

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-18-18

## 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

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## SURVEY RESULTS

Our little survey on Worship, Christian Education and Hospitality since the schedule and format changes of last Fall well-proved that, indeed, everybody's got an opinion. And at Chapel Hill, the 70-some submissions displayed the diversity of opinion...and experience. Gratefully, most folks included their names so we can follow-up with clarifying questions on concerns and ideas. Gratefully, most folks found some value in the changes made since Summer of '17.

Changes in worship, schedule, education and hospitality were all connected to a vision that our central concern would be those who are not yet part of a faith community. Hospitality was kicked up with decluttering of lobby space, with easier access to refreshments, and places to sit without presenting the image of a clique. Sunday school for kids and youth was changed to be concurrent with the Ancient-Future worship of *The Journey* at 10:45am. This has presented a challenge for Chapel Hill folk who want to be in worship with their kids and have Sunday School options in an hour before or after, much like our schedule last year. The survey showed both positive and less-than-positive relations to the new schedule. Specific ideas will be shared with staff, worship and Christian Education leaders. We do appreciate those who took the time to do the survey. If you did not get a chance to do that and would still like to share anything about these topics, you are encouraged to send an email to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

Many Thanks and Blessings~



Barry T. Petrucci  
Lead Pastor

## 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](http://pchum.org/easteregg)), please consider donating the needed candy; we fill over 3,000 Easter eggs! Candy 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 contact Deanne Austin, [deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deanneaustin@sbcglobal.net).

## OPEN CLASSES

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink ~ Room #218
  - This week's topic is "Youth Calling for Change."
  - There will be no class March 25th.
- Upper Room Bible Study ~ Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) ~ Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

## PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

You are invited to a traditional Passover Remembrance Seder Meal on March 29 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski, from Congregation of Moses will be leading the meal. Please sign up in the lobby or online at [pchum.org/sedermeal](http://pchum.org/sedermeal) by Monday, March 26.

## 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 25th 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](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org) or call him at 327-6643, ext. 107.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING-MARCH 20

The Lenten meeting of the United Methodist Women will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be served. The speaker will be Fred Sang, Chapel Hill's Chancel Choir Director. Anyone who is interested, you are welcome! There will be a collection taken for the Legacy Fund, which goes toward future UMW programs and services.

## 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
- 10:45am The Journey

## MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

### SERVING TODAY

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](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org).

## PCHUM 101 MARCH 25

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? PCHUM 101 is for people considering membership, or for those who simply want to know more about life at Chapel Hill. Pastor Barry will sit down with all interested folks for a block of time at 2:30pm in Room #216. Childcare available if requested. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 22.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, March 25 from 2:00pm-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (no RSVP needed). The cost is still only \$1.00 per child or a donation of a food item for our food pantry (please bring exact change, no change will be available).

## 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.

To learn what volunteer positions are available, please email Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY

### ABOUT NICODEMUS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 20 at 4:00pm!

This delightful Children's musical cleverly weaves the Gospel of John's 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](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) to learn more.

## CAMP CHANGES LIVES!

Can you believe it is time to start thinking about Summer?

Check out the Michigan Area United Methodist 2018

Summer Camp Guide available in the lobby,

or go to [umcamping.org](http://umcamping.org) to find your perfect camp!

Chapel Hill is able to offer 50% scholarships to our youth because of your generous donations to our "Red Envelope" fund (including Camp Lake Louise).

Register by May 15, 2018 to qualify. Contact

[larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) if you have any questions about camping or anything regarding youth ministry at Chapel Hill.

# 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). Please donate to Chapel Hill's team by visiting [pchum.org/homelesswalk](http://pchum.org/homelesswalk).

## ISLAM IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

March 29, 2018, 6:00pm to 7:30 p.m.

Fetzer Center, Putney Lecture Hall

Presented by Dr. Khaled Beydoun, Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy Law School and author of "American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear". This talk examines how law, policy, and official state rhetoric has fueled a frightening resurgence of Islamophobia. Beydoun argues that by failing to frame Islamophobia as a system of bigotry endorsed by law and carried out by government actors, U.S. society ignores the injury it inflicts on both Muslims and non-Muslims. This talk is free and open to the public and is part of the Islam in Global Perspective Speaker Series. For more information, contact [alisa.perkins@wmich.edu](mailto:alisa.perkins@wmich.edu).

## 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 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](http://www.pchum.org/home)



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