

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-26-17

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!

THE DETAILS

For opportunities of Education and upcoming events, check out the inside.

Additional details for items in The Voice and other information can be found on our website: www.pchum.org

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Hard to believe, but Sunday is the fourth installment of the "Enough" series. Our walk through the wilderness that is Lent, has taken us on some pretty personal paths upon which we have looked at our relationship with "stuff" and the money that buys that stuff. This week we go to an early section of "The Acts of the Apostles" in which the very early followers of Jesus held all things in common. They seemed to be quite content. What if we were content? How might our lives and our world be different if contentment were as high a value as perpetually climbing the ladder of "success"?

OFFERING OF LETTERS

We will be conducting an Offering of Letters through Bread for the World. Letters to our legislators will be written before, during, and after today's worship services. Sample letters will be made available. Letters can be dropped off at the office on Monday as well.

The Faith In Action Team offers three topics of special concern:

- Concerns around further cuts to the social safety net
- Affirmation of the strong U.S. tradition of humanitarian aid around the world
- Support for open immigration and refugee resettlement policies

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net.

UMCOR SUNDAY

Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, this special offering taken on the fourth Sunday in Lent provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. UMCOR Sunday giving allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. Checks can be written with UMCOR written on the memo line or visit www.pchum.org/give to donate online.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:15

- Preschool, Faith Village & Club 56 Lower Level
- Confirmation (Grades 7-8) Lower Youth House
- Senior High (Grades 9-12) Upper Youth House
- Drop-in Classes for Adults:
 - * FaithLink Room #218 - Today's Topic: "Life in Another Solar System?", April 2nd - Spring Break
 - * Upper Room Bible Study Room #209

SPAGHETTI DINNER&DESSERT POTLUCK @ 12:30

We want to help PCHUM youth get to camp this summer! Do you want to learn more about "Pay-It-Forward", Red Envelope Giving, scholarships or the many different Christian Camps in West MI? Do you have an interest in supporting our youth as they explore their faith through camping?

- Camp-style Spaghetti Dinner (provided)
- Dessert Potluck
- Guest speaker Sarah Ratz, Director of Judson Collins Camp, lifelong Christian camper, and 18 year veteran of camp leadership
- Help signing up for camps!

PCHUM 101 REMINDER

PCHUM 101 is for persons 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 and refreshments at 2:30pm in Room #108. Childcare is available.

SKY ZONE!

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH EVENT!

- Meet at Sky Zone (5103 Portage Road, Portage, 49002)
- Jump time is 7-8pm
- Show up early to fill out waiver or fill out in advance: www.kalamazoostore.skyzone.com/waiver/WaiverInfo.aspx
- Open to grades 5-12
- Jump fee is \$12 + \$1 for "SKY SOCKS" (If purchased in the past, bring 'em!)
- Full scholarships are available for this event

HAVE A YOUTH QUESTION?

OR A PASSION TO HELP WITH UPCOMING EVENTS?

Be it about camp, mission trip, Sky Zone, contact Larry French, Director of Youth Ministries, at 269-327-6643 x 105 or LarryFrench@pchum.org.

SPRING BREAK SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL 2ND

Upper Room Bible Study will meet as usual.

On Hiatus:

- Preschool, Faith Village & Club 56
- Confirmation (Grades 7-8)
- Senior High (Grades 9-12)
- FaithLink

Sunday Night Youth Group will meet @ 7.

APRIL 9TH

Classes resume for:

- Confirmation (Grades 7-8) Lower Youth House
- Senior High (Grades 9-12) Upper Youth House
- Drop-in Classes for Adults:
 - * FaithLink Room #218
 - * Upper Room Bible Study Room #209

Easter Egg Hunt April 9th

Open to all including Preschool, Faith Village & Club 56.

EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 9

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Last year, we filled over 2,300 eggs. Donations of time and candy would be very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED APRIL 2ND AND 9TH

- Filling Eggs: Sunday April 2nd from 10:00am-11:30am (or until all the eggs are filled) in Fellowship Hall.
- Hiding Eggs: Sunday April 9th from 8:30am-10am
- Craft Jobs: Sunday, April 9th, 10:15.
- Contact Deanne, Family Events Coordinator to volunteer: DeanneAustin@sbcglobal.net

CANDY DONATIONS NOW THROUGH APRIL 2ND

- Needed by 10:00a.m. Please make sure your candy treat fits inside a regular sized plastic Easter egg.

COOKIE DONATIONS FOR APRIL 9TH

- Donations of homemade or store bought, not Loft-house, cookies without nuts of any kind need to be in by 9:00a.m.

2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP ~ URBAN SPIRIT

This year our PCHUM Youth have the opportunity to experience the poverty simulation at Urban Spirit in Louisville, KY. This is a weeklong trip scheduled for July 23rd-29th, and is available to youth graduating from 8th grade through 12th grade. Contact Larry French for more details at LarryFrench@pchum.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Palm Sunday** - April 9
- **Maundy Thursday Open Communion** - April 13
6:30am-8am & 11:00am-1:00pm, Chapel
- **Good Friday** - April 14, 7pm, Sanctuary
- **Easter Sunday** - April 16
 - Sunrise @ Oakland Drive Park, 7am
 - 9:00 and 11:30 in the Sanctuary

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING - OPEN TO ALL!

- Wednesday, April 5th, 11:45am
- Café Meli (5200 Portage Road)

Need a ride? Call:

- Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303)
- Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Other Information:

- Bring personal care items for the food pantry, if able

SPRING INTO SPRING

POTLUCK SUNDAY APRIL 23RD

Come celebrate! Join us as we "Spring into Spring" at a potluck to share the excitement of sunshine, flowers, and rebirth! Sunday, April 23, immediately following the 11:30 service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring:

- Last Names A-F: Salad
- Last Names G-L: Side Dish
- Last Names M-R: Entrée
- Last Names S-Z: Dessert

Plates, silverware, drinks and cups will be provided.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden has a manager and it won't be long before spring is here and planting can be begin! If you are interested in a garden plot, contact the office at Office@pchum.org.

AT LONG LAST...

THE ELEVATOR IS IN SERVICE!

The elevator has been rebuilt, inspected and is ready for you to use. Thank you for your patience!

THE DETAILS



Details for items in *The Voice* and other information about Chapel Hill can be found by visiting our website: www.pchum.org.

Information to be promoted should be sent to Michele VanAllen in the office at office@pchum.org. If you would like the information in *The Voice*, please have your information in by noon on Tuesday.

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Editions of *The Voice* are available online:
www.pchum.org/discover/newsletter.html.



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ONLINE GIVING FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

Simply scan the QR code and you will be taken to a mobile version of our "GIVE" page.

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.

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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