

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4-14-19

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“In the end, God, goodness, love, and life will ultimately prevail, even if, for a time, evil, destruction, and death seem to have the upper hand.”

~Adam Hamilton, ***Unafraid***

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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## MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

- **Today** Sunday April 14 ~ 4:00pm- 5:30pm  
or
- Saturday April 27 ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

The Guidance Board and Pastor Barry are hosting a critical conversation of the congregation in the Fellowship Hall. In the wake of the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church in February, it is important that progressive and centrist congregations seek internal clarity as to core values, mission, and vision. Whether the denomination stays together or whether there are splits, this is a time for each faith community to wrestle with God's continued call. In short, Pastor Barry and the Guidance Board believe this is a time for us to be proactive in well-preparing for whatever is next, trusting that God has been with us, is with us, and will continue to be with us as we seek to faithfully live as Christ's disciples.

## CROP WALK

End hunger one step at a time! CROP Walk is coming on April 28. Registration starts at 1:00pm and the walk begins at 2:00pm in Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo. The 5k course will pass several of the organizations that are directly supported by the funds raised. For more information go to [crophungerwalk.org/kalamazoomi](http://crophungerwalk.org/kalamazoomi).

## SEDER MEAL~ RSVP BY TOMORROW

- Thursday April 18 ~ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

What is a Seder Meal? The Seder is a Jewish festival meal marking the beginning of Passover. It retells the story of the Jewish exodus from Egyptian slavery. The word "Seder" means order, and during this meal there is an order to the entire meal, which includes readings, songs, stories, and special foods that carry meaning within themselves and tell the story of the exodus. For our Jewish friends it is a time when the entire family comes together to celebrate the beginning of Passover. This was the meal Jesus was sharing with friends at "The Last Supper". Chapel Hill will have a symbolic Seder meal on Thursday April 18, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this special night, kids too! The meal will conclude with Communion. You must register by Monday April 15 at [pchum.org/sedermeal2019](http://pchum.org/sedermeal2019). Any questions can be directed to Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: The Persistence of Print*

(\*Please note Faithlink will NOT meet Easter Sunday)

## FERMENTING FAITH

- Every Tuesday ~ 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Lodo Company ~ 153 W. Centre Ave., Portage

Spring is here and it is time to stop hibernating. So come to Fermenting Faith and discuss faith and life's questions. Food and drinks of choice are available off the menu (including awesome and affordable specials!). Soft drinks are provided without cost.

This week's question: *Where would you have been...home sleeping, in the bar, protesting at the house of Pilate, or at the tomb?*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY AT CHAPEL HILL

Stephen Ministers are lay people trained to give Christian care to Chapel Hill congregants who are going through a period of crisis, e.g., loss of a loved one, chronic illness, unemployment, divorce and other life difficulties.

A Stephen Minister's care consists of reflective listening and the use of Christian resources. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to be privately contacted by a trained Stephen Minister, please contact Dawn Kemp at 269-365-7380 or [jtdmk2@charter.net](mailto:jtdmk2@charter.net).

## STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Put your faith in action by volunteering at Chapel Hill's food pantry. The pantry needs 3-4 new volunteers to work once a month for 3 hours from 12:30pm-3:30pm. If you are interested please contact Russ O'Brian at [russ\\_obrian@yahoo.com](mailto:russ_obrian@yahoo.com) or 269-327-5823.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Today April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday

### April 18 Maundy Thursday (Last Supper Remembrance)

Open Communion in the Chapel

6:30am - 8:00am and 11:30am - 1:00pm

Come, stay as long as you need

Passover Remembrance Seder Meal in the

Fellowship Hall 7:00pm (RSVP by April 15)

### April 19 Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness

The journey to the cross and the final words of Jesus;

Shared service with Milwood UMC in Chapel Hill's

Sanctuary 7:00pm

### April 21 Easter Sunday

6:45am Sunrise Service at Chapel Hill's Memorial Garden

8:00am Chapel Service

9:00am The Gathering

11:00am The Journey

## AWESOME SUMMER CAMPS AT CHAPEL HILL

Opening Act Theatre Company is offering 4 different summer camps right here at Chapel Hill. Opening Act provides performing arts education to school age children and youth. To learn more and/or enroll in these camps go to [openingactmi.com](http://openingactmi.com).

## HOLY WEEK DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Please enjoy a Holy Week Devotional written by Chapel Hill friends. Copies are available in the lobby or at

[pchum.org/devotional](http://pchum.org/devotional).

## ISAAC BANQUET

- May 18, 2019 ~ 6:00pm ~ WMU Bernhard Center

ISAAC (Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community) is a faith based group that improves and supports social justice issues in the Kalamazoo area. Chapel Hill is an active member. Monies raised from this annual event go to support the work that ISAAC does in our community. Tickets are \$35 and you can purchase them from Pat Catellier ([patcatellier@pchum.org](mailto:patcatellier@pchum.org)).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

& 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

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

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

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

9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- July 15-18, 2019

Easter means the "home stretch" for students and summer break is almost here. Every summer Chapel Hill offers Vacation Bible School to all ages. This year's theme is "Christmas in July". Registration details in May.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY IS NOT JUST FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

- Graduation Sunday June 9

Chapel Hill will be celebrating all high school and post-high school graduates on Graduation Sunday June 9. And while it's relatively easy to know who our high school seniors are, it's a little more difficult to keep track of our higher education students. If you or someone in your family is celebrating a post-high school accomplishment, Chapel Hill wants to recognize that achievement. Training certification or apprenticeship completion, Associate's degree, Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate – we want to include you! Please send a note with the student's name, accomplishment, and what their future plans are, to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) by June 2.

YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC!



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 across from the Coffee Bar. Magnetic badges are available.

#### WEEKLY EMAIL

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