

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-1-20

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Very truly, I tell you,
the one who believes in me
will also do the works that I do
and, in fact,
will do greater works than these...

John 14:12

OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UPDATE

Chapel Hill and Bethany Christian Services have partnered to help resettle a refugee family in the Kalamazoo area, and there is great news to share! The family arrived safely on Wednesday, February 26, and are now adjusting to their new home. Many thanks go out to all the people from Chapel Hill who have helped, and are continuing to help, in these first few days. The Refugee Resettlement Team moved furniture into the family's new home, welcomed them at the airport, organized their first meal (pizza!), took them grocery shopping, and more.

With all of that, there are still many things the family will need in the coming weeks and months. Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team asks that you prayerfully consider donating money to the Refugee Resettlement fund. You can do this by going to pchum.org/give, find "Other" under the General Fund heading, and type "Refugee Resettlement" in the memo line. You can also leave a check in the offering with the memo "Refugee Resettlement."

Please continue to pray for this family. Their journey here to the U.S. has been years in the making and they have endured hardships most of us can only imagine. If you would like to learn more about Chapel Hill's Refugee Resettlement Team please contact co-chairs Sue Smith at sjs426@sbcglobal.net or Deacon Pat Catellier at patcatellier@pchum.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY "MINUTE"

Renowned children's television personality Fred Rogers once said, "Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary."

Chapel Hill's Stephen Ministers are folks who have gone through at least 50 hours of training to be able to give Christian care to those going through a period of crisis, such as loss of a loved one, divorce, unemployment, or any of life's difficulties. While they are not counselors, they are trained to listen and empathize, and the care they give is confidential.

If you find yourself going through a difficult time, know that you do not have to struggle alone. You can learn more at pchum.org/stephenministry, or by contacting Stephen Ministry leader Dawn Kemp at jtdmk2@charter.net or (269) 365-7380.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SUNDAYS @ 10 A.M.

- Upper Room Bible Study ~ Room #209
- Adult Forum ~ Chapel
- FaithLink ~ Room #218

If you would like to learn more about Chapel Hill's Adult programs please contact Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

- Wednesday, March 4 ~ 11:45 a.m.
- Main St. Pub ~ 7509 S. Westnedge Ave, Portage

The Over The Chapel Hill Gang is open to all retired folks who like to gather for lunch. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month; check the Voice for locations. If you are interested in carpooling please call Doris Mettler at (269) 327-8272.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Current directories are available in the lobby. Even if you are not planning to take a directory, please take a look to make sure your contact information is up-to-date. Any updates can be made by checking your profile on Chapel Hill's online database, Realm, at onrealm.org/pchum. While you're there don't forget to add a profile picture! Changes may also be made by calling the church office at (269) 327-6643 or by emailing office@pchum.org. If you have any questions about Realm contact Chapel Hill's "Realm Guru" Lisa Drzick at lisadrzick@pchum.org.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed. Otherwise, you'll be late for church!

COMMUNION TODAY

Portage Chapel Hill celebrates Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month at all three worship services. So that nothing would keep us from coming to Christ's Table, the Cup is alcohol-free grape juice and the Loaf is gluten-free and nut-free bread. All are invited to the table.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 8

- Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Tonya Boot.
- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Upper Room #209, led by Jenaba Waggy.
- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Library, led by Deacon Pat Catellier; *a light dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.*
- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, led by Pastor Barry Petrucci.

The Lenten congregational book study, *Made For A Miracle* by Mike Slaughter, begins the week of March 8 and runs four weeks. Books are available in the lobby for a suggested donation of \$10 (ALL are encouraged to take a book, regardless of your ability to pay). Once you have the book please consider joining a small group for the book study! Small group book studies are a great way to connect with new people. Check with your existing groups, or visit one of the groups listed above. Please contact Director of Discipleship Tonya Boot at tonyabout@pchum.org if you have any questions.

18TH ANNUAL PEACE SERVICE

- Sunday, March 15 ~ 5 p.m.
- Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church
212 Park St. Kalamazoo

Rabbi Brant Rosen of Tzedek Synagogue in Chicago will be the guest speaker for the Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice Annual Peace Service on Sunday, March 15 at 5 p.m. at Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church. Visit interfaithkazoo.org to learn more about the Interfaith Coalition's mission to promote peace and justice in our world.

"MANNA" - FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

- Sunday, March 22 ~ 7 p.m.
- Portage Chapel Hill's Sanctuary

The choirs and bell choirs from Milwood United Methodist Church and Portage Chapel Hill are coming together to present "Manna," a special concert benefiting the food pantries at both Milwood and Chapel Hill. A free-will offering will be taken. Childcare will be provided.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

After starting together, children will divide by age group for stories and games.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Sundays @ 11 a.m.

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

Children will stay together for games, music, and crafts.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

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

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

Senior High (9th Grade-12th Grade) ~ Room #108

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sundays @ 7 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship!

If you would like to learn more about Children's programs at Chapel Hill please contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org. For Youth programs contact Jenaba Waggy at jenabawaggy@pchum.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

- Saturday, March 28 ~ 10:30 a.m.
- All kids from babies through middle schoolers are invited

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will have a children's mission theme. Kids will be collecting eggs with coins in them and using them to donate to three children's charities. There will also be some candy and surprises to bring home. Children age four and under will be getting Monopoly money in their eggs to be replaced by real money after the event—no choking hazards for them.

Spare change will be collected each Sunday in the month of March during 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Encourage your kids to earn some coins and then have them bring them in each week to our donation container. There will also be a donation location near the Sanctuary for adults who wish to donate some change.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside on Chapel Hill's lawn, weather-permitting. It will be moved into Fellowship Hall in case of rain or snow.

WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to Portage Chapel Hill, a church where all are welcome.
We recognize Christ in everyone and embrace our differences as gifts from a creative God.
We challenge ourselves to reflect God's
unconditional and forgiving love.

MISSION

We embrace the love and teachings of Jesus Christ
and share them with all people.

VISION

We will be a faith community
where everyone is loved and responds to God's call.

VALUES

Faith – Connection – Family – Inclusion – Outreach –
Social Justice - Stewardship

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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Or check us out



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