

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-2-20

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

He has told you, human one,  
what is good  
and what the LORD requires from you:  
to do justice, embrace faithful love,  
and walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8*

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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## FIRESIDE CHATS KINDLE IMAGINATION AND ENERGY

Two weeks ago, over 120 folks gathered over three meetings for conversations about work to be done on the church property and expansion of the pastoral staff. Representatives from Chapel Hill's Guidance Team, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Facilities, and Finance Teams were on hand to help lead and facilitate.

For those who were not able to attend, this is a bit of what was discussed:

### *Facilities*

- The need for a new roof, connecting the church to the city sewer (a long story!), and resurfacing the parking lots.
- Three new projects were discussed: creating a more efficient west parking lot entrance, an entrance which has become, but was never intended to be, the most-used entry into the building on Sunday mornings and for numerous other groups throughout the week; a proposal to open up the wall to what is now the library to create a larger lobby space, with an anteroom for resources and presentations; a redesign in the Sanctuary that would raise the chancel stage in order to make it easier to see presentations in worship, plays, concerts, etc.

### *Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

- Plans and possibilities for a second pastor on Chapel Hill staff, as Deacon Pat retires and SPRC prepares for the long-term needs of the congregation and community.

### *Finance*

- Ways to fund both the property needs and the immediate pastoral staffing needs through a "Miracle Sunday." I will not say more about that here .... Stay tuned!

It was great for me to be there for these presentations which point to the bright future of this congregation, even as the denomination struggles to see a clear path forward. The spirit of the meetings was positive and the questions were hopeful. I am excited that the congregation is talking positively about the growth of the congregation and the emerging needs of this awesome church! Watch and listen for information about how you can be involved in helping to shape the future of Chapel Hill. More than ever, I am excited and honored to be your pastor!

Be Blessed~



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SUNDAYS @ 10 A.M.

- Upper Room Bible Study ~ Room #209
- Adult Forum ~ Chapel
- FaithLink ~ Room #218

*If you would like to learn more about Chapel Hill's Adult programs please contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).*

## PREPARING FOR OUR GUESTS: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, February 9
- Noon-1:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Portage Chapel Hill and Bethany Christian Services have partnered to help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan. The Faith In Action Team has just learned that the family will be arriving in the Kalamazoo area in mid-to-late February, much earlier than originally thought! If you feel called to be a part of Chapel Hill's Refugee Resettlement Team please come to an informational meeting on Sunday, February 9 immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Representatives from Bethany Christian Services and the Faith In Action Team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Food and drinks will be provided, and childcare is available upon request. Please contact the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or by calling (269) 327-6643.

## LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER

Our text this week begins with God's lawsuit against the people of Israel, calling them to remembrance of God's faithfulness in the face of their infidelity. Over the past two weeks we have written the ills of the world and our own distractions in our relationship with God on the globe. Lifting that over the communion table brings focus to the ways we, too, have been unfaithful. As we gather in this meal of renewal, we are reminded that the Lord requires of us not these ills but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with the God who holds this world.

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today and February 9 in the lobby. Money raised through this sale will go to purchase blankets for those in need around the world as part of the Church World Service. The cost for the valentines is \$5.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

- Wednesday, February 5 ~ 11:45 a.m.
- Travelers Café & Pub ~ 5225 Portage Rd., Portage

The Over The Chapel Hill Gang is open to all retired folks who like to gather for lunch. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month; check the Voice for locations. If you are interested in carpooling please call Doris Mettler at (269) 327-8272.

## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

- Sunday, February 9

Boy Scouts from Chapel Hill's charter Troop #287 will be serving as ushers for the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 9. National Scout Sunday is celebrated annually as a way to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting, as well as the Scouts' charter organizations. Members of Troop #287 will be serving cake and punch in the lobby from 10—11 a.m.

## "MANNA" - FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

- Sunday, March 22 ~ 7 p.m.

The choirs and bell choirs from Milwood and Chapel Hill United Methodist Churches are coming together to present "Manna," a special concert benefiting the food pantries at both Milwood and Chapel Hill. A free-will offering will be taken. Childcare will be provided.

## ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp for your kids! Go to [pchum.org/camp](http://pchum.org/camp) for more information about United Methodist Camps. Chapel Hill is proud to offer 50% scholarships to all campers and their families.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

*After starting together, children will divide by age group for stories and games.*

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Sundays @ 11 a.m.

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

*Children will stay together for games, music, and crafts.*

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

Confirmation (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114

Senior High (9th Grade-12th Grade) ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: SUPER BOWL PARTY TONIGHT!

- 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- Hosted by Addie Phillips and family,  
53947 W. Ridgeview Cir., Paw Paw

All 6th-12th graders are invited to come watch the game!

## BE PART OF THE SPRING CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSICAL!

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6—7 p.m.
- Performance: Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m.

All kids and youth from Preschool—12th grade are invited to take part in Chapel Hill's Spring Children's Choir Musical "A Not So Terrible Parable." Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6—7 p.m. and the deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 19. Talk to Andrea Trantham, Director of Children's Ministries, for all the details! She can be reached at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org) or by calling the office at (269) 327-6643.

## TODDLER TIME

- Thursdays ~ 10 a.m. ~ Nursery Room #206

All toddlers and their caregivers are welcome every Thursday at 10 a.m. for stories, music, games, and time together. Toddler Time is intended for kids 0-4 years old, but older siblings are welcome to join.

# WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to Portage Chapel Hill, a church where all are welcome.  
We recognize Christ in everyone and embrace our differences as gifts from a creative God.  
We challenge ourselves to reflect God's  
unconditional and forgiving love.

## MISSION

We embrace the love and teachings of Jesus Christ  
and share them with all people.

## VISION

We will be a faith community  
where everyone is loved and responds to God's call.

## VALUES

Faith – Connection – Family – Inclusion – Outreach –  
Social Justice - Stewardship

## 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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