

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-18-18

## 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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## LENT IS HERE!

The clock started on February 14<sup>th</sup>...no, NOT Valentine's Day, but Ash Wednesday when heads are marked with reminders of our mortality! Forty days, not counting Sundays, is our season of Lent, an ancient tradition remembering the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert wilderness after his Baptism. It was a time of trial and temptation...basic human realities Jesus had to face to be genuinely effective as God in human flesh.

At Chapel Hill, our theme for Lent is, "Echoes: Rehearing the Voice". We will use ancient and modern ways to experience what we hear and what we see. Sounds and images will echo, so that we pay new attention to the things of this life that matter most. Check out the sights and sounds of worship, O Mortal, as you walk this season of Lent.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Echoes in Light.

We invite you to come and stand at the reflection point in front of the altar. Take a moment.

In the beginning of this season of reflection, we are mindful of the sights and sounds that pull us backward and forward in the same space and time.

## ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

Starting the week of March 4, small groups are invited to read "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by William Willimon. Books will be available in the office starting this week. The suggested donation is \$10 per book and can be dropped in the offering. More information about two new small groups being offered coming next week.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

The regular meeting for the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be served. The speaker will be Retired Pastor Sally Harrington. Remember: the group's mission for 2018 includes collecting personal items for the women's shelter at the YWCA, including shampoo, lotion, deodorant, soap, and other items. Please bring these items to the meeting. Come and join with others for a pleasant afternoon.

## OPEN CLASSES~ JOIN ANYTIME

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic is "Welcoming People with Disabilities", next week's topic is "Religious Satire" 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."

## EVERYBODY'S GOT AN OPINION

We want to hear from you about the worship schedule changes that were made in September. There was a survey in this week's weekly email. You can also fill it out on the website: [pchum.org/survey](http://pchum.org/survey). There are paper copies available in the lobby. Please complete surveys by March 4.

## JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR!!!!

Can't commit to the whole year? Do you want to celebrate Holy Week and the joy of Easter by singing in the choir? Well, you can! Rehearsals for Holy Week begin Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the choir room. See Fred Sang or any choir member for details. Easter people raise your voices!

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP DESIGN WORKSHOP-TODAY

The Worship Design Team invites you to help intentionally plan for Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter). The workshop will be in the Fellowship hall from 2:30pm-5:00pm today. For questions please see Meredith Kerr at [mjmmkerr2@hotmail.com](mailto:mjmmkerr2@hotmail.com).

## BAPTISM CELEBRATION MARCH 25

If you or your child would like to be baptized, receiving the confirmation of Christ's presence in you, Palm Sunday, March 25th will include baptisms and baptismal renewal. Baptism is a means of grace wherein we are marked as a new creature in Christ and claimed as "beloved." It begins the work of the Holy Spirit within, that each may be given the grace-filled power to live as a faithful disciple. Baptism is the promise of God for all, no matter age or condition. A renewal of baptismal vows is offered when an individual has come into a new stage of life or into a renewed relationship with God.

If you would like to know more, or would definitely like to be a part of the celebration of baptism on March 25th, please email Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org) or call him at 327-6643, ext. 107.

## 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).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt will be Sunday March 25 from 2:00pm-3:00pm in the church Fellowship hall (no RSVP needed). We will have our hunt (don't forget to bring your own Easter bucket), create crafts, watch an Easter movie, hang out with our famous Easter bunny and enjoy some refreshments. The cost is still only \$1.00 per child or a donation of a food item for our food pantry (please bring exact change, no change will be available). You just don't want to miss out on this church family event of fellowship and fun! As always please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and family to join in our Easter egg hunt!!

## PCHUM 101 FEBRUARY 25

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? PCHUM 101 is for people considering membership, or for those who simply want to know more about life at Chapel Hill. Pastor Barry will sit down with all interested folks for a block of time at 2:30pm in Room #216. Childcare available if requested by Wednesday February 21.

## CHILI COOK-OFF & BIZARRO BINGO

MARCH 3, 4:30PM

Seven brave souls have signed up to compete for the title of Chapel Hill's Best Chili! We are only accepting one more entry, so email Lisa Drzick at [lisadrzick@pchum.org](mailto:lisadrzick@pchum.org) today if you want to compete. For those who just want to eat, now is the time to go to [pchum.org/chilibingo](http://pchum.org/chilibingo) to register for the event. We would like to get an idea of how many folks are coming to eat. Chapel Hill will supply the sour cream, cheese and oyster crackers; 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! This is a fun family event ~ a great opportunity to invite friends! Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family OR a food donation for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. All proceeds will go to Loaves and Fishes. Go to [pchum.org/chilibingo](http://pchum.org/chilibingo) or email [lisadrzick@pchum.org](mailto:lisadrzick@pchum.org) for more information.

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

**Youth Winter Retreat** Come join us March 9-11 Where: Spring Hill Camp in Ewart, MI

Who: Youth grades 6 – 12th

Cost: \$50 per youth

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

There is still time to sign up but DON'T WAIT as slots are filling up fast.

KARATE FOR CHRIST IS CANCELLED.

SEE LARRY FRENCH WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

## 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)

# WAYS TO GIVE BACK

## 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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT HELP!

In order for the event to be possible donations and help are needed. Please consider signing up to help! If you are unable to sign up for what is listed ([pchum.org/easteregg](http://pchum.org/easteregg)), please consider donating the needed candy; we fill over 3,000 plus Easter eggs! Candy donations may be donated anytime between now and Sunday March 18 at 9:00am. Anything donated after that time will be given to the food pantry. Please place your candy donations (no smarties please-they don't fit) in the labeled bins near the sanctuary doors. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deanne Austin, [deannaustin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deannaustin@sbcglobal.net).

# 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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