

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 12-30-18

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Not the presents, not the carols, but  
the humble heart that receives the  
wondrous gift of Christ.”

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL  
Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
(269) 327-6643 [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## FERMENTING FAITH

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

After a bit of an hiatus, Fermenting Faith will return on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm – 8:00pm beginning on January 8 at Lodo Company. Fermenting Faith is a casual atmosphere to get to know each other while exploring questions of faith, life and culture. Food and drinks of choice are available off the menu (including awesome and affordable specials!). Soft drinks are provided without cost.

## LOOKING FORWARD IN THE NEW YEAR

The New Year... the beginning of another year... another chance... a new opportunity... a new path... a new deeper journey.... What will you do with your New Year? Chapel Hill's membership classes would be a great place to start. There are a series of three classes that can be taken in any order. The first gathering of the year will be the "Belong" class. This is an excellent opportunity to intentionally connect to Chapel Hill and deepen your faith. All are welcome, whether you are new to Chapel Hill or have been attending for years, whether you are mature in your faith or just beginning the journey. During the Belong class, you will get to know our Pastor, hear about Chapel Hill and plans for the future, take a tour, and ask questions. The Belong class will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 2:00pm in Room #218. The next two classes, "Discover" and "Respond" will follow in the coming months. If you would like to attend the "Belong" class or have any questions, please RSVP to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

## SAVE THE DATE ~ CHILI COOK-OFF

- Sunday February 10 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall.

It's time to start planning for Chapel Hill's 2nd annual Chili Cook-off and Bizarro Bingo! Chefs, start your crock-pots!

## UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

- Sunday, January 6 ~ 3:00pm

The trees are up and the lights are glowing. Thank you to all who helped up with the decorations last month. If you were unable to help, you have a chance to assist with the Unhanging of the Greens or taking down the Christmas decorations, next week.

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events ~ *Will not meet today*

## A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

Chapel Hill is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm which will offer some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Many Chapel Hill groups are currently using Realm, so you may have heard of it already. Starting in January, the office staff will be encouraging everyone to participate in a congregational rollout. We are working hard to ensure this will be a smooth transition. Keep checking the Voice for more information.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

### A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, January 8 at 11:45am
- The Craftsman Chop Co. 6905 Sears Dr. Portage

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

## NATIONAL BLUE BLOOD DRIVE

- Saturday, January 19 ~ 10:15am-4:00pm

Chapel Hill is partnering with local law enforcement at our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 19. The drive will be a "National Blue Blood Drive", bringing recognition to MI-COPS (Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors), an organization which helps families and communities when officers are killed in the line of duty. We expect a higher than usual number of blood donors, so are adjusting our food and hospitality expectations, too. Please check out the SignUpGenius link found on our website or Facebook page, or contact Sue Dueweke ([suzydue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzydue@sbcglobal.net)) to sign up to help.

## 'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING - THE ANGEL TREE IS UP!

Once again, the Angel Tree is supporting Haverhill Elementary School. But this year, instead of buying presents for individual students, Haverhill staff has requested some much needed school supplies. Please feel free to snag a tag off the tree, or simply donate any of the following much needed items: Lysol wipes, Lysol spray, Expo markers, post-it notes, small stuffed animals, fidget toys, cute pencils stickers/paper pads etc, small toys for the prize bin, mittens and, as always, Haverhill is in need of books for all grades and reading levels. Please place your donation under the Angel Tree by Sunday, January 6. All donated items will be taken to the school the first week after winter break.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed December 25 through January 1. Voicemail and email messages will be checked regularly. The building will be open on a limited basis during the week for community groups.

## THE HELPING HAND FUND

The Helping Hand fund is utilized by the pastor to help folks within this faith community who have hit a financial rough spot. Maybe a medication, or heat bill, or car repair at a time between jobs or between checks. The fund is totally depleted right now, so if you are able to give specifically for the Helping Hand Fund, you can do that by check to PCHUM with "Helping Hand" in the memo, or at [www.pchum.org/give](http://www.pchum.org/give). Choose "Helping Hand" under "Faith in Action."

## AND ALSO ON THE ANGEL TREE...

Along with the tags for gifts for the students at Haverhill Elementary, you will also find on the Angel Tree tags for gift cards. Gift cards to Meijer or Walmart are always welcome in the Chapel Hill office and are used as part of our Helping Hand fund. Gifts from this fund are distributed at the discretion of Pastor Barry or Deacon Pat, to assist families in need throughout the year. Your generosity helps Chapel Hill respond to the needs of our community. Please leave gift cards under the Angel Tree in the lobby or in the church office.

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

*\*No Children's Sunday School at 10:00am Today*

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

*\*No Youth Sunday School Today*

## SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Confirmation Class (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114

9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

*\*No Youth Group Today*

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## PAJAMA PARTY

All kids (Pre-K-4th Grade) are invited to come to 11:00am Sunday School today for a Pajama party. We will be eating snacks, watching a fun video, and chilling together after a busy holiday. (There will be no 10:00am kids Sunday School today).

## YEAR END GIVING

As we move into the close of 2018, the Finance Team reminds you of the benefits of giving toward the general fund for all of the ministries at Chapel Hill. Extravagant generosity is one of the cornerstones of our faith. As we give in so many ways through Christmas, you are encouraged to remember the needs of the faith community we value and love.

## WINTER JAM 2019 FEATURING THE NEWSBOYS

- Friday, January 18 ~ VanAndel Arena

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to this multi-artist Christian music concert! We will be leaving Chapel Hill at 3:00pm in the church van and returning after the concert, by approximately 11:30pm. Cost is \$20, which includes concert admission and pizza. Please RSVP by January 14 to Larry French, Director of Youth Ministries, at [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) or call/text 616-551-9280.

# JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR AT ONE OF THESE WEEKLY SERVICES



## 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](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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