

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-15-20

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Hope that is seen is no hope at all.  
Who hopes for what we already have?  
But if we hope for what we do not  
yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*Romans 8:24-25*

**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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## IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS...

Chapel Hill leaders and staff are taking measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, or Coronavirus.

For the next four weeks:

- **All** Sunday School classes, small groups, service groups, and Core Team meetings will be cancelled.
- There will be one worship service at 10 a.m.
- The nursery *will* be available during 10 a.m. worship. The nursery is a controlled space that is cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Worship will be livestreamed via Chapel Hill's Facebook page.
- All outside groups using the Chapel Hill building have been encouraged to suspend their meetings temporarily. If they choose to continue to meet here, they will be required to follow CDC guidelines in wiping down and disinfecting any surfaces, doorknobs, etc. before leaving the building.

This plan will be re-evaluated in three weeks to determine best practices for Holy Week and beyond. We acknowledge that this a rapidly changing situation and that many folks will have questions. We ask for your patience and prayer at this time as Pastor Barry and Chapel Hill leadership work together for the well-being of this faith community. Please direct any questions to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call (269) 327-6643 during office hours, Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

Last month, Chapel Hill and Bethany Christian Services partnered to resettle a refugee family of six from the Middle East to the Kalamazoo area. As this family adjusts to a new country, language, city, and way of life, Bethany Christian Services requires them to attend workshops to learn about American culture, language, and work skills. At this time Chapel Hill's Refugee Resettlement Team is seeking drivers willing to transport family members from their home to these workshop sites and back. If you have a vehicle that holds at least four people and are able to offer a ride, please contact Deacon Pat Catellier at [patcatellier@pchum.org](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org).

## CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

The Guidance Board will be convened as a Charge Conference on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel for the purpose of voting on the compensation package for our new Associate Pastor. Retired clergy in charge conference relationship are invited. All others are welcomed to the meeting with voice but no vote. The package has already been seen by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Team. Pastor Barry has been authorized by District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley to convene the session.

## EVENT CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

The following events which have been promoted in recent weeks are cancelled or temporarily postponed:

- **Respond** membership class, originally scheduled for today at 2 p.m.
- Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition's Peace Service, scheduled for today at 5 p.m.
- This month's meeting of the United Methodist Woman, originally scheduled for March 17 at 1 p.m.
- Manna, choir and bell choir concert, originally scheduled for March 22 at 7 p.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt, originally scheduled for March 28 at 10:30 a.m.
- "A Not So Terrible Parable" children's musical, originally scheduled for April 26 at 4 p.m.

The decision to cancel or otherwise postpone these events has not been made lightly. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or (269) 327-6643. Thank you for your understanding.

# MARCH 15, 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT - 10 A.M.

## HOPING FOR WHAT WE CANNOT SEE

Music for Assembling & countdown to worship

Announcements & Teaching

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Bringing in the Light of the Spirit

Hymn                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

call to worship

Songs                      Great Are You Lord

Build My Life

Prayer

Message                      Hoping for what we cannot see                      Barry Petrucci

Romans 8:18-25

offering                      Rainbow

Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Songs                      They'll know we Are christians

I'll Fly Away

Sending

Postlude

# PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee and I are excited to announce that Bishop David Bard has appointed **Jess Davenport** to Chapel Hill as Associate Pastor.

In this time of uncertainty in both denomination and culture, Chapel Hill is seeking to respond with faith to the changes in pastoral leadership here. Jess will begin this half-time ministry with us the second week of July. This appointment represents a creative expression of ministry cooperation, as Jess is currently Director and Campus Pastor of the Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo. With her appointment to Chapel Hill, Jess will be reducing her responsibilities at Wesley while new staff rounds out leadership in ministry there.

While the full job description is still being worked on, Jess and I will be making use of her experiences on staff in ministry at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church in Washington D.C. and in campus ministry to deepen and actualize our commitment to growing diversity of all kinds at Chapel Hill. We will be full partners in the work of ministry in the parish, with a particular eye toward ways Chapel Hill and Wesley can work together in the ministries to which we are called. Jess has been before the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church and is being recommended for Commissioning as an Elder, with Provisional Membership in the conference. Jess lives in the Winchell neighborhood of Kalamazoo with her husband, Torey, and son, Tommy.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Ben".

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

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