

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-25-18

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
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WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY ANYWAY?

The ancient tradition around baptism was that the one being baptized was dunked down deep beneath the surface, where no breath is possible and where darkness reigns, and then is pulled up into the sunlight to take a deep, life-giving gulp of air. Going down was death to the old self, and coming up was receiving new life, new opportunity, new beginning in Christ. That new beginning is not all laughs and giggles. Palm Sunday begins in a giddy parade complete with children gathering in a celebration of Jesus. But the parade leads into Jerusalem where powers are waiting to arrest, whip, mock, spit upon, and crucify this Jesus Christ, this King of the Jews. Palm Sunday becomes Passion Sunday as we consider what the reality of this parade means for Jesus. Waving of palm branches quickly devolves into waving of fists and snapping of whips and wielding of hammers to impale the Christ on a Roman Cross. Most of Jesus' followers scatter as the parade path leads to Golgotha. Will we scatter... or will we follow?

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. Passover is the celebration meal Jesus was leading with his followers when he re-identified the meaning of the "bread" and the "wine". Please sign up in the lobby or online at pchum.org/sedermeal by Monday, March 26.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Spring is here....at last!
Now that warmer weather is in the forecast, our Community Garden will soon be prepared for planting. If you are interested in a plot in the garden or have questions about what this entails, please contact Chris Cartner at Cartner3030@gmail.com.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, April 4 at 11:45am
- LaRue's Restaurant ~6375 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

OPEN CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink ~ Room #218
- *FaithLink is on hiatus and will resume April 8*
- Upper Room Bible Study ~ Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) ~ Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

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.

Many Thanks and Blessings~



Barry T. Petrucci
Lead Pastor

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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 in Chapel Hill's Sanctuary
- The journey to the cross and the final words of Jesus
- Shared service with Millwood UMC
- 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

PCHUM 101 TODAY

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? Meet with Pastor Barry at 2:30pm in Room #216.

STAFF ANNOUCEMENT

Pastor Barry and Staff-Parish Relations Committee are pleased to announce that Jenaba Waggy will be serving at Chapel Hill this summer as an intern in general pastoral ministry. Jenaba is a candidate for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church, currently a second year student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville.

GOURMET FRANKS AND TATER BAR

This Fellowship Event is sponsored by Chapel Hill's Youth Ministry

We will be serving Hot Dogs and Baked Potatoes with all the fixin's!

When: April 15th at 12:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: All are invited

Suggested love offering of \$5 per person, \$20 per family
Proceeds will go to support the Youth & Children's Camp Scholarship Fund

EASTER EGG HUNT-TODAY

The Easter egg hunt will be today 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 (VBS)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage"

July 16-19

Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful VBS.

To learn what opporunities are available, please email Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY

ABOUT NICODEMUS

Mark your calendars for Sunday May 20 at 4:00pm! This delightful musical is presented by Chapel Hill's Children and Youth choirs. Nic at Night 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 at 7:00pm-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 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 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 if you have any questions about camping or anything regarding youth ministry at Chapel Hill.

PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

ISLAM IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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

Western Michigan University's 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.

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 Chapel Hill? Sign Up for our weekly email. www.pchum.org/home



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