

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11-04-18

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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

~ Verna Myers

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL  
Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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## REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Thom Barber

Born: May 19, 1937

Died: February 18, 2018

Thom joined into membership on March 1, 1981

Ray Blalock

Born: July 18, 1922

Died: October 13, 2017

Ray joined into membership on April 15, 1962  
(Charter member)

Richelle Quick

Born: July 28, 1965

Died: January 10, 2018

Richelle joined into membership on May 4, 1997

Margaret Weiss

Born: March 30, 1928

Died: February 26, 2018

Margaret joined into membership on March 4, 2013

Rev. Hazel Winterburn

Born: July 31, 1939

Died: June 6, 2018

Connected to Chapel Hill since 2013

## 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](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org) letting me know that you are “in” or if you have questions.

Pastor Barry

## 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.

### 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

## LOST AND FOUND

There is a small pile of found items in the office that would love to be returned to their rightful owners. If you think you may have left something here, please email [kimknight@pchum.org](mailto:kimknight@pchum.org) and ask! Any remaining items will be donated or thrown out by November 30.

## 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.

## 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.

## CORE TEAMS STRATEGY SESSION

- Today ~ 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 today from Noon to 2:00pm. A delicious lunch will be provided.

## 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

### 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](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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