MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

### UNDERWEAR DRIVE

The cooler weather is quickly approaching, and it will be winter before we know it! To help our community members stay warm this winter, Ministry with Community is once again hosting a winter clothing drive, collecting new adult winter accessories and undergarments. The wish list includes:

- Men's and Women's underwear in adult sizes, S - 3XL
- Socks
- Winter accessories - hats, gloves, scarves
- Thermal undergarments - Men's and Women's pants and long sleeve shirts

Look for the donation box in the lobby during the month of November. All donations will be delivered to Ministry with Community on Wednesday December 5.

## 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](http://www.pchum.org). An email will also be sent to you. Worship would only be cancelled in an absolute weather emergency.

## SHARE THE WARMTH

The Salvation Army will be collecting jackets and coats through the month of October. Chapel Hill has a collection bin located in the lobby. Please bring your new or gently used winter gear. The last day of collection is today.

## 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 5:00pm 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](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org)

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

## YWCA FUNDRAISER CONCERT

- Sunday November 18 ~ 3:00pm
- First Presbyterian Church, 321 W South St. Kzoo

Chapel Hill's Nan Howells and Jared Montgomery will be giving a concert to benefit the Kalamazoo YWCA. Admission is free but donations will be appreciated. Attendees are also encouraged to donate a personal care item such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. Chapel Hill's Faith in Action team is a supporter of the Kalamazoo YWCA.

# 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....Mandy Bates is a member of the Wednesday night small group. This is what she had to say....

### What is fun for you?

"I enjoy setting aside an hour every week for myself to build these relationships and increase my faith. I enjoy watching the videos and having time to discuss it afterwards. I love that there is no homework which makes it fun for me. It is a time for me to connect with other members of the church and to do something for myself."

### How has it impacted your faith journey?

"I was hesitant to start a small group partially due to the fact that many groups were reading books and having homework to be able to participate in the discussion. With my busy life and small children I was struggling to find time to put forth the effort to be prepared. This group has been great because I can just show up. Small group has helped me to see things from others' perspectives. It has brought me meaningful relationships and new friendships. It has brought me closer to God by discussing life and everyday issues and be able to see the big picture and how God and Jesus play a role in my life today."

### What about group format?

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](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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