

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-11-18

## THE WELCOME

- ◇ Celebrate individual unique gifts, talents & strengths
- ◇ Recognizing Christ in everyone ~ Celebrating Difference
- ◇ Diversity is a gift from our Creative God
- ◇ Leading to reflect God's forgiving and unconditional love
- ◇ Reaching out as a life-giving faith community

## THE VISION

Becoming...

- ◇ A home where every person BELONGS to God, and so to one another.
- ◇ A transforming community of faith where each DISCOVERS and RESPONDS to God's call.

## THE MISSION

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

## WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

8:00am "The Table" (Chapel)  
9:00am "The Gathering" (Sanctuary)  
10:45am "The Journey" (Sanctuary)

## PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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(269) 327-6643 [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## INVITE TO INVITE

Welcome to the Winter Doldrums! It seems like the push after Summer is to get in the groove for a new school year, new church opportunities, and getting through the many holidays from Labor Day through New Year's Eve. And then Michigan winter hits and we physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually go in to hibernation! I want to suggest an opportunity to counteract the grey of winter. I invite you to invite. The tendency to "go it alone" in the grey times is seductive and can be dangerous for folks at risk for depression. Inviting another human being to join you...for whatever...is a simple spiritual practice of reaching out to another and sharing a common need for community. So I invite you to invite someone else for coffee, a meal, to play a game, to watch a movie, to check out your church worship, or a small group, a class, whatever! Invitation builds the spirit in both the one being invited and the one doing the inviting. Simple and life-changing! I invite you to invite!



Pastor Barry

## JEWELRY NEEDED

Have any old jewelry you would like to recycle? Women of Salam Crafters is a group of Syrian women who recycle old jewelry into earrings and bracelets and sell them! They sold their wares at Art Hop and at a fair trade sale last year. They will be learning how to knit and crochet soon. These items are needed for them to carry on their work: new glass beads; jewelry that can be recycled (necklaces and bracelets with beads); knitting needles and crochet hooks; new skeins of yarn; financial contributions to purchase supplies. If you would like to donate, please contact Deacon Pat [patcatellier@pchum.org](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org) for details.

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today in the lobby. This is an annual tradition for Chapel Hill. Throughout the years we have been able to provide over 4,400 blankets through Church World Service, which are distributed throughout the world whenever need arises. Your contribution of \$5.00 will enable you to give a Valentine to someone special in your life, while helping to "Blanket the World with Love!" Any questions, please contact Doris Mettler at 327-8272.

## OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic is "2018 Winter Olympics", next week's topic is "Welcoming People with Disabilities" Room #218
- Upper Room Bible Study Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- Lectionary Bible Study Room #108

## 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."

## THIS SUNDAY IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The sacred space gives image to the thin space between the two worlds: one where Jesus is in the flesh and the one from which Moses and Elijah come. In Transfiguration, Jesus is showing his followers that he is fully present in both spaces.

In front of the pulpit are three candles that tie directly to the images from Scripture.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP DESIGN WORKSHOP

The Worship Design Team invites you to help intentionally plan for Holy Week (Palm Sunday through to Easter). The workshop will be in the Fellowship hall from 2:30pm-5:00pm on Sunday February 18. For questions please see Meredith Kerr. Please RSVP to either the office or [mjmmkerr2@hotmail.com](mailto:mjmmkerr2@hotmail.com) by Friday February 16. Childcare available if requested by February 14.

## CHILI COOK-OFF & BIZARRO BINGO

MARCH 3, 4:30PM

The competition, like the chili, is heating up! We only have 3 spots left for competitors, so be sure to email Lisa Drzick at [lisadrzick@pchum.org](mailto:lisadrzick@pchum.org) if you think you have what it takes to win the title of Chapel Hill's Best Chili.

Competitors are limited but the chili tasters are not! Non-competitors are asked to go to [pchum.org/chilibingo](http://pchum.org/chilibingo) to register for the event. Chapel Hill will supply the chili condiments; non-competitors should bring a salad, cornbread, or dessert. And don't forget, the chili competition will be followed by Bizarro Bingo for the whole family!

## SPRING MOM 2 MOM SALE

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, 9AM-12 NOON

Admission cost is only \$1.00 per person (kids free) or a donation of a non perishable food item. Come and shop at the 25 tables and large items room for strollers, high chairs, etc. There will be lots of good deals, so you don't want to miss out! Don't know what a Mom 2 Mom sale is? Check out the article on [www.pchum.org/family](http://www.pchum.org/family).

## WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

We want to hear from you about the worship schedule changes that were made in September. There will be a worship survey in next week's weekly email. There will also be paper copies available in the lobby. Watch for more details next week.

## CHUM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 6:00-7:30PM

Know someone who will be 3 or 4 next fall, in need of an awesome educational experience? Consider CHUM Preschool's Open House! CHUM Co-op Preschool is a non-profit, educational and developmental program for young children that provides an opportunity for parents to actively participate in the classroom with their children under the supervision of a qualified teacher. Contact Nikki Dee, CHUM Board President, with questions: [nikki721@gmail.com](mailto:nikki721@gmail.com)

## LENT STARTING THIS WEEK!

**Ash Wednesday Service** is February 14 7:00pm at Milwood United Methodist Church (3919 Portage St. Kalamazoo). Chapel Hill and Milwood UMC are collaborating on this worship service that ushers in the season of Lent, with Pastor Barry preaching. Childcare will be available. Need a ride to the service? Be at Chapel Hill by 6:15pm for transportation in the church van to Milwood UMC.

**All Church Book Study** is coming soon

**Palm-Passion Sunday** March 25

**Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday March 25 2:00pm

**Easter Service** April 1

## YE (YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

**Youth Winter Retreat** Come join us March 9-11 for an awesome weekend of intentional faith development and crazy fun!

Where: Spring Hill Camp in Ewart, MI

When: March 9-11

Who: Youth grades 6 – 12th

Cost: \$50 per youth

Don't let your youth miss out on this great opportunity!

Respond to [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) no later than

**February 11th**

## 2018 MISSION TRIP-NEW DATE

### CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT

When: Sunday, July 29 through August 5.

Who: Youth, 14 years old through recent 2018 High School graduates.

Where: Martin County, Kentucky.

Cost: \$550.00. Pay It Forward (50%) scholarships available.

Please make full scholarship requests through Pastor Barry.

\$50 Deposit Due March 1

Contact Larry French with questions

[larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org)

# FILM SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team (F.I.A.T.) recommends the upcoming community screening of the film **"RESILIENCE: THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS AND THE SCIENCE OF HOPE"**.

This documentary clearly and succinctly describes Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and their impact. ACEs are associated with alcoholism, drug use, suicide, domestic violence, and more. A CDC study has shown that ACEs can take 20 years off your lifespan. "The mind forgets, but the body remembers."

"Resilience" chronicles how innovative research is being used to both prevent ACEs and mitigate their effects. The screening will be followed by a dynamic conversation about how to support a trauma-informed community for Kalamazoo's children and families. It is intended for audiences who work with or advocate for affected populations.

Three film screening opportunities are available:

- February 15 from 10:00-11:30am at Kalamazoo Public Library. Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/resilience10am>
- February 15 from 6 – 7:30pm at Kalamazoo Public Library. Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/resilience6pm>
- February 21 from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at Western Michigan University in Sangren Hall. Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/resiliencefeb21>

## 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 near the Welcome Center. Magnetic and stick-on 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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