

# THE VOICE

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WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“If I cannot do great things, I  
can do small things in a great way.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL  
Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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## WHY INVEST YOUR TIME AND TALENTS IN A CHAPEL HILL TEAM?

Passion. It's an emotion that moves to action. The amazing thing is that we often do not know we have a passion for something until we test it out. Chapel Hill is a place where you can try out places where you just might discover the intersection between your passions and the needs of the world as the Church responds to them. Education with children or youth, hospitality, advocacy, and direct service to impact the needs of community, finance, facilities, personnel...so much to try out. I invite you to join those who "Choose to Lead" and put your toe in the water by asking where you might be involved.

Pastor Barry



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

- March 6 ~ 7:00pm ~ 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. Pastor Barry will be preaching.

## SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

This weekend in St. Louis, a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will convene. For more than 40 years the denomination of which Chapel Hill is a part has wrestled over sexuality and identity, particularly as church leadership and full inclusion are concerned. The "Commission on a Way Forward" has offered three possibilities for the future of our global denomination. Those interested in reading those options are invited to pick up a copy in the lobby. Those who would like to know more can check out Michigan Conference Bishop David A. Bard's information at [michiganumc.org/resources/a-way-forward/](http://michiganumc.org/resources/a-way-forward/).

Please continue to keep the United Methodist Church in your prayers as the decisions made will be difficult and will have a lasting impact.

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: Generational Burnout*

## FERMENTING FAITH

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

Come in from the cold and warm up in 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.

This week's question: *If you could go camping for a weekend with anyone, who would it be?*

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

### A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday March 6, 11:45am
- Rykse & Co Market and Eatery 7141 West Q Ave Kalamazoo 49009

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

## JOINING CHAPEL HILL

While membership is not necessary to fully participate in the life of faith at Chapel Hill, for some folks church membership is an important step along the Journey of Faith. On the third Sunday of each month at 2:00pm Pastor Barry hosts a one-hour class where you have the opportunity to learn more about membership. "Belong", "Discover", and "Respond" are the names of the classes, and all three are required before joining Chapel Hill. They can be taken in any order. For those who have completed all three, we will be receiving new members in worship on March 24. Let the office know at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) if you are ready to take the vows of membership.

## WALKING BY FAITH ~ NEW LOCATION

- Every Saturday ~ 10:30am
- Crossroads Mall ~ In front of Gloria Jean's Coffee

Until spring has officially sprung, Walking By Faith will be meeting in the controlled climate of Crossroads Mall. Put on your walking shoes and meet in front of Gloria Jean's Coffee, lower level inside the main mall entrance. The Walking By Faith group is participating in the all-church book study, "Unafraid," and will be leading a team for the HRI Walk to End Homelessness in March. All abilities are welcome!

## WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS HOUSING RESOURCES INC, (HRI)

- Saturday, March 23 ~ 9:00am (10:00am walk begins)
- Homer Stryker Field ~ 251 Mills St

Chapel Hill will have a team again this year for Housing Resources Inc's 5K Walk to End Homelessness. The funds raised from this year's walk will benefit HRI in assisting people experiencing homelessness. Housing Resources, Inc. provides services and financial assistance to ensure housing stability for socially or economically vulnerable persons. Chapel Hill supports Housing Resources Inc. through the Faith in Action Team (FIAT). If you would like to donate to the team or join in the walk go to [housingresourcesinc.org](http://housingresourcesinc.org) for more information.

## NEW FACES

We are happy to announce the addition of Buffy Dangel to Chapel Hill staff as our new Business Administrator! Buffy has long ties to the Portage area, working in banking, as administrative assistant to two lawyers, and serving for a time as a member of the City Council. Buffy is a proud mother of two boys, Ricky (20) and Chris (15). She is recently married to Roy in October, 2018. Together they like to travel, bike ride, and play pickle ball.

A very familiar face at Chapel Hill, John Ruhrup, will be working as a member of our custodial staff with particular responsibilities for maintenance, repairs and updates. Having served for many years as a leader on the Board of Trustees, then Facilities Team, John knows the Chapel Hill properties better than anyone! He is part of a four-generation family at Chapel Hill, husband to Joyce, father to Josh, grandfather to Eliana, Gavin, and Ian.

Please join me and the rest of the staff in welcoming Buffy and John to the Chapel Hill staff!

## 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.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### SPRING MUSICAL

"Esther" the musical is coming April 28 at 4:00pm, brought to you by the children's choirs. Want to be a part of the show? All kids in preschool through 12th grade are welcome. Just join us for practices on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm. Questions? Email [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## SAVE THE DATE!

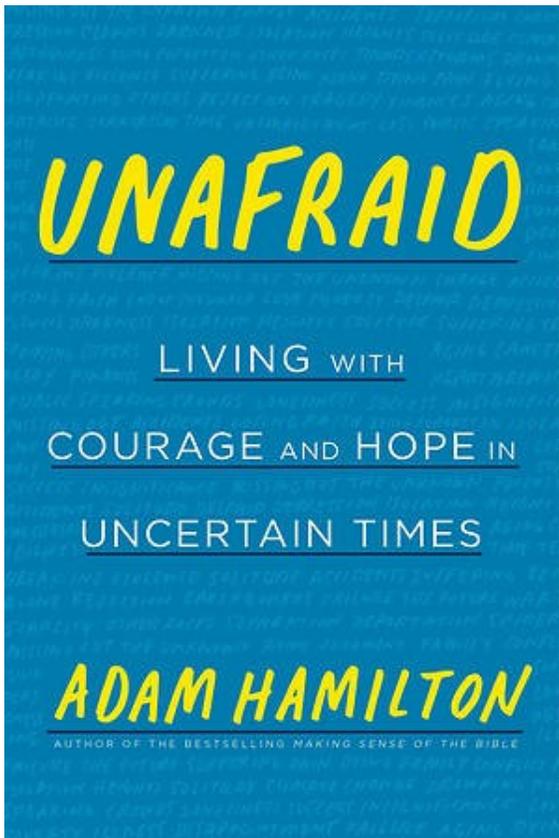
Celebrate the Lent season with the whole family at this year's Hosanna Hop (formerly the Easter Egg Hunt) on Saturday April 13 (time TBA) in Fellowship Hall.

## ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

The all-church book study will begin March 3 and continue through April 7. We will be reading *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. The book addresses a range of fears that we experience every day, and how to cope with those fears and anxieties by leaning into our faith and trusting God. This is a Lenten book study, and Pastor Barry's messages during Lent will have this vision in mind. The books are now available to be picked up in the office or the lobby for a suggested donation of \$15. As always, if the cost of the book is prohibitive you are welcome to pick up a copy anyway. And if you feel moved to cover the cost of more than one book to help another, please feel free to do that as well. To learn more, or to get connected to a Small Group for the book study, contact Tonya Boot, Director of Discipleship, at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

# ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY!

## BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE



“Living with courage comes in part as we face our fears with faith, examine our assumptions in light of facts, attack our anxieties with action, and release our cares to God, praying for his wisdom, strength, and peace.” Adam Hamilton

Contact Tonya Boot with questions at [tonyabout@pchum.org](mailto:tonyabout@pchum.org).

## 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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