

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10-7-18

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.

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 all coming together to make a joyful noise and take an offering to be shared between each church for their food bank.

CALLING ALL 3RD-6TH GRADERS FOR ACOLYTE TRAINING

- Sunday October 14 ~ 1:00pm ~ Lobby

An acolyte is the young person who carries the Light of Christ into worship every Sunday morning at the 9:00am worship service. If you are between 3rd and 6th grades, join Pastor Barry and Marsha Phillips, Acolyte Coordinator, in a brief training where you will learn the tradition of the acolyte, the seasons of the church year, and practice the skills needed to do this very important service in the life of the church. To sign up for the training, contact the office at office@pchum.org.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Lectionary Bible Study ~ Conference Room

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.

BORGESS FLU VACCINE CLINIC

- Today and Monday October 8

Chapel Hill is partnering with Borgess Hospital to offer flu and pneumonia vaccines today from 9:30am – 12:30pm and Monday, October 8 from 10:00am-Noon. For anyone without insurance, cash or check will be accepted as payment. No debit or credit cards, please.

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.

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.

A NEW SMALL GROUP

Are you a parent of young children? A new small group is forming just for you. The group will discuss the struggles and triumphs of parenting and the issues surrounding them today. This group meets every Sunday at 10:00am in the library. Come check it out! Questions or want to learn about other small groups? Please contact tonyaboot@pchum.org.

SHARE THE WARMTH

The Salvation Army will be collecting jackets and coats through the month of October. Chapel Hill will once again be a collection site. Please bring your new or gently used winter gear during the month of October. There is a collection bin in the lobby.

CHAPEL HILL FAMILY FALL OUTING

- Sunday October 14 ~ 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. To find out more information about all the fun and food Station 66 has to offer go to station66bc.com. Please RSVP to Andrea Tramel at andreatramel@pchum.org by Friday October 12.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING!



the Table

8:00 am

Weekly Communion with Prayer



the Gathering

9:00 am

Blended Worship style



the Journey

11:00am

Contemporary Style Worship

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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