

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11-11-18

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Diversity is being invited to the party;
Inclusion is being asked to dance.”

~ Verna Myers

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL
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ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE!

We are beginning Advent, our “Season of Waiting” for Christmas, with a potluck meal following worship on December 2. How great would it be if we had an “Open Mic” time for Chapel Hill folks and friends to offer up music, poetry, comedy, drama, whatever?! I intend to break out my guitar, but no one really wants me to be the only one at the open mic. So, consider offering something up for the good of the community! Shoot me a note at barrypetrucci@pchum.org letting me know that you are “in” or if you have questions.

Pastor Barry

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

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

At this family fun holiday event your child will receive a mini gingerbread house, a tray full of treats to decorate it with, cookies and hot chocolate. The cost is \$4. Don't miss out on this family fellowship time! Your payment will be collected upon arrival at the podium, please make sure you have exact change. When you RSVP please include how many children (with ages) and adults be attending. You can sign up at pchum.org/gingerbread.

“RESPOND” MEMBERSHIP CLASS

- November 18 ~ 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. 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. This class “Respond” will help you to reflect on your faith, the global Church and the world. You will explore how you might connect your passions with the needs of the world and how to become a member here at Chapel Hill. Consider yourself invited to Belong, Discover, and Respond!

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.

SAVE THE ADVENT DATES

Please watch for more information to follow.

Blue Christmas

- Sunday December 16 ~ 6:00pm ~ Chapel

Christmas Eve Services

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

ADVENT CELEBRATION POTLUCK

- Sunday December 2 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall

Join us in celebrating the Advent season with a potluck and Open Mic performances. Meat dishes will be provided, so please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with a crowd. If you have a song or poem you would like to present at the Open Mic portion of the potluck just show up with music in hand. Please sign up at pchum.org/adventpotluck. Contact Jean Christie for more information, 269-327-2313.

Last Names A-J: Salad

Last Names K-S: Side Dish

Last Names T-Z: Dessert

HANGING OF THE GREENS (CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS)

- Sunday November 25 ~ 3:00pm

Join us at 3pm Sunday November 26 as we decorate the Lobby and Sanctuary for the Christmas season. No experience necessary. Families are encouraged to attend.

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.

MUSIC FEEDS US CONCERT

- Today ~ 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

- Tuesday November 13 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall

NOTE: The meeting is on the SECOND Tuesday, instead of the third Tuesday because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. There is a Potluck, so please bring something to share with the group. Turkey and dressing will be served.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM & 11:00AM

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

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Want your child to be a part of the Christmas Eve 5:00pm Family Worship Service? 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.

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.

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, 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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