

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-8-20

2ND 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. Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team asks that you prayerfully consider donating money to the Refugee Resettlement fund, so that the Resettlement Team may continue to assist this family in these first weeks and months in America. 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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY—NEW SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK!

- 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, officially kicks off today 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! Check with your existing groups, or visit one of the groups listed above. Please contact Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org if you have any questions.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Current directories are available in the lobby. Even if you are not planning to take a directory, take a moment and check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date. Contact the office at office@pchum.org or (269) 327-6643 to make any changes.

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.

"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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- Tuesday, March 17 ~ 1 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

The next meeting of Chapel Hill's UMW is on Tuesday, March 17 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker will be Amy Anderson from Confections with Convictions candy shop in Kalamazoo. Come hear how this local business gives second chances to those who have been in prison.

CHANGE COLLECTION TODAY

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Chapel Hill collects spare change which is given to an organization called Haitian Artisans for Peace International, or HAPI. This month, however, all spare change that is collected will go toward a special Children's Mission project. During Chapel Hill's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, kids will collect eggs filled with loose change and donate the money they've collected to one of three charities. HAPI will be one of the three. Thanks for your generosity!

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.

RESPOND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

- Sunday, March 15 ~ 2 p.m. ~ Conference Room

Portage Chapel Hill is proud to offer three unique ways to explore what it looks like to be a “member” of this faith community. These classes are called **Belong**, **Discover**, and **Respond**. Each class is offered three times per year, and you can take them in any order. These classes were designed for both the person who is brand new to Chapel Hill, and for those who have been attending regularly but maybe aren’t sure yet what it all means for them. The **Respond** class on Sunday, March 15, will help you reflect on your faith, the global Church and the world. You will explore how you might connect your passions with the needs of the world and how to become a member at Chapel Hill. Please RSVP to Tonya Boot at tonyabout@pchum.org. Childcare is available upon request.

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.

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 different 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. Adults may donate, too, by dropping their spare change in the Children’s Ministry bin to the right of the main Sanctuary doors.

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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