

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-17-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“You are received into this community of faith not despite who you are, but because of who you are.”

~Pastor Barry Petrucci

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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## SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 2019 Special Session of General Conference concluded with the Traditional Plan passing by a very slim margin and with significant questions about its legality within the law of The United Methodist Church. The plan essentially affirms language of exclusion around LGBTQIA+ persons, while setting very serious consequences for churches that host, and pastors who officiate at, same-sex weddings.

This is a very sad time for all those who have worked for a United Methodist Church of pathways and bridges, rather than mazes and walls. The adoption of the Traditional Plan pretty clearly states that our tradition is arbitrary exclusion. Thankfully, systems never have the last word.

Stay tuned...God is doing a new thing.  
Do we not perceive it?

More information can be found at [umnews.org/en/](http://umnews.org/en/).

## LISTENING SESSIONS AFTER THE SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

If you have questions about the results of the Special General Conference, you are encouraged to attend a "Listening Session" **TODAY** at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. It will be lead by the Greater Southwest District Superintendent, Dwayne Bagley. Childcare is available.

## QUILTING BEE

- Saturday March 23
- 9:30am – 3:30pm (come and go as needed)
- Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join Chapel Hill's Mission Quilters for an all-day sewing bee, no experience necessary! The Mission Quilters meet weekly to create quilts that are given away to folks in need. At this special quilting bee on Saturday, March 23, people are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall to cut fabric, assemble quilt kits, sew, and tie quilt tops. There will be plenty of experienced quilters on-hand to provide assistance. Just bring a sack lunch and a good pair of scissors or a rotary cutter. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. If you are able to bring a sewing machine please do so, or if you would like to borrow a sewing machine call Gayle Franklin at 269-217-6866 or email [pgfrankl@ameritech.net](mailto:pgfrankl@ameritech.net). And as Gayle would say, be square!

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: Sharing Faith*

## FERMENTING FAITH

- Every Tuesday ~ 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Lodo Company ~ 153 W. Centre Ave., Portage

Come in from the cold and warm up in a casual atmosphere to get to know each other while exploring questions of faith, life and culture. Food and drinks of choice are available off the menu (including awesome and affordable specials!). Soft drinks are provided without cost.

This week's question: *When was a time you remember fear of failure being strongest in you?*

## ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

The all-church book study continues through April 7; it's not too late to late! We will be reading *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. The books are available to be picked up in the office or the lobby for a suggested donation of \$15. As always, if the cost of the book is prohibitive you are welcome to pick up a copy anyway. And if you feel moved to cover the cost of more than one book to help another, please feel free to do that as well. To learn more, or to get connected to a Small Group for the book study, contact Tonya Boot, Director of Discipleship, at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## WANT TO JOIN A GROUP FOR THE BOOK STUDY?

Come join the Sunday morning book study group! This group will be meeting every Sunday for 5 weeks in Room 116 at 10:00am. Bring your book *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton and a Bible. See you there!

## THINKING ABOUT JOINING CHAPEL HILL?

- Today ~ 12:30pm ~ Room #216  
*\*Please note the new time as we hope you will attend the listening sessions of the Greater Southwest District.*

While membership is not necessary to fully participate in the life at Chapel Hill, for some folks, church membership is an important step along the Journey of Faith. On the third Sunday of each month Pastor Barry hosts a one-hour class where you have the opportunity to learn more about membership. “Belong”, “Discover”, and “Respond” are the names of the membership classes. All three are required before joining Chapel Hill. They can be taken in any order. March 17, we will be hosting the Respond class. During this class you will have an opportunity to reflect on your faith, the Church, and the World. The class is designed with these points in mind...

- Moving outside the church walls and outside your comfort zone.
- Exploring how to connect your passions with the needs of the world.
- Becoming a member.
- Ask questions and take a tour.

Even if you did not RSVP all are welcome.

## JOINING CHAPEL HILL

Those who have completed all three membership Classes (Belong, Discover, Respond) are invited to be received in new membership during worship on March 24. Let the office know at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) if you are ready to take the vows of membership.

## WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS HOUSING RESOURCES INC, (HRI)

- Saturday, March 23 ~ 9:00am (10:00am walk begins)
- Homer Stryker Field ~ 251 Mills St

Chapel Hill will have a team again this year for Housing Resources Inc's 5K Walk to End Homelessness. 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). If you would like to donate to the team or join in the walk go to [housingresourcesinc.org](http://housingresourcesinc.org) and search for the Chapel Hill team.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM & 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109  
Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Confirmation Class (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114  
9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall  
6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

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 are every Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room. See Fred Sang or any choir member for details.

## HOSANNA HOP

- Saturday, April 13 ~ 10:00am ~ Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Lent season with the whole family at this year's Hosanna Hop (formerly the Easter Egg Hunt). Watch for more exciting details.

## KIDS' TIME TRAINING

- Tuesday March 26 ~ 6:00pm

Kids' Time is a 3-5 minute interpretation of the weekly message told to kids in an age appropriate way at the 9:00am service. Chapel Hill is hosting a training for anyone interested in being part of this special ministry. Join us Tuesday March 26 from 6:00-7:30pm for a Kids Time training and informational meeting. Send questions to Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org)

# YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!



PEACE SERVICE ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 ~ 5:00PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church 936 Lake Street Kalamazoo

Refreshments and dialogue follow the service. A free will offering can be made to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

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Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War (KNOW), Sisters of St. Joseph, Kalamazoo Muslim Community, Women in Black, Lemkin House, St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, United Campus Community, Diocese of Kalamazoo, Wesley Foundation, St. Joseph Catholic Church

More information can be found at: [interfaithkazoo.org](http://interfaithkazoo.org)

## 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

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