

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-11-18

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

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 25 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.

ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY- DON'T MISS OUT!

Two new small groups started this past week. You are invited to join them in reading "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by William Willimon. Books are available in the office and the lobby. 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.

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, deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net.

OPEN CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic is "Polling", next week's topic is "Youth Calling for Change" 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

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 started last Thursday, but there is still time join! Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room. See Fred Sang or any choir member for details. Easter people raise your voices!

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

SERVING MARCH 18

Chapel Hill serves lunch to the homeless at Ministry with Community (500 N. Edwards St., Kalamazoo) on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We gather there after the last service and stay until 3:00 p.m. Youth from 13-18 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great way to put your faith into action. Extra hands to help are always needed. Contact Deacon Pat at PatCatellier@pchum.org.

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 As always please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and family to join in our Easter egg hunt!!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday in all 3 services

- Children's Palm Procession
- Celebration of Baptismal Covenant
- "Giving In to Passion" - Mark 14:1-15:47

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's 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

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

You are invited to a traditional Passover Remembrance Seder Meal on March 29 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the lobby or online at pchum.org/sedermeal by Monday March 26. If childcare is needed please make a request to the office by March 26.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know Chapel Hill has a "Many Thanks" board located outside the library? There you will find thank you cards and news from the Chapel Hill family and community. You are welcome to post your own items at any time.

JOYFULLY GIVING

Did you know you can give electronically through our website? You can set up automatic withdrawal to come out of your checking or savings account on a specific date of the month. Just go to pchum.org/give to set up an account. If you have any questions or need help contact Christina Redmond at christinaredmond@pchum.org.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Maybe you've heard of UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and their work in responding to tragedies all around the world. Now UMCOR is at work right here in Michigan. Since flood waters began to rise around our state in late February, UMCOR has been working with local churches, non-profits, and government agencies to provide cleaning kits to flood-damaged areas. Today you have the opportunity to support this mission with a special offering. Checks can be written with "UMCOR" on the memo line and placed in the offering basket during worship, or visit pchum.org/give to donate online.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage"

July 16-19

5:30-8:00pm., Dinner at 5pm.

Registration opens in May.

Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful VBS.

If interested please email Andrea Trantham at

andreatrantham@pchum.org

NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY

ABOUT NICODEMUS

- Mark your calendar: Sunday May 20 at 4:00pm
This delightful Children's musical cleverly weaves the Gospel of John account of Nicodemus with the mystery of rebirth and renewal. Discover the mystery!

YE(YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

Sunday Night Youth Group

Youth Group meets Sundays @ 7-8:30pm.

Grades 6th-12th are invited for food, fellowship and fun! Join us this (or any) Sunday downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Contact larryfrench@pchum.org with questions.

PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

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). There are event fund raising brochures in the lobby. To join our team and raise money go to pchum.org/homelesswalk.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE VA

As our Parish Nurse, Jan Manske continues her work at Battle Creek VA Medical Center on the psychiatric unit, she is collecting supplies that the veterans require but which are not provided by the hospital. Donations can be placed in the bin in the lobby. Items are for both men and women, ages 18-80 and include:

- Hairbrushes
- Conditioner
- Hats - both knit & ball caps
- Wide-toothed combs
- Non-slip socks
- Body wash
- Alcohol-free deodorant
- Gloves

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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