

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-4-18

## 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  
(269) 327-6643 [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## STAFF CHANGES

### FROM BARRY PETRUCCI

Once again, the front office at Chapel Hill is being reconfigured! It is with heavy heart that I accepted Sue Dueweke's resignation. Her years with me, in a variety of capacities, have supported the entire church and given me confidence in the ministry of the office. She has been a personal confidant, while willing and able to help me see things in new ways. I will miss her on staff!

Of the change, Sue writes:

*Life changes have brought me to a place of deciding to fully resign from my position at Chapel Hill. It has been a pleasure to be in ministry with the people of Chapel Hill for these past 14 years. Lisa Drzick, Office Manager will now have oversight of the membership records and our church management software, Realm.*

## ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

Starting this week, small groups are invited to read "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by William Willimon. Books are available in the office. The suggested donation is \$10 per book and can be dropped in the offering.

### Two New Small Groups:

- Sundays (starting tonight) at 7:00pm in the library #216
- Mondays (starting this Monday March 5) at 7:00pm in Christ's Chemist #114

Sign up in the lobby or by contacting Andrea Tramel at [andreatramel@pchum.org](mailto:andreatramel@pchum.org).

## 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.

## OPEN CLASSES

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- FaithLink: This week's topic is "Polling", next week's topic is "Infrastructure" Room #218
- Upper Room Bible Study Room #209
- LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- Lectionary Bible Study Room #108

## THE 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. The fund is totally depleted right now, so if you are able to give specifically for the Helping Hand Fund, you can do that by check to PCHUM with "Helping Hand" in the memo, or at [www.pchum.org/give](http://www.pchum.org/give). Choose "Helping Hand" under "Faith in Action."

## EVERYBODY'S GOT AN OPINION

We want to hear from you about the worship schedule changes that were made in September. There was a survey in this week's weekly email. You can also fill it out on the website: [pchum.org/survey](http://pchum.org/survey). There are paper copies available in the lobby. Please complete surveys by today.

## UMCOR SUNDAY MARCH 11

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR reaches worldwide to provide relief in five core areas: hunger, health, refugees, emergencies, and relief supplies. Since its formation in 1940 UMCOR has served the needs of people in nearly 100 countries around the world. Next week you have the opportunity to support this mission with a special offering. Checks can be written with "UMCOR" on the memo line and placed in the offering basket during worship, or visit [www.pchum.org/give](http://www.pchum.org/give) to donate online.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday in all 3 services**

**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 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

## SPRING MOM 2 MOM SALE

**SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, 9AM-12 NOON**

For more information check out the article on [www.pchum.org/family](http://www.pchum.org/family).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt will be Sunday March 25 from 2:00pm-3:00pm in the church Fellowship hall (no RSVP needed). We will have our hunt (don't forget to bring your own Easter bucket), create crafts, watch an Easter movie, hang out with our famous Easter bunny and enjoy some refreshments. 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). You just don't want to miss out on this church family event of fellowship and fun! As always please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and family to join in our Easter egg hunt!!

## JOIN THE EASTER 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 for Holy Week begin Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the choir room. See Fred Sang or any choir member for details. Easter people raise your voices!

## TIME CHANGE - SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Savings Time begins 2am on Sunday, March 11 Remember to set your clocks forward an hour before heading to bed so you are not late for church.

## 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 plus Easter eggs! Candy donations will be accepted until Sunday March 18 at 9:00am. Please place your candy donations (no smarties please-they don't fit) in the labeled bins near the sanctuary doors.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

**A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS**

- Wednesday, March 7, 11:45am
  - Main St. Pub, 7509 S. Westnedge Portage, MI
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)  
Please bring personal care items for the food pantry

**YE (YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH**  
**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT - THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU!**

Come join us March 9-11

- Where: Spring Hill Camp in Evert, MI
- Who: Youth grades 6-12
- Cost: \$50 per youth
- Respond to [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org)

## 2018 MISSION TRIP-

**CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT**  
**DEPOSIT DUE ASAP!**

- When: Sunday, July 29 through Sunday, August 5.
- Who: Youth, 14 years old through recent 2018 High School graduates
- Where: Martin County, Kentucky
- Cost: \$275 (with 50% scholarship of \$550 total cost) Please make full scholarship requests through Pastor Barry
- Contact Larry French with questions [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org)

# PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

## JEWELRY NEEDED

Have any old jewelry you would like to recycle? Women of Salam Crafters is a group of Syrian women who recycle old jewelry into earrings and bracelets and sell them! They sold their wares at Art Hop and at a fair trade sale last year. They will be learning how to knit and crochet soon.

These items are needed for them to carry on their work: new glass beads; jewelry that can be recycled (necklaces and bracelets with beads); knitting needles and crochet hooks; new skeins of yarn; financial contributions to purchase supplies. If you would like to donate, please contact Deacon Pat [patcatellier@pchum.org](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org) for details.

## 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). For more information go to [housingresourcesinc.org](http://housingresourcesinc.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 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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