

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-25-18

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

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

STAFF CHANGES

FROM BARRY PETRUCCI

Once again, the front office at Chapel Hill is being reconfigured! It is with heavy heart that I accepted Sue Dueweke's resignation. Her years with me, in a variety of capacities, have supported the entire church and given me confidence in the ministry of the office. She has been a personal confidant, while willing and able to help me see things in new ways. I will miss her on staff! Of the change, Sue writes:

Life changes have brought me to a place of deciding to fully resign from my position at Chapel Hill. It has been a pleasure to be in ministry with the people of Chapel Hill for these past 14 years. Lisa Drzick, Office Manager will now have oversight of the membership records and our church management software, Realm.

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 are available in the office. The suggested donation is \$10 per book and can be dropped in the offering.

Two New Small Groups:

Sundays at 7:00pm in the library #216

Mondays at 7:00pm in Christ's Chemist #114

Sign up in the lobby or by contacting Andrea Tramel at andreatramel@pchum.org.

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 or call him at 327-6643, ext. 107.

OPEN CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic is "Religious Satire", next week's topic is "Polling" 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. 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. There are paper copies available in the lobby. Please complete surveys by March 4.

PCHUM 101 TODAY

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? Meet with Pastor Barry at 2:30pm in Room #216.

WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING RESOURCES INC, (HRI)

Housing Resources Inc's 5K Walk to End Homelessness will be March 24 at 10:00am. 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). For more information go to housingresourcesinc.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday in all 3 services

March 29 Maundy Thursday (Last Supper Remembrance)

- Open Communion in the Chapel
Come, stay as long as you need
6:30am – 8:00am and 11:30am-1:00pm
- Passover Remembrance Seder Meal at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

March 30 Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness 7:00pm

- The journey to the cross and the final words of Jesus
- Shared service with Millwood UMC in Chapel Hill Sanctuary
- Rev. Billie Dalton bringing the message

April 1 Easter Sunday

- 7:00am Sunrise Service at Oakland Park Pavilion
- 8:00am Chapel Service
- 9:00am The Gathering
- 10:45am The Journey

SPRING MOM 2 MOM SALE

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, 9AM-12 NOON

For more information check out the article on 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!!

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!

CHILI COOK-OFF & BIZARRO BINGO

MARCH 3, 4:30PM

We have eight competitors for the Chili Cook-Off! For those who just want to eat, now is the time to go to 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 or email lisadrzick@pchum.org for more information.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, March 7, 11:45am
 - Main St. Pub, 7509 S. Westnedge Portage, MI
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)
- Please bring personal care items for the food pantry

YE (YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH
YOUTH WINTER RETREAT - THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU!

Come join us March 9-11
Where: Spring Hill Camp in Ewart, MI
Who: Youth grades 6-12
Cost: \$50 per youth
Respond to larryfrench@pchum.org

2018 MISSION TRIP-

CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT
DEPOSIT DUE THIS WEEK!

When: Sunday, July 29 through August 5.
Who: Youth, 14 years old through recent 2018 High School graduates
Where: Martin County, Kentucky
Cost: \$275 (with 50% scholarship of \$550 total cost)
Please make full scholarship requests through Pastor Barry \$50 Deposit Due March 1
Contact Larry French with questions
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 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), 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.

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, 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



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