

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-31-19

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
(269) 327-6643 www.pchum.org

MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

- Sunday April 14 ~ 4:00pm- 5:30pm
or
- Saturday April 27 ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

The Guidance Board and Pastor Barry Petrucci invite you to attend a general meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 14 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm, or an identical session on Saturday, April 27 from 10:30am – 12:00pm. Childcare will be offered for each. The purpose of these forums is to revisit documents that form us as a congregation, recommend any changes, and affirm these statements of Mission, Vision, Values and Welcome. This is a time for us to seek clarity as the United Methodist Church struggles.

HELPING HAND FUND

The Helping Hand fund is utilized by the pastor to help folks within this faith community who have hit a financial rough spot. Maybe a medication, or heat bill, or car repair at a time between jobs or between checks. If you are able to give specifically for the Helping Hand Fund, you can do that by check to Chapel Hill with “Helping Hand” in the memo, or at pchum.org/give.

SEDER MEAL

- Thursday April 18 ~ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

What is a Seder Meal? The Seder is a Jewish festival meal marking the beginning of Passover. It retells the story of the Jewish exodus from Egyptian slavery. The word “Seder” means order, and during this meal there is an order to the entire meal, which includes readings, songs, stories, and special foods that carry meaning within themselves and tell the story of the exodus. For our Jewish friends it is a time when the entire family comes together to celebrate the beginning of Passover. This was the meal Jesus was sharing with friends at “The Last Supper”. Chapel Hill will have a symbolic Seder meal on Thursday April 18, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this special night, kids too! The meal will conclude with Communion. You must register by Monday April 15 at pchum.org/sedermeal2019. Any questions can be directed to Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

This week: Places of Peace

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: *What fears do you see or anticipate in aging?*

ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

The all-church book study continues through April 7; it’s not too late to participate! The book is *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Copies are still available for a suggested donation of \$15. Grab your book from the stack in the lobby and drop your donation in the offering basket with the memo marked book study. Need a group with which to connect? Check out the Sunday morning book study group, there is plenty of room! This group meets at 10:00am in room 116. If you would like a different group or have questions, contact Tonya Boot, Director of Discipleship at tonyaboot@pchum.org. See you there!

WATOTO CHOIR CONCERT

- Thursday May 16 ~ 7:00pm ~ Sanctuary

You are invited to be part of this vibrant worship experience. The Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda will be performing a free concert of their new album, “We Will Go”. Please watch for more information and other ways to get involved.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday in all 3 services

April 18 Maundy Thursday (Last Supper Remembrance)

Open Communion in the Chapel

6:30am - 8:00am and 11:30am - 1:00pm

Come, stay as long as you need

Passover Remembrance Seder Meal in the

Fellowship Hall 7:00pm (RSVP by April 15)

April 19 Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness

The journey to the cross and the final words of Jesus;

Shared service with Milwood UMC in Chapel Hill's

Sanctuary 7:00pm

April 21 Easter Sunday

6:45am Sunrise Service at Chapel Hill's Memorial Garden

8:00am Chapel Service

9:00am The Gathering

11:00am The Journey

JOIN THE CHANCEL 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 are every Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room (Room #211). See Fred Sang or any choir member for details.

SEEKING FOOD PANTRY WORKERS

Put your faith in action by volunteering at Chapel Hill's food pantry. The pantry needs 3-4 new volunteers to work once a month for 3 hours on either Mondays or Tuesdays from 12:30pm-3:30pm. If you are interested please contact Russ O'Brian at russ_obrian@yahoo.com or 269-327-5823.

LAY LEADERSHIP CLASSES

A "lay leader" is anyone in the congregation, except the ordained pastor, who serves the church in a leadership role. Sunday School volunteers, small group leaders, greeters... just about everywhere you look you'll see a Lay Leader serving Chapel Hill in some capacity. If you've ever been curious about how you might use your talents to serve the church, Chapel Hill's District Office is offering classes to help you with your discernment. Look for the fliers in the lobby for more information or go to greatersouthwest.michiganumc.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

& 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

Due to Spring Break the 10:00am Sunday School is canceled Today

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM (CANCELED TODAY)

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

9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

Due to Spring Break the 10:00am Sunday School is canceled Today

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

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). This exciting new event will feature food, games, a photo booth, and of course an egg hunt. This is for all ages so we hope to see you and the whole family. Sign Up today at pchum.org/hop.

Volunteers Needed! To make this a successful hop 10-12 volunteers are needed. Please sign up at pchum.org/hop or find the event on Realm.

Wish List for Hosanna Hop

Dum Dum suckers, Smarties, fun size Skittles, Hershey Kisses, small Tootsie rolls, Easter stickers, tattoos. Please drop off in the bin outside the Sanctuary.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday April 3, 11:45am
- Storypoint 3951 W Milham Ave, Portage 49024

Need a ride? Call: Doris Mettler (269-327-8272). Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC!



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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