

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-4-18

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
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PASTORS ... UNPLUGGED AND UNREHEARSED

The "Pastors Unplugged and Unrehearsed" series concludes today. Questions submitted to Pastor Barry in advance will be discussed, along with questions asked live during worship. Today's scripture text comes from Isaiah 40:21-31. The Prophet calls the people to consider the duration of their lives as a piece of the fullness of God's creation. We are a part of a very big picture and our life of faith is a long distance run more than it is a sprint!

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

VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today and February 11 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 "Jerusalem", next week's topic is "2018 Winter Olympics" 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

MORE THAN A MEAL

Did you know that 10 million seniors in America face the threat of hunger? And 1 in 4 seniors lives alone in isolation. So many of these individuals are homebound and rely on the volunteers from Meals on Wheels to bring them a meal and a smile. Our local Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of volunteers. Volunteers work in teams of 2: one driver and one meal "runner." The runner takes the meals to the door, and also helps with navigation for the driver. Volunteers are scheduled for a 2-hour shift, once every six weeks. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday, 11am-1pm. Donate your lunch break and make a difference in the lives of seniors in our area! For more information please contact Carolyn Pesheck at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net.

NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY FOR KIDS ABOUT NICODEMUS

MAY 20TH AT 4PM

Auditions during choir on Feb 7 from 6:00pm-7:00pm
All kids wanting to be in the show must be available for the majority of Wednesday night rehearsals from February 21 to May 16. Dress rehearsal will be May 16. Some Sunday rehearsals may be added for kids with larger parts.

LOST SOMETHING?

Please check the Lost and Found table in the lobby to retrieve your lost items! After today all usable items will be donated.

CHILI COOK-OFF & BIZARRO BINGO

MARCH 3, 4:30PM

You've seen the signs in the lobby; now get your taste buds ready for Chapel Hill's Chili Cook-Off and Bizarro Bingo! This is an all ages family fun event. Have a great chili recipe you think is an award winner? Become a competitor by contacting Lisa Drzick at lisadrzick@pchum.org. Sign up now ~ contestants will be limited! Not a competitor but love to eat chili? Bring a dessert, salad or cornbread, along with the whole family and you be the judge of the best tasting chili at Chapel Hill. Once your belly is full stick around for Bingo for all ages. For more details and to sign up go to pchum.org/chilibingo.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, February 7. 11:45am
 - Café Meli 5200 Portage Rd Portage, MI
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303)
Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Other Information:

- Bring personal care items for the food pantry, if able
- Join us!

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.

CHUM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:30-7:30PM

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

LENT IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY!

Ash Wednesday 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.

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 GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY

Please join us for the 2nd annual Youth Group Super Bowl Party! To align with the game tonight, Youth Group will begin early—come anytime after 6pm. We will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from the start of the game until halftime, with the big game playing on a big screen! We will have chili and wings to help us enjoy the big game. Families are encouraged to come and join the fun, and are welcome to bring a favorite Super Bowl snack to share if desired. Contact Larry French, Director of Youth Ministries with any questions:

larryfrench@pchum.org.

PLEASE NOTE: The Karate for Christ demonstrations, which were originally set to begin tonight will begin March 4.

2018 MISSION TRIP-

CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT

When: Sunday, August 5 through Friday, August 10.

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 scholarships requests through Pastor Barry.

Contact Larry French with questions

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, 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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