

A WELCOME FROM BARRY PETRUCCI, LEAD PASTOR

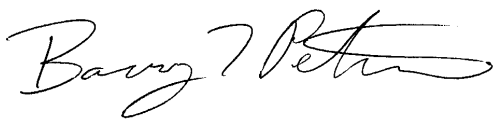
I am excited that you are here to join in this Easter Celebration, whether you are first time guests, or whether you have been a part of this faith community since its beginning in 1962. The story of God being made known to the world through Jesus is a story of God's joy in always creating something new, just when we think the old is done, dying, dead. As we begin a new sermon series, titled "Going Beyond Empty," I invite you to return and see what new life might be born in you, in the lives around you, in the world we share!

At Chapel Hill we strive to be a church where all people are welcome and invited to grow in faith. As we belong to God, we belong to each other...everyone! In that belonging, we are on a journey of discovering our unique and collective calls to be faithful in every aspect of our lives. We seek to find opportunities to respond to God with our service at home, in our workplaces, in our communities, nation and world. I hope you think about testing the waters here, putting your toes in and finding other people on the journey who are very much like you... imperfect and yet perfectly loved!

In this Easter Edition of The Voice, you will find ways to check out this church while you reflect on your own needs for God, for community, for ways to connect and serve. If you want to talk about any of it, "PCHUM 101" is a great opportunity to learn about Chapel Hill and our vision. April 22 is the next session, but it happens every fourth Sunday beginning at 2:30pm.

Now celebrate with me, because God once again has created something new for you, for me, for us...for the world!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!



Barry Petrucci, Lead Pastor

ADULTS AND FAMILIES

NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY ABOUT NICODEMUS

- Sunday May 20 at 4:00pm

This delightful musical is presented by Chapel Hill's Children and Youth choirs. Nic at Night cleverly weaves the Gospel of John's account of Nicodemus with the mystery of rebirth and renewal. Discover the mystery!

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, April 4 at 11:45am
- LaRue's Restaurant ~ 6375 Stadium Dr. Kalamazoo

Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

GOURMET FRANKS AND TATER BAR

- April 15 at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

All are invited to this Fellowship Event, sponsored by Chapel Hill's Youth Ministry. We will be serving hot dogs and baked potatoes with all the fixin's! A suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family will go to support the Youth and Children's Camp Scholarship Fund.

DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?

Chapel Hill will be receiving a new sound system. It will be installed in the next few weeks so come back and check out the huge difference.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

- **FaithLink** ~ Room #218
FaithLink takes a brief, fast-paced look at a new topic each week, straight from the headlines.
- **Upper Room** ~ Room #209
Traditional Bible study
- **LiFT** (Ladies in Fellowship Together) ~ Fellowship Hall
Talking, laughing, creating, reading, every week is different!

**please note Sunday classes and groups will resume April 8*

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

- **Lectionary Bible Study** ~ Room #108

PCHUM 101

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? Check out PCHUM 101. Next class is April 22 at 2:30pm.

SMALL GROUPS

Want to go further in your faith journey by connecting with a small group? Learn more at pchum.org/smallgroups. There is a group ready to welcome you!

NEW WORSHIP SERIES:

"GOING BEYOND EMPTY"

What to do with an empty tomb? Beginning today we will be looking at what all this new life means for us.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL: PREK-5TH GRADE
Meets every Sunday during the 10:45am service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
GRADES 6TH-12TH
Meets every Sunday during the 10:45am service except first Sunday of the month.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Meets during the 9:00am service. Children leave the Sanctuary after the "Kid's Time" and return before the close of service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS
7th and 8th Grade Confirmands will be presenting their chosen Saints during worship on April 15, 22, and May 6.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- July 16-19

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage" To learn more please email Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHTS

- Every Sunday night at 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Grades 6 thru 12 are invited
- Bring your friends!
- Indoor Sports, Games, Music, Snacks

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Tell Congress to fund programs that reduce hunger. We will be conducting an Offering of Letters on April 15. Letters to our legislators will be written before, during, and the worship services. Sample letters will be made available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net.

KALAMAZOO PRIDE

Are you looking for a way to extend Chapel Hill's welcome to the wider community? PCHUM will again be hosting a table at Pride Fest on June 9. This is a fun way to meet people and to witness God's embrace of everyone. Please watch for more information about volunteering at this event.

WINDOW CLING FUNDRAISER

- \$5 Suggested Donation

Display your love for Chapel Hill by purchasing a window cling for your car, home or office. See a Chapel Hill youth or visit the office to get yours. All proceeds goes to Youth Missions.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Now that warmer weather is in the forecast, our Community Garden will soon be prepared for planting. If you are interested in a plot in the garden or have questions about what this entails, please contact Chris Cartner at Cartner3030@gmail.com.

Join us each Sunday Morning!



the
Table

8:00 am

Weekly Communion with Prayer



the
Gathering

9:00 am

Blended Worship style



the
Journey

10:45 am

Contemporary Style Worship

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