

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2-9-20

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

...let your light shine
before people, so they can see
the good things you do
and praise your Father
who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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WHY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IS CRITICAL

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place.

Hebrews 13:1-3

What would force you and your family to leave your home? Fire? Flood? Crime that would make you feel unsafe? Prejudice turned to injustice turned to violence because of your skin color or politics or religion? Being shut out of economic opportunity? Any and all of these (and more), are reasons individuals, families, and groups leave their homes and homelands to seek new futures in new places. Few want to leave their places of heritage...their homes. Still it is what they do to ensure safety for themselves and their families. Most were employed in their homelands, but have found themselves living in some kind of transitional refugee community.

With the help of Portage Chapel Hill, the Kalamazoo area has welcomed four refugee families:

Meuangneau Family from Laos (1980)
Gul Bai family from Afghanistan (2002)
Ndayiragije family from Burundi (2008)
Khayara family from Syria (2016)

As a congregation, we have a history of helping with refugee resettlement because it is a tangible expression of the command to welcome the stranger, to secure the care and safety of the sojourner. In addition to the full resettlements listed here we have helped with supplies and with shorter term relationships for single persons coming to be with family already living in our communities.

In just a few weeks we will welcome another family from Afghanistan, nearly 18 years to the day since we welcomed the Gul Bai family, the first Afghan resettlement after 9/11. Your interest, prayers, and participation are needed! Please join in the information session today following the 11 a.m. worship service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today 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.

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.

PREPARING FOR OUR GUESTS: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- Congregational Meeting TODAY
- Noon-1:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Portage Chapel Hill and Bethany Christian Services have partnered to help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan, expected to arrive in the area next week. If you feel called to be a part of Chapel Hill's Refugee Resettlement Team please come to an informational meeting TODAY 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. If you cannot attend today's meeting but would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team Chair Richard Derenne at richard.derenne@stryker.com.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

- TODAY

You'll be seeing Boy Scouts from Chapel Hill's Troop #287 serving as ushers for today's 9 a.m. worship service as part of Scout Sunday. 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.

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 for more information about United Methodist Camps. Chapel Hill is proud to offer 50% scholarships to all campers and their families.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR FOR LENT

If you like to sing but are unable to commit to being in the Chancel Choir each week, please consider joining the choir for Lent. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26 and concludes with Easter Sunday on April 12. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room #211, and participates as part of the 9 a.m. worship service. Contact Chancel Choir Director Fred Sang at fredsang@pchum.org, or speak to any of the choir members if you need more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

- Wednesday, February 26 ~ 7 p.m.
- Portage Chapel Hill's lobby

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection and restoration leading us into Easter. On a dark and chilly night in February, come gather in silence in this church's lobby for a contemplative service shared by Portage Chapel Hill and Milwood United Methodist Church. In song and reflection we'll remind each other that things aren't perfect, that the world is sometimes dark and chilly, *and* that the Easter sunrise is on its way.

"MANNA" - FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

- Sunday, March 22 ~ 7 p.m.
- Portage Chapel Hill's Sanctuary

The choirs and bell choirs from Milwood United Methodist Church and Portage Chapel Hill 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.

"DISCOVER" SOMETHING NEW

- Sunday, February 16 ~ 2 p.m. ~ Conference Room

Discover something new about yourself, and **Discover** something new you didn't know about Portage Chapel Hill! The Discover class is one of three components in Chapel Hill's membership series. During this class you will discuss the United Methodist Church and Chapel Hill, where it has been and where it is going. This is a fabulous opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to attend this class please RSVP to Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org. Please indicate at that time if you will need childcare.

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

Sundays @ 7 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship!

If you would like to learn more about Children's programs at Chapel Hill please contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org. For Youth programs contact Jenaba Waggy at jenabawaggy@pchum.org.

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 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, 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
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